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HVRHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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On a cold but bright Sunday in November ten uniquely qualified alumni were inducted into the HVRHS Athletic Hall of Fame. The oldest was in the **Class of '49**, the youngest in the **Class of '93**. Here, in order of their seniority, are the inductees, their presenters, and a little about their qualifications.

Paul Minacci '49 was presented by **Ed Kirby '45**. Victimized by polio as a child, Paul became such an outstanding manager of baseball and basketball at HVRHS that he was regarded as an assistant coach. He went on to a career as a teacher and coached thousands of athletes in football, wrestling, baseball, basketball and track.

Robert Perticone '58 was also presented by Ed Kirby. In baseball he was a slick fielder, a top hitter, captain of the strong '58 team, and he set the stolen base record that lasted many years. In football he was twice an All League fullback noted for dragging tacklers for extra yards.

Ronald Dower '60 was presented by former AD **Ed Tyburski**. A three-sport standout in high school, Ron the left-handed quarterback went on to coach football, basketball (boys and girls), baseball and softball at HVRHS.

Russell Humes '62 was presented posthumously by friend **Glenn Dennis '62** and Coach **Roland Chinatti**. Earning the nickname "Tiger" for his toughness and perseverance, Russ earned nine varsity letters in the three major sports and captained the teams his senior year.

Jacqueline Rice '77 was presented by Coach **Denise Dower**. Jacquie earned ten varsity letters at HVRHS in soccer, basketball and softball. Her four years in softball saw regular appearances in the State Tournament. In 1977 she was co-captain, MVP, and All League. Today she teaches math at HVRHS and coaches swimming, soccer and softball.

Peggy St. Martin Nesselroad '77 was presented by AD **David Bayersdorfer**. One of the first female three-sport athletes at HVRHS, Peggy excelled at softball. Her strong pitching arm made her a three-time All Star in the NW Conference and earned



Pictured Above: Top Row (left to right): Tom Hester and Melissa Bachetti (accepting for Paul Minacci), Jacqueline Rice, Kim Miles, Ruth and John Mulligan (accepting for Michael Mulligan); **Bottom Row (left to right):** Russell Humes Jr., Jennifer Gutzman, Robert Segalla, Ron Dower, and Robert Perticone.

her a scholarship to West Virginia University.

Kim Miles '80 was presented by former principal **Jack Mahoney**. Kim won varsity letters all four years in soccer, basketball and track. In soccer she scored 69 goals and had 24 assists in her four years, a record that her coach, **Dick Greco**, says will never be broken.

Dr. Michael Mulligan '80 was presented by Coach **David Lindsay**. An All League fullback and linebacker in football, Mike was a four-year letterman in track. He was the first hammer thrower in school history and, in his senior year, set the record for points scored in a track meet. Today he is Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Washington.

Robert Segalla Jr. '87 was presented by Coach **Mike DeMazza**. Bobby Segalla was the classic three-sport athlete. He was a running back in football, point guard in basketball, and shortstop in baseball. In football he was cited by *USA Today* for gaining over 100 yards in three different categories in one game. And in baseball he earned All State honors.

Jennifer Gutzman '93 was presented by Coach **Denise Dower**. A three-sport athlete who captained her basketball team and was All League in softball, she excelled at field hockey, earning All State recognition and going on to captain her outstanding field hockey team at Umass. In 2004 she will receive her doctorate in Environmental Toxicology from the University of Wisconsin.

Recent Donors Listed

Since our last issue and through October 31, 2003, these alumni have sent in donations beyond dues:

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Marion Winn Staples '49, Robert Kenny '46

1950's: \$2,491

Dale Prindle '53, Gordon Harmon '53, Marilee Dufour Bristol '58, Ann NeJame '50, Margaret Bloom Casteel '50, Henry Carley Jr. '51, Class of '53 Reunion, Barbara Friis Szczepanski '51, Summit Wilson '51 and Louis Minatti '50 and Anne Knibloe Minatti '50 in memory of Joyce Marston Kragel '51.

1960's: \$50

Peter Hawley '67

1970's: 0

1980's: 0

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: **Karen Lamb Blass '60, Lucille Wickwire Tyler '51, Kimberly O'Connor Tortora '83, Perry Gasperini '73, Elizabeth Landis Platt '75, Paula Moni Hickey '56, Gordon Harmon '53, Olaf Stackelberg '51, Cora Sleighter Stackelberg '51, Stephen Jublin '64, Summit Wilson '51, Margaret Bloom Casteel '50, Glenn Dennis '62, Phyllis Joan Derigon '43, Charles Olsen II '61, Geraldyn Tripp Van Schaack '56, Leona Porter Allyn '53, Anne Clyburn Killawee '53, Barbara O'Connor Brigham '48, Roger Roche '53, Ann Reel Roche '53, Norman Tatsapaugh '53, Peter Hawley '67, Barbara Godding Brown '53.**

This makes a total of 136 Lifetime Members. The Alumni Association Committee salutes you all for your support. It literally keeps us going. Thanks.

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Dues

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NEWS OF THE CLASSES BY DECADE

THE FORTIES

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

Class of '43: On October 26, 2003, the class held its 60th reunion. This class was the first to spend all four years at the newly established Regional High School, the first to be founded in the State of Connecticut.

Following an excellent tour of the newly renovated high school led by Dot Cecchinato, we met for lunch at the Falls Village Inn. As we walked through the corridors, we recalled how as freshmen the floors and walls were only partially finished. There were no lockers, and workmen were still trying to finish the interior. We marveled at the outstanding equipment and facilities now available to the students. We wondered aloud if the present generation of students appreciates these innovations. Having attended Regional before the technology revolution, we wondered how we survived with typewriters and shorthand (Thanks, Mae Gesell!).

While there was no formal program, we recalled classmates, faculty members, and Dr. Paul Stoddard and his methods of stringent but fair discipline. We agreed, however, that under his excellent leadership, along with the outstanding faculty, we received a valuable education. Of the original staff, only Mrs. Hattie Travis remains, residing in a nursing home in California. We also remembered classmates who served in the military and especially those who were killed in action.

A group of "girls" occasionally holds a mini-reunion, an activity fostered by the late Cora Kingsbury Scranton. Should you care to join this group, phone Martha Dickinson Bergenty (824-7703). Attending the reunion were: Martha Dickinson Bergenty and husband Jack, Gina Cortesi, Doris Cunningham Carberry and husband Bob, Lorraine Laboudy Platt and her daughter, Bill Genito, Betty Mazur Sojka, Lucille Whitney Marston, Marjorie Casey Nash, Lena Sebben Zavagnin and husband Tony, Helen Hayde Silta and husband Bill, Mary Patterson Hobby, Dick Deneen and wife Christine, and Julia Del Tenno Segalla. Also attending was Caroline Wakefield, retired Guidance Counselor and Dean of Girls.

Greetings and regrets were shared from: Helen Loughlin Krupa, Mary Richardson Voris, Connie Marshall Newell, Mary Santin Chevalier, Raymond Paviol, Evelyn Dorizzi Cornelio, Thelma Williams Emaus, Mary Gavel Van Val-

kenburg, Frank Garfield, Roger Keener, Frank Hitchcock, Phyllis Derigon and Peggy Braman Paluzzi. Of the 69 original graduates, 34 are known to be deceased.

Class of '47: Having her name added to the military memorial in Cornwall is Edna Corbin Dryden, who grew up in Cornwall, lives in North Carolina, and will be moving to Arizona. She is currently a member of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, having served as a national officer from 1969 to 1980 and as national president, 1978 to 1980. Hers will be the 80th name on the memorial. She enlisted in the Women's Army Corps in 1950, six months after the Korean War began. After basic training, she was sent to Germany, where she was a machine accountant and detachment company supply sergeant. From there it was Orleans, France, and then back to the states, where she trained for and became a recruiter and career counselor, along the way receiving numerous commendations.

Class of '48: A reunion committee met at the Mountainside Café in Falls Village on August 21, 2003, to discuss a possible 60th reunion. Contact Agent Audrey Whitbeck. **Class of '49:** Laura Bartlett Whittlesey and husband Lyle have traveled across the country and visited England as well. Son Bruce is Dean at Texas Tech, and son Neil is with a company in Torrington. They have three grandchildren. Barbara Allyn Harvey (Mrs. Thomas W. Olcott) writes as follows:

"Tom and I are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on December 30th, 2003. We have four children and six grandchildren, three of whom are in college. Tom and I are both docents for the Museum of Cape Fear, a local branch of the NC Museum of History. We both participate in the Senior Games, Tom in tennis and swimming, I in swimming. I am also a judge for the Senior Arts portion of the Games. Am entering my second term as NC Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, State Chairman for Junior American Citizens. With the DAR, am immediate past regent of my chapter and current registrar. Have joined the Fayetteville Observer as a member of the Community Advisory Board, responsible for writing op-ed pieces on local issues. Also, am Parliamentarian of the Fayetteville Republican Women's Club." The class is looking for Thelma Baird, Constance Hyde and Forest Washington.

CLASS NEWS, Continued

FORTIES-FIFTIES TRANSITION NEWS FROM THE HART FAMILY OF WEST CORNWALL

We all graduated from HVRHS, so this letter could go in any number of class notes. Priscilla '44, Raymond '47, Nancy '52, Nathan '54, Philip '55, Alden '58, and Daniel '59 inherited the Hart family farm many years ago and have kept it intact. Philip has resided in the family house and overseen some farm-related activities over the years. The family decided quite a few years ago to preserve as much open space as possible and worked with the Cornwall Land Trust to develop a plan. As a result, during this last year, the Trust purchased over 100 acres of land which will be kept in open space for some types of recreation and preservation. The rest of the property is being divided, and Phil, Priscilla and Nathan will be building homes. The central part of the farm (house and barns) is being put on the market with hopes that someone who enjoys country life will be interested in moving to Cherry Hill.

Editor's Note: These Hart alumni are all children of Charles W. Hart, one of the early members of the Regional Board of Education and an early proponent of building HVRHS.

THE FIFTIES

Contact Jane Clyburn Boyd '56, 435-2303,
1950's Decade Rep

Class of '50: We've had a few responses to our "Keep In Touch" request from members of this class. Louis and Anne Knibloe Minatti, who live in Stratford, CT, spend the winters in Stuart, FL. They see quite a bit of classmate Bernie Miller, who also lives in Stuart. Louis and Anne occasionally visit Barbara Garrity Fenn and Barry '52 in Venice on the West Coast. They frequently speak with Ginger Mercer Bates and get together when Ginger comes east from Arizona. Lois Miller Stephens will be celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary in July 2004. She and Ralph will be traveling from their home in Reno, NV, to Port Townsend, WA, where they will celebrate with their three children's families, which includes six grandchildren. A loyal supporter of the Alumni Association, Peg Casteel Bloom brought us up-to-date from her home in Muncie, Indiana. Her husband will soon retire from Ball State University, where he has been for 42 years and has directed 57 plays and musicals. They are looking forward to a less structured life with more time for travel and family. Peg

was sorry to miss the 50th reunion but plans to come back soon to visit her old home town of Sharon.

Class of '51: Barbara Friis Szczepanski keeps in contact with many of her classmates. Sam Bartholomew and wife Audrey live in LaGrangeville, NY. They have two daughters and two granddaughters. Sam serves as a volunteer board member of the Dutchess County Water Authority and enjoys horseback riding and camping. Dorothy Eaton Merhige retired a year ago and likes having time to be a "buddy" to her five grandchildren. She lives in Kensington, CT, and does volunteer work at a hospital for special cases and also helps senior citizens with their tax and health forms. Her travels include trips to Florida, Arizona, Nevada, Missouri, California and Tennessee. Lucille Wickwire Tyler lives in West Cornwall, has two children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Her hobbies include reading, antiquing and hiking, with occasional visits to the casino. Thora Whitman Booth, a retired nurse, lives in a 111-year-old house in N. Easton, MA. She has four children and six grandchildren who keep her active and busy, but she still finds time for quilting. Albert Foster Van Vlack and wife Rene sold their home in CT and have resettled in Fort Myers, FL, where "Bud" works in real estate. Ruth Ostrom Corcoran is another classmate with great grandchildren; she has two, also four grandchildren and two children. Ruth lives in West Hartland, CT, where she enjoys reading and crocheting. Ruth Stoddard Dutcher and husband Maurice have three children and five grandchildren. They have done extensive traveling throughout the continental U.S. as well as trips to Alaska, Hawaii, Bermuda, South America and Canada. Living in Avon, CT, Ruth is a thrift shop volunteer and member of a women's bowling league.

Class of '52: Now a permanent Floridian, Lee Fuller Hoag wrote to tell us how much she loves it. She lives in Venice and is involved in the local Methodist church and serves as a docent at Historic Spanish Point, an archaeology, history and botany museum. Besides quilting, she plays golf and bocci and finds that "there's never a dull moment." Lee recently had a catch-up lunch with classmate Ditto Andrews, who lives on Longboat Key. Laura Holmes Johnson has enjoyed several occupations over the years. She was a pediatric receptionist at the Sharon Clinic, a teacher at Housatonic Day Care Center, and Salisbury's Town Clerk. Following a brief re-

irement, Laura has returned to Town Clerking as the Assistant Town Clerk in Sharon. She and Earl have done a lot of traveling within this country and, "I have traveled further afield to distant and wonderful places — from Great Britain to Greece, the Andes to the Alps, and beyond." Class Agents Cindy and Oogie are trying to locate good group photographs taken at the 50th Reunion. They would like to make copies available to all class members. Please contact either of them.

Class of '53: A report from Class Agent Anne Clyburn Killawee follows: The 50th class reunion was held at the White Hart on September 6. Fifty-eight class members, spouses and friends attended. Dale Prindle, class president, made an impressive display of photographs and memorabilia for all to enjoy. Betty Baldwin Bernoi invited everyone for breakfast the next day followed by a tour of the high school at one o'clock. Ken Beckley traveled the farthest distance from Anchorage, Alaska. Runners-up were Don Miner from Dallas, Oregon, and Judy Vaill Cox from Apple Valley, CA. Our Virginia residents, Joe Pajuf, BJ Pierce Stewart, and June Miller Butler all attended. Class Valedictorian, Jack Sartorius, attended his first reunion while Salutatorian Henry Prause has attended them all! Roger and Ann Reel Roche from Maine, Nancy Newkirk Tedder from Florida, Frances Gawel DiPreta and husband Tony from Old Greenwich, CT, all stayed at the same bed and breakfast. They spent the weekend touring the area. Clarissa Hill Lennox and Carol O'Brien Whittlesey shared a room at the White Hart and got to spend extra time together. Ken Murphy told his classmates that he has ridden his motorcycle through 36 states! Barbara Downing Fox has written her first book, Lest We Forget — Band Stands of Maine, An Illustrated History. Since she retired as a travel agent in 2001, she is keeping busy. **Class of '54:** Jackie Babuin Matson tells us that the class is planning a 50th reunion for October, 2004. They would like to hear from more classmates — soon! Addresses are needed for Barbara Parsons Drumm and Joyce Fisher Graves. The reunion committee consists of Frank Perotti, Joyce Surdam Perkins, Walter & Carol O'Brien Hall, and Jackie Babuin Matson.

CLASS NEWS, Continued

Certain to be at the reunion will be **Jack and Marilee Dufour '58 Bristol**. They now live in East Lyme, CT, after 23 years living just outside of Boston. "Newt" wants everyone to know that they have a promising grandson who pitches in the Stamford, CT, Babe Ruth League.

Class of '56: There was great disappointment when the original plans for a 65th birthday party didn't work out, so **Woods Sinclair, Harold Jones and Jane Clyburn Boyd** got together and planned an impromptu party weekend for October 3-5. Twenty people gathered for a welcoming party Friday evening at Jane's house. The next day was rainy, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the 24 class members and 16 guests arriving at Limey's Restaurant (**Tom Gaites '58**) in Sheffield. After a long social hour, everyone was welcomed by master of ceremonies **Woods Sinclair**, with special recognition to guests of honor **Ed and Mary Tobin Kirby '45**. (The class had dedicated its yearbook to Ed with "appreciation for his patience and understanding...") Following a wonderful dinner, everyone sang "Happy Birthday to Us" as a unique birthday cake was cut. Birthday presents were given to a few classmates: **Nick Stackleberg** for coming the farthest (London, England), **Sue Oliver Marcell** as the youngest, **Don Brown** for tenacity, **Vergne Harvey** and **Walt Schreiber** for their persistence in getting the class together. Many sent their regrets, especially **Jesse Branche**, who was recuperating from West Nile virus. The evening ended on a high note with everyone agreeing that the plans for a 50th reunion should begin soon. Sunday was a gorgeous fall day when 28 people had an incredible breakfast at **Woods and Mary Lu's** beautiful home. More hugs and goodbyes finished off a perfect weekend.

Class of '57: **Penny O'Connell Friedman** sent the following news: "The '57 women's lunch at the Interlaken Inn in June 2003 was such fun. Everyone had a great time catching up. We were excited to see three of our classmates who had not been at the 45th reunion: **Judi Patchen Goux** from Scotia, NY, **Judy Coe Mahieu** from Litchfield, and **Beverly Adams Contois** from Hartford. Judy and Beverly spend a good part of the year in Florida. Everyone had such a good time that we hope to organize a lunch next spring for all our classmates — men and women! A tentative date has been set for Saturday, June 5, 2004, at the Interlaken. (Contact me if you'd like to join us.) **Nancy Smedick Via** announced at the

lunch that she had just retired from her position as Professor of Library Services at Southern Connecticut State University after 38 years. Nancy celebrated her retirement on a cruise with her family including sisters, cousins and mother. She says she absolutely loves retired life. **Marilyn Gibson** also retired from teaching in Los Angeles in June, and her sons threw a grand party for her. **Nick Quackenbos** and wife **Carol**, who live in nearby Claremont, attended the retirement party and brought a big surprise from the East Coast — **Tom Riley!** Tom said the party was wonderful, but the jet lag left him knocked out for a week. **Astrid Satre** returned to Connecticut from Norway for a few weeks and stayed with **Lisa Consolini Frasca**. She enjoyed visiting old friends and spent a wonderful afternoon with **Elizabeth Schneider Kasevich** in Mt. Washington, MA. **Astrid** also got to visit with her very good friend **Shirley Downing Doherty** from Ohio, who was in CT. **Jean Riva Perotti** and husband **Frank '54** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in August with a combined party for Jean's parents' 65th wedding anniversary."

Class of '58: Class Agent **Pat Zimmermann Miller** reports: The setting for the reunion on September 6 was made to order. The Grove overlooks Lakeville Lake, where we were treated to beautifully colored sails on boats that took advantage of a perfect evening. Memorabilia included some wonderful photos of the 1st and 2nd grade classes at Salisbury's Grove School, prom pictures, the 1957 baseball team and much more. Class President **John Luning** spoke, as did **Lou Bachetti**, who served as MC for the evening. Lou gave a rendition of life in the 50's that brought smiles to the faces of the entire class. **Allen Duke** arrived from Boulder City, NV, traveling the farthest distance. **Jean Wells** and **Bruce Reynolds** arrived from Arlington, VA, while **Bob Pozzi**, who still works as an engineer, came from Alexandria, VA. **Jay Silvernale** missed this 45th reunion because of a trip to Manila, but he stopped in town to visit family in October. He made the rounds and saw a few friends before heading back to Colorado where he still works for the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. He loves his work but is looking forward to retirement in 2 1/2 years. **Cushla Moore**, our beloved Exchange Student from New Zealand, is raising her sixth grandchild, **Jerome**, who is now 17 months old. She says her hobbies and interests are on the back burner for now since he is a full-time job. **Bruce MacRitchie** brags of a

great grandchild born in the fall of 2000. Are we really old enough for great grandchildren?

Class of '59: **Marie Fife Hewins** recently heard from **Joann Peterson Boardman**: Joann and Chuck retired to South Newfane, VT, from Massachusetts in 1995. They live in a post and beam home on 76 gorgeous acres on the Marlboro Branch of the Rock River. Tennis is a passion and she plays several times a week. Joann has become interested in antiques, buying and selling, but also keeping a few for herself. They became grandparents this summer and are fortunate that their children live fairly close. **Wayne Wilford** moved to Florida in 1996 after 25 years with an automobile sales and service company. Wayne married **Renate** in 1973, and they have five children and eight grandchildren. He now spends his time with family, playing golf and tennis, and traveling. Wayne also does volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity. Marie reminds all of her classmates that it's getting close to the time to start working on the 45th reunion. She asks that everyone contact her with mailing and e-mail address updates.

THE SIXTIES

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

Class of '60: **Steve Blass** received the 2002 "Pride of the Pirates" award which was given for a lifetime of service to the Pittsburgh Pirates organization, the only such award given by the team in April of 2003. Steve is currently in his 43rd year with the Pirates!

Class of '62: **Jean Allyn Basilico** has lived in Chesterfield, MO, for many years. Daughter **Karin** and son **Kirk** live nearby. Jean and husband **John** love to travel and spend time with their grandchildren and have recently been doing some renovations on their home.

Class of '63: **Peggy Hammond** graduated from UConn in 1968 with a degree in physical therapy. She worked in both California and Boston for a few years and spent a year in Saigon, South Viet Nam as a volunteer physical therapist in an orphanage before moving to Colorado. She has worked at Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver for 20 years. She enjoys skiing and hiking and owns an RV for traveling. She regrets missing the 40th reunion this past summer, but would love to hear from classmates.

CLASS NEWS, Continued

Class of '64: Karen Sanstedt Jackson is currently living in Enfield with husband Rick. She works part time for a CPA firm in Simsbury. She and Rick enjoy visiting family who live in TX, MO, IN, WI, and VA. She reports having a happy, good and busy life. Planning is in the early stages for a 40th reunion in the summer of 2004. If you know the whereabouts of Paul Cady or Paul Blesz, or if your address has changed since 1999, please e-mail Pat Mechare '64 at cmchare@snet.net or call 860-824-0271.

Class of '65: Doug Humes recently earned another term as First Selectman of North Canaan. He is involved in a number of local organizations in town as well and has been working for the State of Connecticut DOT for twenty years.

Class of '67: Rich Hart has updated the class web site with photos from the 2002 reunion weekend activities. Though the web site needs more work, he wants all of you to have immediate access: <http://www.mv.com/ipusers/harts/hvrhs67/> ... Only 15 classmates were present at the 2003 picnic, but by no means did that diminish the fun time shared by all. It was also great to see a couple of different faces this year. Linda Johnson Karolczuk was here from the Newtown area and Mike Perotti from Winsted. Mark your calendars: the 2004 picnic will start around noon on Sunday, July 11 at Macedonia State Park in Kent. Don't forget to BYO everything. Congratulations to "G" Gulotta for exchanging wedding vows with Frank Finney on August 23 past. Only their sons attended the ceremony performed by Justice of the Peace Peter Oliver. After a honeymoon at Lake George, NY, the Finneys have settled in Canaan. Terri Tatsapaugh Sergi and husband Nick departed in September for a three-week trip to Europe. Most of their time was spent in Italy with Nick's family, but Terri traveled on to Nice, France, to visit her cousins, Mary Helene '65 and Eileen '70. Bob Washburn presently calls Hillsdale, NY, home and is a self-employed decorative woodworker. He does elaborate custom interior work plus furniture and signs. Bob has two daughters, Elly 21, a college sophomore and professional photographer and Kate 23, a senior in college studying to be a social worker. Henry Costanzo passed through Region One on October 5 en route to competing in a vintage auto race in New Hampshire. He has lived in Georgia since his days at Georgia Tech. Owning a company that installs and services fire alarm systems allows Henry to get away about

eight times a year to race his 1973 Datsun 240Z at various tracks. Henry and wife Mary have raised four children: Todd 27, Holly 24, Ron 23, and Patrick 19. When Henry drove up through Washington, DC, he also connected with Sharon Seymour. Sharon confirmed that they met and had dinner in Old Town Alexandria while reminiscing about their days at HVRHS.

THE SEVENTIES

Contact Dena Kenny Solan '73, 824-0399
1970's Decade Rep

Class of '76: Ed Tyburski has been appointed Director of Engineering for Synergy Microsystems Inc. in San Diego, CA. He now oversees design and development for all of Synergy's hardware and software products. In his new role, Ed will provide leadership to Synergy's team of design engineers as they continue to develop advanced, high performance embedded computing solutions for military, commercial and DSP applications.

THE EIGHTIES

Contact Kathleen Mahoney '83, 824-7064
1980's Decade Rep

Class of '80: Tamara Johnson recently graduated from Western Connecticut State University with a bachelor's degree in social work and hopes to work with developmentally disabled children and adults. She writes that she was diagnosed with dyslexia after high school and was able to overcome educational hardships to achieve success. Among other things that she revealed in her Hall of Fame acceptance speech, Kim Miles reported that she had played on a men's softball team in Yankee Stadium and that in the locker room she had found the roster for that night's Yankee game and adjusted it to read "Kim Miles" in the slot for the third baseman! Participating in celebrity softball games, Kim recalls warming up with Meatloaf, having Michael Bolton congratulate her on playing well, and having Patrick Ewing rest his elbow on her head when he arrived at third base.

Class of '81: Craig Jackson recently retired from the Navy after serving 22 years. He is now the Central Maine Regional Airport Manager in Norridgewock, Maine, where he lives with his wife and two daughters. Craig is a certified airframe and power plant mechanic, and while in the Navy would spend six to nine months as a structural aviation mechanic on an aircraft carrier with 6,000 people and 100 planes. His duties included line maintenance and general troubleshooting on military jets. He appreciates that his new position will allow his family to stay in one place since his daughters have already moved four times,

and he thinks, "This is probably one of the best places to raise my kids."

Class of '82: Stephen Hart lives year round on Martha's Vineyard where he has been since 1983. He writes, "I have been building my post and beam home and woodshop. Also built a boat and have been playing music, as always. Since the disbanding of The Ululators, I've been freelancing and have played worldwide with many other musicians. Also have concentrated on raising my son and building custom furniture for the ultra rich. Much travel, many cultures, cool runnings." He sends his best to Paul Padua and Gary Palmieri. Robin Roraback, who teaches at Housatonic Day Care Center in Lakeville, is a published illustrator of children's books. She has done two books, which can be found on Amazon.com: Red, White, and Blue: the Story of Our Flag and This is Our Seder. A copy of each is in the collection of alumni authors at the HVRHS library. Have you discovered hvrhs.com yet? These classmates have: Bill Hickey, Meghan Robb, Bev Sheldon, and Mike Mahoney. Better check on what they are chatting about.

Class of '83: The class held its 20th reunion this past October. Both AFS students attended — Sigrun Oladottir and her husband Biggi came from Iceland, and Andreas Deges, who is from Germany but now lives in China, also attended. Others traveling far for the event included Doonia Hamzy and Karen Parks Scarpa from California, Nora Stevens Heffering from Canada, Constance Hooker Panetski from Maine, David Beaujon from Colorado, and Stacey Stuart Scott from Maryland. John Scholl was unable to attend since wife Susie had just given birth to their second daughter a week before. Donny Hedden generously donated the use of the Mohawk Ski Lodge, which Trish Johnson Percy decorated wonderfully, and Joe Byrnes did a fine job with the food. Thanks to Al Golden for his banking help and Paul Koneazny for his insurance and alcohol expertise. Thanks also to Dolores Schaefer Perotti, who did most of the organizing and made sure all the committee members got their work done. The evening was lots of fun, and everyone really enjoyed reminiscing and getting reacquainted. Unfortunately, the Sunday picnic was rained out. Congratulations to Laura Sinclair Munson and husband Karl, who had a baby boy a few days after the reunion.

CLASS NEWS, Continued

Class of '85: Ann Marie Griskauskas Hoffmaster and husband Brian live in Elmira, NY. Ann Marie is a Human Resources Manager with Corning Incorporated.

Class of '86: Regina Dunne is a registered nurse at a large trauma center. She has two daughters, aged 8 and 3, and was married this fall.

THE NINETIES

Contact Eric Epstein '93, 927-4278
Decade Rep for the 1990's

Class of '96: Ivy Chanin has been admitted to the Ph. D. program at Tufts University's School of Veterinary Medicine. Her letter of acceptance contained the following sentence: "The decision is based on your excellent academic record and promise of high scholarly achievement."

THE TWO THOUSANDS

Decade Rep Needed

Class of 2000: Though still a senior at Yale, Daniel Kruger ran as an Independent for an Alderman's seat in New Haven. He did not win but still felt proud of what his campaign accomplished as 128 voters voted for him. Dan has taken part in state politics for several years and was once a page for now Senator Andrew Roraback.

Class of 2002: Nancy Cruz returned to school last spring to share with her Health Ed teacher, Denise Volack Dower, a life-saving story. Nancy had been working part time at a pizza place in western Massachusetts. She was about to serve lunch to a regular customer when she saw him lying on the floor. His wife was "freaking out" and the owner of the restaurant did not know what to do. Nancy saw that no one was taking action and that someone had to help. She told the owner to call 911. After checking the scene, Nancy began to care for the victim. Checking the ABC's (airway, breathing and circulation), Nancy found that the victim was not breathing and had no pulse. She began CPR. After a minute, the patient "came to." Everyone was very thankful for Nancy's help. The victim's wife said, "Thank you for saving my husband's life." The EMT's arrived and told her she had done a great job. Her boss asked her where she had learned about CPR and First Aid. Nancy replied that she had been certified in a Health Education course at her high school and that she was surprised she remembered everything. The victim sent her flowers the next day.

Robert A. England 1916-2003

Bob England, long-time science teacher at HVRHS, died June 26, 2003, at the Exeter Hospital in New Hampshire. He and wife Ilmi had moved to Kingston, NH, from Canaan after his retirement in 1977. Earlier he had taught at high schools in Springfield and Amherst, MA, and Derry and Farmington, NH. A Springfield College graduate, Bob is survived by his wife of 62 years, and by daughter Heather and son Jeffrey as well as three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Brooks Dedication Held

On the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend, October 18, the interior courtyard west of the assistant principal's office and south of the auditorium was dedicated to the memory of Eugene Brooks, AP from 1985 to 1995. The brief ceremony was well attended by a cross section of current and former staff members, former students, and members of the Brooks family. The recently landscaped courtyard will be forever known as the "Eugene Brooks Faculty Courtyard."

SCHOLARSHIPS

The high school has many scholarships to offer graduating students. The Alumni Scholarship, now at \$300 but soon to be more (it was only \$150 for many years) as we build the fund, is awarded each year to an offspring of alumni parent(s) and/or grandparent(s). Last June the recipient was Jennifer Scott from Cornwall, daughter of James Scott '72 and Gail E. Riley '76, and granddaughter of William G. Riley '47. Other scholarships under the school's umbrella are the Paul W. Stoddard Scholarship, the Edward M. Kirby ('45) Scholarship, the Dr. John H. Staples ('44) Scholarship, and the Sid Shoifet ('48) Scholarship. Donations to any of these scholarships may be made at any time and sent to Treasurer Dot Cecchinato '47 at the school. Please make the check payable to the specific scholarship fund of your choice.

FUNDS

There are also several non-scholarship funds that will interest some of you. The Donald G. Kobler Fund supports the arts at HVRHS, and the 21st Century Fund for HVRHS supports special learning opportunities (such as Robotics competitions) beyond what the school budget can provide. A new Musical Theatre Society of HVRHS

is struggling to raise the funds needed to restore the once proud tradition at the school of staging musical theater productions. Donations to these funds should be sent not to Treasurer Dot but to the school for distribution to the fund managers.

TIDBITS FROM THE TREASURER

- The new tennis courts have been a great addition to the school. Both girls and boys tennis teams play a full interscholastic schedule each spring. Now they can practice and play on their own courts. And tennis is now a strong component of the Physical Education curriculum for all students. The Adult Ed program even uses the courts for instruction and play. So thanks to the many alumni who contributed to make these courts a reality.
- Each newsletter we print costs \$1,200. In addition to paper, toner, and postage, we paid for half the cost of a folding machine that saves us a great deal of volunteer time. All dues (\$10 per year, payable each September) and Lifetime Membership (\$100) dollars go into accounts that pay for production and mailing of the newsletter.
- Donated dollars not needed for immediate expenses are invested with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.
- The newsletters are printed in the school's Technology Education Department by teacher David Seney and his graphic arts students. They do a great job, especially in laying out photographs and adding the blue and gold colors to the black and white text they receive from the editor.
- We now have 136 Lifetime Members. And that has meant, of course, \$13,600 to support the newsletters. But we have more than 7,000 alumni, so we still have a long way to go. It would be great if all could become Lifetime Members, but we still need those \$10 annual dues checks.

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COME ON DOWN!

Barbara O'Connell Brigham '48 wants us all to know about the Annual Northwest Corner Picnic at Nokomis Beach, Florida, for Snowbirds and transplanted FL residents. It is a potluck lunch that occurs every year in mid-February when people with HVRHS connections gather to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. This past February Barbara had eighteen HVRHS grads sign in, and here are the results. Ten from the 40's: John Belter '41, Doretta Beaupre Belter '41, Henry Belter '41, Amelia Cortesi Downey '42, John Bergenty '41, Martha Bergenty '43, Gino Cortesi '43, Julia Del Tenno Segalla '43, Barbara, and Jerry Fallon '49. Six from the 50's: Henry Carley '51, Ann Perotti Fallon '50, Frank Perotti '54, Mike Smedick Beauchemin '55, Jean Riva Perotti '57 and Diana Miner Matheson '58. Two from the 60's: Carroll Cortesi Segalla '65 and Bob Segalla '65. All HVRHS alumni are invited to attend the next picnic on February 14, 2004, by the jetty on Nokomis Beach. Barbara's address: 82 Azalea St., Nokomis, FL 34275; 941-485-6759; bbrigham82@att.net.

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.

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