

Blue 'n' Gold

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September 11, 1999: SAVE THE DATE!

It was September of 1939 when HVRHS opened its doors for the first time. September of this year will mark sixty years of service to the six towns of Regional High School District Number One. To celebrate the occasion the Alumni Association Committee has planned a 60th Birthday Party for September 11 at the lakeside facility of the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville. The clambake (steak and lobster as well as clams) will begin at 5 PM with cocktails. A 6 PM dinner will be followed by music and dancing. We thank Manager Kevin Bousquet and the Interlaken for making food and facilities available to us at cost. Under the direction of Amy Bishop Camassar, Class of '87, there will be some promotional activities, and all proceeds will benefit the Sixtieth Anniversary Capital Campaign for tennis courts at HVRHS.

Current Athletic Director David Bayersdorfer has assured us that there will be athletic events available for viewing on both Friday and Saturday. To make reservations for the Birthday Party, please cut out and mail the registration form on page five together with your check made out to HVRHS Alumni Association. The cost is forty dollars per person. Your name will then be added to the list of registrants kept by HVRHS Executive Secretary Bunny Cecchinato McGuire, '55, and your canceled check will be your receipt. Address the envelope to HVRHS, 246 Warren Turnpike Road, Falls Village, CT 06031, c/o Bunny. We hope the list of motels and B&B's on page 5 will be helpful to those of you who need a place to stay.

Party reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis up to a maximum of 200. Since there are more than 6,000 alumni, it would be wise to reserve early.

THESE CLASSES LEAD THE WAY

Up to this point the classes that have done the most to "answer the challenge with all that's best in [them]" are:

1. The Class of 1951 with \$665.
2. The Class of 1947 and the Class of 1978 (tied) with \$350.
4. The Class of 1955 with \$315.
5. The Class of 1957 with \$290.
6. The Class of 1954 with \$265.
7. The Class of 1956 with \$225.
8. The Class of 1965 with \$215.
9. The Class of 1960 with \$210.
10. The Class of 1952 and the Class of 1981 (tied) with \$200.

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NEW CONTRIBUTORS LISTED

Since the last issue, these alumni have made contributions beyond dues:

1940's: \$455

Barbara Bartram, William Wilbur, Lucy Pacocha Tremont, Phyllis J. Derigon, Charlotte Whitcomb Ramuten, Claudia Sanger Faedi, Virginia Walker Hart, Gertrude Matson Eriksen, Raymond Coons, Elizabeth Selfridge Bauman, Richard Brown, Paul Minacci, William Marcon, Odmund Olsen

1950's: \$490

Richard Gustafson, Joy Knudsen Hickox, Joan Olson Smith, John Frost, Audrey Athoe Wyman, Barbara Friis Szczepanski, in memory of Charles Friis '54, Dale Prindle, Mary Pitcher Lamb, Class of '56 40th Reunion Account

1960's: \$250

Joanne Walters Gustafson, Judith Riley Staknis, Denise Chamberlain Buchanan, Joseph Fraser, Judith Gobillet Soule, Burleigh Noyes, Susan P. Woodard, George Paley

1970's: \$250

Robert Stair and a group of indoor soccer players

1980's: \$35

John Pener, Lee Ann Lyle

1990's: \$0

STAFF: \$100

John Mahoney

Since the Sixtieth Anniversary Capital Campaign was launched nearly a year ago, a total of \$4,945 has been contributed by alumni.

NEWS OF THE CLASSES BY DECADES

THE FORTIES

Mary Richardson Voris, '44, now a widow, is spending her summers in Ellsworth, Maine, and wishes to be remembered to classmates. Many of you will recall that she is the daughter of Frank "Richie" Richardson, former senior homeroom teacher.

The Class of '44 is trying to locate Joseph Roberto. If you have information about him, please write to Gina Segalla Victory, 155 Granite Avenue Extension, Canaan, CT 06018. A fifty-fifth class reunion is in the works.

Peter Marcon '47 has donated a copy of his book The Key to College Admission to the Paul W. Stoddard Library at HVRHS.

The Class of '47 is planning a seventieth birthday reunion for Saturday, August 14, 1999, at the Masonic Temple on Route 44 in the Greenacres section of Canaan. The revelry will begin at 4PM and last until whenever. Contact Dot Winn Cecchinato or return the form you received in the mail.

The Class of '49 is on alert to blast out of their rockers for a grand and glorious 50th reunion on August 28, 1999, at the Egremont Country Club. Mark your calendars and watch the mail.

THE FIFTIES

Three Class of '51 classmates have retired to the Cape Cod area: Bud and Chrys Schlock Trotta in East Sandwich; Neil and Ginny Vaill Wheelwright in Norwell, and Jeanne and Bill Platt in East Falmouth. Also retired after many years in the police department, Dick "Booka" Thurston and his wife Sandi reside in Manchester, Connecticut.

Charlotte Currier Carey of the Class of '52 is enjoying retirement after a twenty-eight-year career in banking. She and her husband of forty-six years now spend three months in Florida, five months on Lake

Ontario, and four months in Dover Plains, New York.

The Class of '53's Barbara Godding Brown is still teaching music at Fessenden, a private boys' school in Newton, Massachusetts. She and her husband are enjoying their first grandson, Nathaniel, whose father is an architect. Barbara's other son received an MBA from Georgetown last year.

Barbara Clark Smith of the Class of '54 has been living in Ohio for almost fourteen years. She is retired after forty years of nursing and now enjoys golf with her husband, Maurice. They visit their children, Jerilyn '79 and Daniel '81 and grandchildren. Also from the Class of '54, Peter Smith wrote to tell us that he had returned from five years abroad working in international education; he spent two years in Saudi Arabia and three years in Shanghai. Peter lives in Black Rock, Connecticut, but still spends summers at Twin Lakes.

Tony and Betty Posselt Barker, both of the Class of '55, live in Portland, Oregon. A note from Betty tells us that she retired from teaching in 1995 and has been working in a "fine wine and cheese store." She plans to retire again soon to spend more time volunteering, gardening, and studying Italian. Kate Schwab McLaughry '55 sent a contribution and brought us up to date on her life in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. She works in the Information Systems Department at Westminster College and "finally earned my BA in 1993!" Her husband is retired and finishing a degree, also at Westminster. One son works for Habitat for Humanity in Chicago, and the other is completing his Ph.D. in Computer Science in Eugene, Oregon.

Class of '56 Agent Paula Moni Hickey has moved from Lakeville to Omaha, Nebraska, to be closer to daughter Amy '91. Amy works in the travel industry, was married last summer, and has settled in Omaha. Paula is excited about her move

but will stay involved in the activities of her class. Her new address is: 14470 Tibbles Street, Omaha, NE 68116. Claire Johnson Pedersen has agreed to handle class affairs on the local front. She's at 100 Mitchelltown Road, Sharon 06069; telephone 860-364-0051. Good luck, Paula — we'll see you at the 45th reunion in 2001! Jackie DeMarken Argall wrote a letter expressing regrets that she had missed the 40th reunion and the 60th Birthday Party. She lives in Newtown, Connecticut, and has three daughters and lots of grandsons. Her brother, Baudoin "Butch" DeMarken '57 is with the Peace Corps in Riga, Latvia, but home is in Minnesota. Sister Beatrice DeMarken '54 is married to Don Miner '53, and they reside in Dallas, Oregon (not Texas!).

From Gladstone, Missouri (suburb of Kansas City), Ruth Morrow Simmons '57 tells us that her miniature rose won "best in show" at the American Rose Society show last summer. A sable Burmese is h newest addition for showing in Cat Fanciers' Association competitions.

The Class of '58's Janet Andrus Bednarek sends regrets at not being able to attend her 40th reunion last summer. She lives in West Palm Beach, Florida, and still teaches — a real challenge with fifth graders who are learning English as a second language.

John Zucco '59 and Linda Hupe Zucco '60 have lived in Florida for twenty-eight years. Their home is in Palm Beach Gardens where John designs and builds custom furniture.

Plans for the 40th reunion of the Class of '59 have changed. Class Agent Karen Monroe Fulco has recruited Gus Gustafson to help with the party. Since Gus is in Thailand for four months (See "Did You Know?"), the reunion plans have been postponed to coincide with the HVRHS 60th Birthday Party scheduled for the weekend of September 11. Contact Karen at 137 Lenox Road, Lenox, MA 01240; telephone 413-637-2292.

CLASS NEWS, Continued

THE SIXTIES

Last October the town of Falls Village, through the diligent work of **Mary Palmer '71**, honored hometown boy **Steve Blass '60** with his own day, complete with a series of baseball and softball games on the HVRHS fields, a presentation by Steve, and a dinner in his honor. There was even his likeness on a T-shirt! His visit served a dual purpose as he and wife **Karen Lamb Blass '60** were in the area for son **Dusty's** wedding.

Anthony Cantele '61 retired from the State of Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection several years ago and has become an important force in helping to promote the restoration of the historic Beckley Furnace in East Canaan. He still enjoys sports of all kinds.

Douglas Andrews '63 lives in Las Vegas and owns a decorative glass business. He recently obtained two patents for computer games he developed. He enjoys contacting old friends via the internet to pass on humor.

Hazel Kirkpatrick McGuire '63 and husband **Ed McGuire '57** own Culligan Water Conditioning in Falls Village. They have a daughter **Michelle** who is a junior at HVRHS. Recently Hazel was appointed to the State of Connecticut Library Board. She continues her many volunteer efforts in the community.

David Manchester '64 retired to Hawaii after twenty-two years in the Air Force where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering. He and his wife have a twenty-one-year-old son. David spends his free time gardening, using the internet, and enjoying the islands with his wife and their many nieces and nephews.

THE SEVENTIES

The Class of '75 is forming a committee to plan its 25th reunion in the summer of 2000. All interested alumni should contact **Katie Sherwood Wood** at 860-435-3525 during the day and 860-435-0071 in the evenings.

Edward Tyburski '76 has recently joined Jaycor Network Inc. in San Diego, California, as Vice President of Engineering. Ed lives in Carlsbad, CA, with wife **Lisa** and three children: **Kelley (7)**, **Daniel (3)** and **Erin (1)**.

Michael Tyburski '78 was recently promoted at Daimler Chrysler Corp. in Auburn Hills, Michigan, to International Legislation Specialist for Vehicle Engineering. Mike lives in Shelby, MI, with wife **Julie** and two children, **Stacey (7)** and **Michael (5)**.

The Class of '79 will be holding its 20th class reunion on October 23, 1999, at the Egremont Country Club. Since the committee is trying to update the class list of addresses, please e-mail **Theresa Carley Kenny** at brankenny@discovernet.net or write to 41 Main Street, Sharon, CT 06069 with current address and phone number. The committee would like to have this reunion organized by July 1, so all information is welcome as soon as possible. Watch the media, including the internet, for further information.

More from the Forties

The Class of 1940 is looking for addresses of these members: **Ralph Brazee**, **Jean Buttery**, **Hazel Howe**, **John Lynehan**, **Rexford Selewski**, and **Earle Sprague, Jr.** Those interested in holding a 60th reunion next year, contact **Bill Marcon**, Box 408 Fairway Village 4B, Quechee VT, 802-295-5502, e-mail wmarcon@aol.com.

THE EIGHTIES

Russell Masters '80 is married to **Janette Ohmen '81** and reports doing well as a self-employed carpenter. He enjoys bowling and softball.

Thomas King '81 is married with two daughters. His business, **King Tile**, features installations of tile, marble, granite and limestone.

Michael "Baron" Mahoney '82 is a traveling salesman living in Columbus, Ohio.

Jeff Tyburski '82 is a professional geologist for Law Engineering in Raleigh, North Carolina. Jeff lives in Apex, NC, with wife **Christine** and daughter **Alexandra (1)**.

Stacey Marshall Smith '84 lives in Rutland, Vermont, with her husband and daughter. She graduated from Castleton State College with a BA in History and Political Science and is currently working for **Casella Waste Management, Inc.**

Tammie Whalen Powers '85 lives in Colrain, Massachusetts, with husband **Mark** and son **Kyle**, who made his entry into the world on January 1, 1997. Tammie, who has an MBA, works as a small business consultant.

Robbin Segalla Gomez '86 welcomed son **Bryce** on April 21, 1999.

Regina Dunne '86 is attending Berkshire Community College and majoring in Nursing. She has been inducted into Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, Xi Alpha Chapter.

Kelly Martin Murray '87 is married and living in Seattle, Washington, with husband and son.

Elaine Davis Pecora '88 is living with husband **Anthony** and daughter **Courtney** in Gaylordsville, Connecticut.

DID YOU KNOW...

... that **Laurie Davidson '89** ran her fifth Boston Marathon on April 19 as a Challenge Runner to raise money for innovative cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston?

... that **Carey McDonald '73**, a school psychologist in Corrales, New Mexico, served as a volunteer in Honduras this spring to help train teachers and other school personnel in how to help children get over the trauma of Hurricane Mitch? (Carey, born in Brazil, spent much of her growing-up years in Venezuela and Mexico and served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador.)

... that former HVRHS teacher, coach, and administrator **Bob Gutzman** is an assistant superintendent of schools in Bozeman, Montana?

... that former HVRHS teacher **Bob Green**, married to **Joy Martorell '70**, is now a teacher with the Skip Barber School of Racing in Lime Rock and has launched a campaign to reduce teenage accidents by visiting high schools and presenting a program entitled "Crashing is a Bummer?" (Bob was the subject of a big feature article in a March issue of The Litchfield County Times.)

... that **Tina Segalla Grant '69**, a resident of Brookfield, Connecticut, is the Director of College Counseling at St. Margaret's-McTernan School in Waterbury? (She too was featured in a recent article in The Litchfield County Times.)

... that **Rod Stackleberg '52**, who lives in Spokane, Washington, had a book published this year entitled Hitler's Germany: Origins, Interpretations, Legacies?

... that **Gus Gustafson '59**, President of New Hampshire College in Manchester, New Hampshire, has been awarded a grant to serve as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar in Higher Education and that he and wife **Joanne Walters Gustafson**

'61 will be serving in Bangkok, Thailand, this spring and summer?

... that **Drew Ohmen '66**, Postmaster at the Falls Village Post Office, goes well beyond the call of duty each time we face the daunting task of mailing newsletters to more than 6,000 alumni at the lowest possible cost?

... that, speaking of postmasters, **Martin Whalen '61** retired last fall as Postmaster of the Litchfield Post Office?

... that former Vo-Ag teacher **Bob Gambino** is a candidate for mayor of New Milford?

... that **Sandy Gomez '73**, after remodeling the coffee shop up on Route 7 above the school and building it into a thriving business called Fast Tracks Cafe, is ready to sell and move on to another challenge?

... that **Barclay Prindle '56** returned recently from a vacation trip to Iceland where he revisited his U.S. Navy "roots," having been stationed there in 1958? He was accompanied on the trip by **Lynn Hunter Prindle Cline '58** and their grandchildren, Sarah and George Haydock.

... that the old Snack Shack in Canaan is no more? In its place is a brand new log cabin Snack Shack on the site of the old one and out back, due to open in May, is a complex called Paradise Under Par that features an eighteen-hole miniature golf course and a seven-station batting cage. Partners in the project are **David Ohler '74** and **Billy Segalla '78**. Behind the scenes doing the books and the organizing are **Missy Pozzetta Ohler '74** and Billy's wife Tammy.

... that **Leonard Allyn '83** and **Kristin McKay Allyn '88** have opened a golf driving range on Allyndale Road in Canaan?

... that **Ethan Mechare '96**, a junior in the Friends World Program of Long Island University, is near completion of a video dramatizing the desperate plight of women in Nicaragua as they try to overcome the devastation wrought by Hurricane Mitch? Alumni can support his efforts by contacting him at 78 Johnson Road, Falls Village, CT 06031; 860-824-0271.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AS OF APRIL '99

Jane Clyburn Boyd '56, Secretary, 50's Decade Rep, 118 Interlaken Road, Lakeville 06039, 435-2303

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Eric Epstein '93, 90's Decade Rep, 27 Lane Street, Kent 06757, 927-4057

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RESERVATION FORM FOR HVRHS 60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
 SEPTEMBER 11, 1999
 LAKESIDE FACILITY OF THE INTERLAKEN INN
 LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT
 5PM

NAME(S) _____ CLASS(ES) _____ NUMBER ATTENDING _____
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED @ \$40 EACH _____ COMMENTS/NEWS _____

(Tear off on dotted line and mail to HVRHS, att. Bunny McGuire)

BED & BREAKFASTS

Canaan (06018): Schaefer's, West Main St., 824-7736

Cornwall: Hilltop Haven, 175 Dibble Hill Rd., West Cornwall 06796, 672-6871

Falls Village (06031): Cornerstone, 159 Belden St., 824-0475

Kent (06757): Chaucer House, 88 North Main St., 927-4858
 Gibbs House, 87 North Main St., 927-1754
 Mavis, 230 Kent-Cornwall Rd., 927-4334

Lakeville (06039): The Pines, 87 Farnam Rd., 435-8028

Skinny Dog Farm, 500 Lime Rock Rd., 435-8155

The Surrey, 422 Lime Rock Rd., 435-2862
 The Inn at White Hollow Farm, 558 Lime Rock Road, 435-1234

Salisbury (06068): Barbara Ardizone, 62 Main St., 435-3057

Cobble Cottage, Undermountain and Cobble Roads, 435-0284
 Earl Grey, Box 177, 435-1007

Sharon (06069): Colonial, Rte 41, 364-0436

Fairland, 27 South Main St., 364-0081

Amenia, New York (12501) Deer Run, Route 343, 914-373-9558

Gateway, Box 151, 914-373-8240
 Hilltop, Depot Hill Road, 914-373-9568

Great Barrington, Massachusetts (01230):
 Elling's Guest House, 413-528-4103
 Greenmeadows, 413-528-3897
 Littlejohn Manor, 413-528-2882
 Turn of the Century, 413-528-6305
 Turning Point, 413-528-4777
 Wainwright Inn, 413-528-2062

Sheffield, Massachusetts (01257):
 Berkshire 1802 House, 413-229-2612
 Bow Wow Road Inn, 413-229-3339
 Centuryhurst Antiques, 413-229-8131
 Racebrook Lodge, 413-229-2916

South Egremont, Massachusetts (01258):
 Egremont Inn, 413-528-2111

MOTELS & INNS

Cornwall: Cornwall Inn, Rte. 7, Cornwall Bridge 06754, 672-6884
 Hilltop Haven, 175 Dibble Hill Rd., Cornwall 06796, 672-6871
 Hitching Post Country Motel, Rte. 7, Cornwall Bridge 06754, 672-6219

Falls Village (06031): Fast Tracks (cabins), Rte. 7, 824-7886

Kent (06757) Fife and Drum Inn, North Main St., 927-3509

Lakeville (06039): Inn at Iron Masters, 229 Main St., 435-9844
 Interlaken Inn, 74 Interlaken Rd., 435-9878

Salisbury (06068): Ragamont Inn, 8 Main St., 435-2372

Undermountain Inn, 482 Undermountain Rd., 435-0242
 The White Hart, Box 385, 435-0030

Sharon (06069): Sharon Motor Lodge, Rte. 41, 364-0036

Amenia, New York (12501): Troutbeck Conference Center, 74 Leedsville Rd., 914-373-9681
 Willows Motel, Sharon Rd., 914-373-8090

Millerton, New York (12546): Simmon's Way Village Inn, Main St., 518-789-6235

Great Barrington, Massachusetts (01230):
 Barrington Court Motel, 413-528-2340
 Berkshire Motor Inn, 413-528-3150
 Briarcliff Motor Lodge, 413-528-3000
 Lantern House Motel, 413-528-2350
 Monument Mt. Motel, 413-528-3272
 Mountain View Motel, 413-528-0250
 Seekonk Pines, 413-528-4192
 Wind in the Pines, 413-528-6143
 Windflower Inn, 413-528-2720

Sheffield, Massachusetts (01257):
 Depot Motel, 413-229-8894
 Ivanhoe Country House, 413-229-2143
 Ramblewood Inn, 413-229-3363

South Egremont, Massachusetts (01258):
 Egremont Inn, Sheffield Road, 413-528-2111

FROM THE EDITOR

Every one of you out there has news that would be of interest to the rest of us. But we have heard from too few of you. Please take a few minutes to communicate. You may wish to use the few lines provided on the 60th birthday party registration form (see page 5) or you may write or phone a member of the Alumni Association Committee (see list on page 4) or you may send e-mail to those of us with e-mail addresses (again, see list on page 4) or you may contact your Class Agent (listed in previous issues). *If you have a change of address, we now ask that you communicate it directly to Bunny McGuire '55 at the school.* She will see that the information is passed along, through your Decade Rep, to your Class Agent.

This is a grassroots organization that is as strong as the commitment of individual alumni who step forward to help out. In

this vein, we thank those who assisted with the chores necessary to get out the last issue in January. They were Marty Whalen '61, Jane Clyburn Boyd '56, Dena Kenny and Richard Solan '73, Gertrude Winn Hunker '53, Bunny Cecchinato McGuire '55, and Dot Winn Cecchinato '47.

We also thank Dean Hammond '61, Gail Neville Hammond '65 and Susie Goodsell Rundall '67 who, upon learning of plans for an HVRHS birthday party, came forward to help. Getting involved with us is as simple as that.

We thank as well Technology Education teachers David Seney and Paul Padua for overseeing the printing and folding of each newsletter by their students of the Mountaineer Press.

This thing is done by us, for us, and you are a part of "us." Please be an active part.

JLM, Editor

THE SCHOOL SONG

Once again, for the benefit of those of you who will be holding reunions in the near future, here are the words to the school song as written by Hattie Travis:

High above the Housatonic
 'Mid the Berkshires proud and true
 Our high school floats its colors
 The Gold and Royal Blue.
 It's the misty blue of mountains
 'Neath a veil of rosy hue
 That brings to us the challenge
 Of greater work to do.
 Come raise your banners,
 Fling out your colors true,
 Answer the challenge
 With all that's best in you.
 Strive and endeavor to help lead us through
 With greatest honor
 To our colors — Gold and Blue.

Blue 'n' Gold

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