

Blue 'n' Gold

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Alumni Association Makes Progress

Since last spring and the distribution of the first issue of this newsletter, the HVRHS Alumni Association Committee (see roster on page 2) has taken steps to create an organization that can function smoothly and productively. Responsibilities of class agents have been agreed upon, as have the responsibilities of the decade representatives. Both are listed on page two. Most important, agents have now been identified for all classes, right down to the Class of 1997. (See list on pp. 6-7)

To what end? What purposes will be served by all this activity? As identified by the Alumni Association Committee in their organizing document, the purposes of the Association are: to select an editor for the newsletter; review for approval all issues of the newsletter; see that each graduated class is represented by a class agent; oversee distribution of newsletter by subcommittee; assist with arrangements for class reunions; select recipients of the Alumni Scholarship; and sponsor capital campaigns to improve the physical plant at the high school.

There may also be a relationship forged between the Alumni Association and the Twenty First Century Project Committee that would afford alumni the opportunity to participate in a new concept in American education: private philanthropy assisting public schools. But here is the situation as it stands today: the Alumni Association Committee has established a fund within the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation called simply the HVRHS Alumni Fund. Those of you

who wish to support the Association as it

strives to accomplish the purposes described in this article may do so by writing a tax-free check to HVRHS Alumni Fund and mailing it to the high school c/o Bunny McGuire.

BOB GAMBINO:

He is the only faculty member still on the staff who served under first principal Dr. Paul Stoddard. For thirty-two years Bob Gambino has been a teacher of Vocational Agriculture and for the past fourteen years, chairman of the department. He has twice served as President of the HVRHS Faculty Association, once in the sixties and again in the nineties. His strong interest in the physical plant has him on the school's Building Committee and very much involved in current plans for renovation and expansion to accommodate increased numbers of students.

Married for thirty years to his wife Kathy, Bob lives in New Milford where the Gambinos have raised two sons, Will, 26, and Dan, 23. Will is a captain in the U. S. Army and a candidate for Special Forces. Dan is a graduate of Unity College in Maine and an instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School.

In 1970 Bob was honored by the Connecticut Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association as Outstanding Teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the state. He is also proud to have been the first high school teacher, back in 1973-74, to be awarded a sabbatical leave. Using the opportunity to earn a sixth year degree in environmental education from the University of Hartford, he also found time to write a book entitled Easy To Grow Vegetables.

The truly unique chapter in Bob Gambino's career has been his involvement with Ukraine. A few years ago Nicholas Gordon, of Sharon and Music Mountain, was planning for a visit to Falls Village by a delegation made up of Ukraine's ambassador to the United Nations and his entourage. He called the school to arrange for the visitors to see an example of agricultural education in America. Chairman Bob was most cooperative, and one visit led to another: on an October day in 1991 the Clarke B. Wood Ag Center at HVRHS played host to the President and Foreign Minister of Ukraine and their visiting delegation. That, in turn, led to a series of exchange visits involving both adults and students. Two groups from Region One traveled to Ukraine, and three from there came here. In all of this the prime mover was Bob Gambino. He indicates that, to this day, there is still a Ukrainian Connection.

His funniest memory: his own kids had given him a set of Superman "Underoos" and he had them on one day in equine class when the students called for his help in moving a heavy object. His response was "This is a job for Superman!" as he revealed the ...Continued on page 4

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The Alumni Association Committee As Of 1997

The membership of the Alumni Association Committee shall consist of one alumni representative from each decade, two staff members, and the editor of the newsletter. In alphabetical order, the current members are listed below.

Jane Clyburn Boyd, Decade Representative for the Fifties, Class of 1956, 118 Interlaken Road, Lakeville 06039 435-2303

Dorothy Winn Cecchinato, Decade Representative for the Forties, Class of 1947, Treasurer and Secretary Pro Tem, 201 Church Street, Canaan 06018 824-7517

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Kim Carlson Linkovich, Decade Representative for the Eighties, Class of 1980, 41 Trescott Hill Road, East Canaan 06024 824-0298

John L. Mahoney, Editor of Blue 'n' Gold and Chairman, Class of 1995 (Honorary), 42 Deer Road, Falls Village 824-5209; e-mail jmahoney@li.com

Bunny Cecchinato McGuire, Staff Representative, Class of 1955, Reed Street, Canaan 06018 824-5900

Patricia Allyn Mechare, Vice Chair, Decade Representative for the Six-

ties, Class of 1964, 78 Johnson Road, Falls Village 06031 824-0271

Judith Thormann Moore, Staff Representative, 130 Interlaken Road, Lakeville 06039 435-9109

Dena Kenny Solan, Decade Representative for the Seventies, Class of 1973, 6 Mountain View Lane, Canaan 06018 824-0399

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLASS AGENTS

The responsibility of class agents is to facilitate communication between

"I have always had a keen interest in HVRHS, and I feel the Alumni Association can be a great support for the school."
— Dot Cecchinato, Class of '47

the Alumni Association Committee and individual alumni, members of their respective classes.

Specific Activities:

Maintaining an up-to-date list of classmates' addresses for future mailings and class reunions

Collecting news items from classmates for inclusion in the next issue of *Blue 'n' Gold*

Choosing, every three years, a representative from the decade to serve on the Alumni Association Committee; initial terms as follows: from the 40's and 50's, one year; from the 60's and 70's, two years; from the 80's and 90's, three years; no term limits

Communicating address changes and news items to the Decade Representative of the Alumni Association Committee

Possibly serving on the Alumni Association Committee (one representative from each decade serves on the Committee)

Possibly helping with the semi-annual mailings of *Blue 'n' Gold*

Note: For openers, the school can furnish each agent with a rough list of names and addresses for the class.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DECADE REPRESENTATIVES

The responsibility of a decade representative is to be the vehicle for communication between the class agents and the Alumni Association Committee.

Specific Activities:

Serving a term (or more) on the Alumni Association Committee; initial terms: from the forties and fifties, one year; from the sixties and seventies, two years; from the eighties and nineties, three years; but there are no term limits; "years" are calendar years.

Receiving, for the Alumni Association Committee, address changes and news items from the class agents of the decade and passing along to the agents pertinent information that comes directly to the Committee

HISTORY OF GIRLS' SOCCER AT HOUSATONIC by Richard Greco

In the fall of 1971 several students asked Richard Greco of the Math Department if he would like to coach them in the sport of soccer. He accepted, and HVRHS had a girls' soccer club. The group consisted of six girls who had one goal post — and no games. Eventually they recruited enough players to make a team, found a field to play on, and even played four games.

In the spring of 1972, at the urging of Principal Kirby, counselor Chinatti and several students, the board voted to include girls' soccer in school athletics. Greco, former assistant coach of soccer at Norwalk's Brien McMahon HS, became the team's first coach.

The first varsity game was played on October 5, 1972, against Simon's Rock of Great Barrington. Housatonic won, 1-0, on a penalty kick by Japanese AFS student Noriko Goto. The team went on to an impressive initial season of six wins and two losses.

In 1973 the team captains wrote a letter to the CIAC requesting that girls' soccer be recognized as a CIAC-sponsored sport. The reply: "CIAC does not offer any official recognition for this sport because not enough schools field a girls' soccer team."

From 1972 to 1974 the schedule consisted solely of games against prep schools. Besides Simon's Rock there were Berkshire, Canterbury, Millbrook, and Miss Porter's. By 1975 the team would play for the first time against other public high schools — but they were from Massachusetts. It was not until 1976 that another "local" public school started to play girls' soccer: Lewis Mills, with the help of Coach Greco, started a JV program. This was also the first year Housatonic had an as-

sistant coach to help with the increasing number of participants. Marge Stevenson was hired for the position and is still coaching the JV squad in 1997.

In 1977 the schedule included two public schools, Lewis Mills and Farmington. By then there were twelve such programs in the state, but the CIAC still did not recognize girls' soccer. So the coaches ran their own state tournament. Housatonic was ranked second but lost to sixth-ranked Newington in the quarter-finals. Parish Hill went on to defeat Newington and become the first state champion in girls' soccer.

As the years went by, the sport

*"CIAC does not offer any official recognition for this sport..."
from CIAC headquarters
in 1973*

caught on, and Housatonic traveled to many parts of the state visiting towns such as Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Windsor, Newington, Manchester, and even as far south as Ridgefield. Finally, in 1980, the CIAC granted official recognition.

In 1982 five western Connecticut schools formed the Western Connecticut Girls' Soccer League. They were Housatonic, Lewis Mills, Torrington, Notre Dame of Waterbury, and Wolcott. Housatonic won the first league title to become the first HVRHS girls' team to win a league championship in any sport.

From 1983 to 1987 the league had only four teams as Wolcott dropped out. In 1983 and 1984 Housatonic and Lewis Mills were co-champions. The 1984 teams were two strong, evenly matched squads who, in their two meetings, tied

1-1 and 0-0. Both lost to Tolland, the eventual state champion, in the state tournament. 1984 was also the year Housatonic advanced deepest in the tournament as its loss to Tolland came in the semi-finals. That year Coach Greco was selected the first CIAC Coach of the Year for girls' soccer. After the 1985 season the program won the Western Connecticut Soccer Officials' Association's Sportsmanship Award.

In 1986 science teacher Steve Patterson took over as coach. Just before the beginning of the 1988 season, he left Housatonic and Marge Stevenson became head coach. 1988 was a special year for girls' soccer as The Gilbert School and Northwestern Regional fielded varsity girls' soccer teams. The WCGSL was disbanded, but Housatonic and Lewis Mills would now play in the Berkshire League.

In 1989 Bruce Adams became Housatonic's fourth varsity girls' soccer coach and continues as the coach today. In 1997, Housatonic's twenty-fifth year of playing varsity girls' soccer, a squad of forty-nine players competed in the Berkshire League against Lewis Mills, Gilbert, Northwestern Regional, Terryville, Nonnewaug, and Litchfield. Housatonic also played an eighth BL school, Wamogo, on the JV and freshman levels.

Girls' soccer at Housatonic and in Connecticut have come a long way since the 1970's. Young women throughout the state let it be known that they wanted to play soccer. And they have. The number of teams qualifying for the 1997 CIAC state tournament was seventy-four. Not bad for a sport that, at Housatonic, started with only six girls, one goal post, and no games.

HOUSY TODAY: SOME GLIMPSES

DID

YOU

KNOW...

*In early October a visiting team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges came to HVRHS for the site visit phase of the evaluation process that occurs every ten years. The school community awaits the arrival of the final report from the team of visiting educators. Assistant Principal Bob Eberle served as Chair of the Steering Committee and led the HVRHS staff through a long and demanding process.

*Responding to a significant rise in student enrollment, the Region One Board is pondering how to go about expanding the facilities. A referendum on the chosen course is likely in May of 1998.

*Last spring, when she was a junior, Carolyn Yerkes of Salisbury was named a Governor's Scholar by Governor Rowland. She was one of only twenty students so honored throughout the state at a luncheon at the Hartford Club on May 28, 1997. Carolyn scored an incredible 1590 out of a possible score of 1600 on her SAT's, and she has earned Semi Finalist status in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

*The Housy Academic Bowl Team captured the state championship of the Connecticut Geography Alliance's Geography Olympiad at the University of Connecticut on May 22, 1997. Congratulations to Adviser Peter Vermilyea and students Molly McDowell of Kent, and Jacob Gingert and Win Wilson of Cornwall. In December, the team competed with 1,200 high schools from all fifty states and thirty-eight foreign countries. In the under-600 enrollment division Housatonic placed 17th out of 465 schools, or in the top 4%.

*Math teacher Bonnie Moody is currently serving as president of the Connecticut Chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Association.

*Under the leadership of Denise Dower,

teacher of Health and Physical Education, World AIDS Day was honored at Housatonic by an appearance of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at the school in early December.

*In the year 2000 our AFS chapter, one of the oldest in the country, will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The long story of significant support continues: next summer three more HVRHS students will be heading for foreign ports.

*Chosen as outstanding seniors and honored at the annual Litchfield County Superintendents' dinner were Shannon Perotti and Collin O'Leary, both of North Canaan.

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REUNIONS

*The Class of 1947 enjoyed a very successful reunion on July 12 and 13, 1997. There were fifty attendees, including thirty-three class members: seventeen gals and sixteen guys. After a tour of the school on Saturday there was a banquet at which Vice President **Bob Perotti** did some reminiscing. If President **Peter Marcon** had found time for his oration, this is part of what he would have said, "Born during the Depression, coming of age in the long years of World War II deprivations, we learned early to deal with adversity, to muddle through, and to have fun."

*The Class of 1973 is planning a 25th reunion featuring a dinner dance on August 14 and a family picnic on August 15. Members should expect a mailing soon from the Reunion Committee.

— that the speaker at the HVRHS graduation in 1994 was **Doug McArthur** of the Class of 1969?

— that **Madalene O'Donnell** of the Class of 1980 is working for the World Bank?

— that **Keith Bond**, ex-chair of the math department, was featured in a series of ads for Kodak film (looking like Willie Nelson, of course!)?

— that **Bob Chatfield** of the Class of 1970 has become a local radio personality on Station WQQQ in Lakeville?

— that in pushing toward restoration of the Beckley Furnace of East Canaan **Ed Kirby**, Class of 1945, found himself working hand in hand with his old center fielder, **Tony Cantele**, Class of 1961 and then of the Department of Environmental Protection?

— that **Mark LaPlaca** and **Kathleen Mahoney**, both of the Class of 1983, were married in October at the White Memorial Foundation in Litchfield?

— that **Steve Minton** of the Class of 1987 is alive and well and living in Tucson, Arizona, where he notes that he has "outlived Jimi Hendrix and Kurt Cobain?"

GAMBINO, cont.

jersey top with the big, red "S." Student reaction was predictable.

At the Ag Center in Falls Village they have gone from "Cows and Plows" with a student population that dwindled to 35 in 1987 to a diverse education program currently serving 116 students. There are now courses, for example, in horticulture, aquaculture, equine science and veterinary science.

Near the end of his career Bob Gambino's advice to those just starting out in the teaching profession is to "Keep your sense of humor. Never stop learning. Commit — but don't take yourself too seriously." Since 1966, over thirty-two productive years, he has lived that philosophy at HVRHS.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Over three hundred students participated on thirty-seven teams in twenty-three sports during the 1996-97 school year. Berkshire League championships were won by the girls' basketball team and the boys' and girls' tennis teams (even though we do not have tennis courts at the school!).

Three teams won Berkshire League Sportsmanship Awards. They were boys' soccer, wrestling, and softball.

Receiving All State recognition were Kristie Miller, softball; Julia Neilson, soccer; Courtney Worthington, track and field; Tom Presson, track and field; and Nicki Geyselaers, track and field.

Berkshire League All Stars were Collin O'Leary, tennis; Chandra Cassteel, basketball; Kristie Miller, softball and field hockey; John Cecchinato, track; Juliet Lyon, wrestling; Jeff Fowlkes, track; Jeremy Dadah, soccer; Julia Neilson, soccer and softball; Meghan Tapley, tennis; Chet Hewitt, baseball; Tom Presson, track; and Courtney Worthington, track.

THE SIDNEY SHOIFET SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Former teacher and coach Aldo "Ben" Bedini has made contributions to launch the Sidney Shoifet Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior with outstanding leadership abilities who is a three-sport letter winner and will be attending a four-year college.

Mr. Bedini was Sid Shoifet's teacher, coach and friend during the 1940's. He wants to honor the name of Sid Shoifet, who played football, basketball and baseball before graduating in 1948. Two months after his twenty-first

birthday, he was killed in action in Korea by enemy fire.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the fund may send a check to:

Sidney Shoifet Scholarship Fund
c/o Athletic Director
Housatonic Valley Regional HS
246 Warren Turnpike Road
Falls Village, CT 06031

THE ANNIVERSARY GAME

In honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of girls' soccer at HVRHS, the varsity squad of 1997 challenged alumni of past squads to a game over Thanksgiving weekend. The alumni responded to the challenge on Saturday morning, November 29, 1997, on the snow-plowed football field.

The alumni struck first with a goal from Jen Ocif, Class of '89, who later added a second goal. The alumni defense was led by Becky Perotti, Class of '86, Lisa Fallon, Class of '81, Diane Chinatti Carlson, Class of '76, and Dolores Schaefer Perotti, Class of '83. Dena Kenny Solan, Class of '73, was a demon in goal. The mid-fielders and strikers, of course, were like poetry in motion: Jackie Rice, Class of '77, Terri Carberry, Class of '81, Stacey Dodge, Class of '78, and Terry Kearns Pequignot, Class of '81.

For the "older folk" former coach Richard "Butch" Greco was the focal point of the day. His records from 1972 to 1985 were displayed in the cafeteria for the post-game "cool down." He had this to say, "The old timers were always competitive, but I didn't expect them to be quite as competitive as they were today. They all looked as good as I had remembered them, though I wonder how they will feel tomorrow."

The event was such a success that the alumni left for the day vowing to make it an annual game — and reunion.

Encounters

As Bob Gutzman, former teacher, coach and assistant superintendent, and wife Melva were being seated in a Virginia restaurant last fall, they noticed something familiar about their waitress. She turned out to be Lauren Allyn, Class of 1992, a candidate for a nursing degree at James Madison University and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis "McGee" Allyn, Class of 1966. The Gutzmans were traveling to watch their daughter Jennifer, Class of 1993 and captain of the UMass field hockey team, compete in a Division One contest.

Last February, once they had finished their dinners in a San Francisco restaurant, Ed Kirby, Class of 1945, Barclay Prindle, Class of 1956, and Jack Mahoney, Class of 1995H, sent a note to the piano player and leader of the combo that was entertaining the diners with blues and jazz numbers. The note read, "Mr. Musician, can you play the school song of Housatonic Valley Regional High School?" Tom Whitehead, Class of 1977, looked around the large room, bewildered, until the perpetrators showed themselves. Then he played the opening notes of "High above the Housatonic..." And the four of them sang the entire song in front of a crowd of West Coast diners.

Some years ago, as this editor was sitting at the bar of Castagnola's Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, he was startled to hear a voice from the service window in front of him say, "Oh, hi, Mr. Mahoney!" Once he calmed down, he identified the source as Teri Tatsapaugh Sergi, Class of 1967, who had been a student in one of his English classes. Teri has worked at Castagnola's for many years and, as of last February, still does!

HOUSATONIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CLASS AGENTS

- 1940 Helen L. (Wike) Humeston White Hollow Road Sharon 06069 364-5484
- 1941 Doretta (Beaupre) Belter 238 Salmon Kill Road Lakeville 06039 435-2257
- 1942 John Segalla Box C Leedsville Road Amenia NY 12501 914-373-8153; 914-373-8151 (W)
- 1943 Marjorie (Casey) Nash Ashpotag Road Norfolk 06058 542-5755 and Julia (Del Tenno) Segalla 360 Ashley Falls Road Canaan 06018 824-5218
- 1944 Gina R. (Segalla) Victory Granite Avenue Extension Canaan 06018 824-7957
- 1945 Margaret "Peg" (Hanlon) Flynn 170 Beebe Hill Road Falls Village 06031 824-7852
- 1946 Richard Barton Box 247 Lakeville 06039 435-2217
- 1947 Dot (Winn) Cecchinato 201 Church Street Box 794 Canaan 06018 824-7517
- 1948 Audrey (Murphy) Whitbeck Weatogue Road Salisbury 06068 824-7794
- 1949 Teresa (Perotti) Solan Greene Avenue Canaan 06018 824-5790
- 1950 Anna (Pedersen) Johnson Mitchelltown Road Ext. Sharon 06069 364-5158
- 1951 Ross A. Beaujon Granite Avenue Canaan 06018 824-7062 and
Joyce (Marston) Kragel 454 Egg Harbor Road Turnersville NJ 08012 609-589-0025
- 1952 Lee (Lenore Fuller) Hoag 76 Prospect Street Canaan 06018 824-4750 and Lester Hoysradt Undermountain Road Salisbury 06068 435-2761
- 1953 Norman Tatsapaugh Housatonic Avenue #13 Canaan 06018 824-5906
- 1954 Carol (O'Brien) Hall 16 Kent Hollow Road South Kent 06785 927-3655 and Jacqueline (Babuin) Matson 76 South Kent Road South Kent 06785 927-3888
- 1955 Bunny (Cecchinato) McGuire Reed Street Canaan 06018 824-5900
- 1956 Paula (Moni) Hickey Box 1674 Lakeville 06039 435-5548
- 1957 Jean (Riva) Perotti Box 538 Canaan 06018 824-5509
- 1958 Pat (Zimmerman) Miller Box 22 Falls Village 06031 435-9633 (office)
- 1959 Karen (Monroe) Fulco 137 New Lenox Road Lenox MA 01240 413-638-2292
- 1960 Donna Aakjar 28 Barlow Street Canaan 06018 824-5881; 364-0191(W)
- 1961 Linda (Rhoades) Fitzgerald 2509 Mackinak Drive Greensboro, NC 27455 910-282-6912; 800-523-7888, ext. 2700 (W)
- 1962 Virginia (Togninalli) Catellan 137 Church Street Canaan 06018 824-9989; 824-7704 (W)
- 1963 Hazel (Kirkpatrick) McGuire Beebe Hill Road Falls Village 06031 824-0533; 824-7869 (W) and Joe Fraser 50 Farnam Road Lakeville 06039 435-9210
- 1964 Pat (Allyn) Mechare 78 Johnson Road Falls Village 06031 824-0271; 927-3537 (W)
- 1965 Jane (Caron) McGarry 47 East Main Street Salisbury 06068 435-0016
- 1966 Suzanne (Lotz) Dodge 33 Point of Rocks Road Falls Village 06031 824-0349; 824-5672 (W)
- 1967 Curt Mechare 78 Johnson Road Falls Village 06031 824-0271; 927-3537 (W)
- 1968 John Hallihan 112 Canaan Road Salisbury 06068 435-1033
- 1969 Joan (Segalla) Baker 7 Greene Ave. Canaan 06018 824-0216; 824-7512 (W)
- 1970 Joy Martorell 407 Salmon Kill Road Lakeville 06039 435-6666
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- 1972 Rick Hotaling Box 133 Sharon 06069 364-0377 nutmeg@li.com
- 1973 Paula (McGivern) Rogers 60 Chatfield Drive Lakeville 06039 435-9938
- 1974 Eliza (Blake) Smith Box 1202 Sharon 06069 364-0577
- 1975 Katie (Sherwood) Wood 33 Library Street Salisbury 06068 435-0071
- 1976 Diane (Chinatti) Carlson Box 406 Falls Village 06031 824-4606
- 1977 Brian Kenny Box 12 Sharon 06069 364-0608
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- 1978 Lynn (McGuire) Heacox 12 Hunting Ridge Road Sharon 06069 364-0517
 1979 Theresa (Carley) Kenny Box 12 Sharon 06069 364-0608
 1980 Sean Kenny 1275 Winsted Rd. Unit 320 Torrington 06790 626-8163
 1981 Lisa Fallon Greene Ave. Canaan 06018 824-5602
 1982 Kevin Wheeler 239 Old North Road Amenia NY 12501 914-373-8051
 1983 Dolores (Schaefer) Perotti PO Box 356 Canaan 06018 824-0253
 1984 Jessica Fowler 24 Dawn Hill Road Cornwall 06753 672-2849
 1985 Ann Marie (Griskauskas) Schroeder 55 West Hill Road A Elmira NY 14903 607-732-0804
 1986 Rebecca (Perotti) Lachaine Chatfield Drive Lakeville 06039 435-4962
 1987 Tracey (Consolini) Wilson 103 Rte 7 S Falls Village 06031 824-4533
 1988 Laurie Hammond 14 Rustic Lane Salisbury 06068 824-1211, 7448
 1989 Russell Coward III 1941 Bainbridge Street Philadelphia PA 19146 H215-546-3217; W609-279-6109
 1990 Kristen Neary 26 Ethan Allen Street Lakeville 06039 435-2715
 1991 Beth (Hammond) Vernali 23 Trescott Hill Road Canaan 06018 824-0135
 1992 Megan Baldwin 181 Main Street Lakeville 06039 435-6142
 1993 Eric Epstein 27 Lane Street Kent 06757 927-4057
 1994 Adrian Drury 111 Granite Avenue Canaan 06018 824-0542; college info: Carnegie Mellon University SMC 3257 P.O. Box 3320 Pittsburgh, PA 15320-3320
 1995 Heather Davidson 6 Canterbury Lane Lakeville 06039 435-9135
 1996 Ethan Mechare Johnson Road Falls Village 06031 824-0271
 1997 Sarah Calhoun Gettysburg College Box 289 Gettysburg PA 17325
 e-mail: s443618@gettysburg.edu; Cornwall phone: 672-6747

FIFTIES STUFF

1950: **Lois Miller Stephens** has lived in Reno, Nevada, for almost thirty years and works in her ophthalmologist husband's office.

1951: **Al Viola** attended his 45th Reunion last year, traveling all the way from Columbia, MO, where he volunteers three days a week building houses for Habitat for Humanity.

1952: **John Stackelberg** is a professor of Humanities at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA, and plans to retire in 2000.

1955: **Bucky Segalla** works for the Knights of Columbus in Baton Rouge, LA, and since their headquarters is in New Haven, he gets back to Canaan a few times a year.

1956: Anyone interested in a 60th birthday party this summer? Get in touch with **Paula Moni Hickey**.

1957, 58, and 59: ATTENTION! Plans are under way for a COMBINED 40TH

REUNION! Contact **Pat Zimmerman Miller** or your Class Agent.

SIXTIES STUFF

1960: **Linda Hupe Zucco** and her husband, **John**, Class of 1959, live in Palm Beach, FL, and have two sons, John and Jeffrey. She is an academic adviser for Barry University in charge of the campus site in Palm Beach Gardens.

1961: **Linda Rhoades Fitzgerald** is a Customer Service/Computer Analyst at Burlington Industries - Lee Carpet.

1963: **Marion Atwood Brown**, who has two grown sons, owns, directs, and teaches her own independent multi-ethnic child care center. She travels from Philadelphia quite often to visit the Falls Village area.

Cynthia Storrs Dubay has a son and a daughter and works as a medical laboratory technologist at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. Her husband is retired from the Navy and works for the IRS.

Jean Palmer Galinelli lives in Southport, CT, and has been married to Frank for thirty years. They own two businesses, Isabel Eland Shops (fine lingerie) and RealData (software for real estate, websites for businesses, etc.) She has a son and daughter working in the business world.

1964: **Paula Strong** teaches alternative health therapies and is a spiritual healer, teaching courses at Central Connecticut University, Northwest Connecticut Community Technical College, Manchester Community College and Hartford University.

1965: **Carl Swanson** is founder and president of Swanson Harp Company, which manufactures concert harps for professional harpists and orchestras.

B. J. Brown Curtiss recently returned to the area after twenty years of teaching overseas in the Peace Corps and International Schools Services.

1966: **Karen Dickinson** works as a design consultant for Kitchen Elegance and has two grown children.

FROM THE EDITOR:

First, a big thank you to those of you who were good enough to send contributions after reading our first issue. You made it possible for us not only to print and mail that one but also to have some left over for this second issue. So thanks again. The response was terrific. We have kept a record, and the names of all donors will be listed in future newsletters.

Second, you should know that many of the addresses we had on file were outdated. If you received your copy, you were one of the lucky ones. But we have made considerable progress, with your help, and each mailing will be more accurately targeted.

Third, our regrets that this issue is so heavy on information and light on, well, the lighter stuff. With the business out of the way, we can devote more space in the future to items of greater interest.

Fourth, on the subject of interest, this newsletter will be as interesting as your contributions make it. We need items especially for the "Encounters" and "Did You Know?" columns. So, please, send us your news — and include a donation so we can keep this thing going.

COMMUNICATE!

Name and Class:

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E-mail Address:

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Department, Encounters*

PLEASE NOTE:

Printing of this issue may be delayed. Brand new (late fall) technology at HVRHS must be mastered by staff and students.