

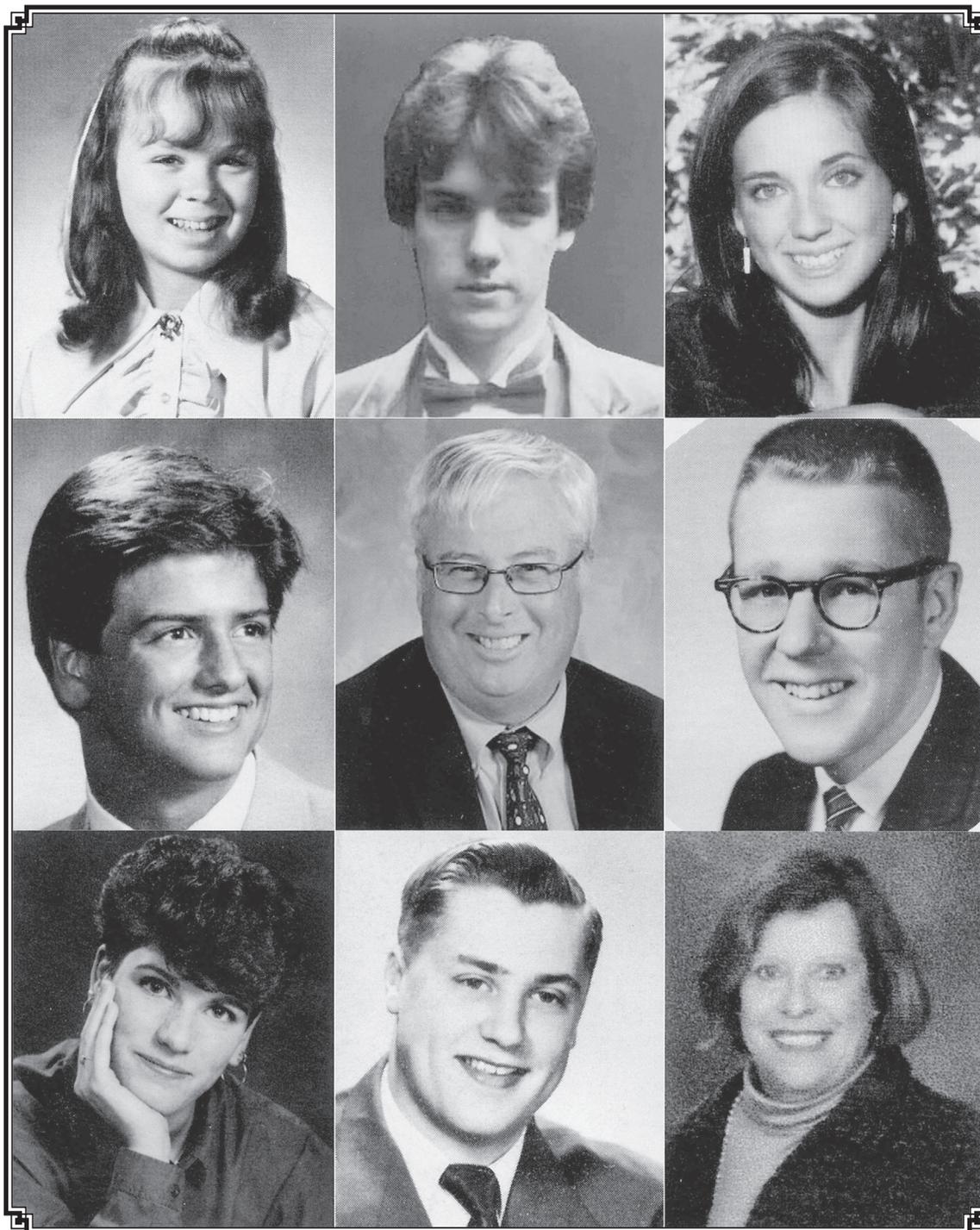
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OUR MISSION

The Chelmsford High School Alumni Association is an independent organization committed to promoting fellowship with and among alumni and future graduates.

The Association, recognizing the rich legacy and the excellence in education of the Chelmsford Public Schools, is a committed partner with Chelmsford High School.

The Association seeks to offer programs and services to Chelmsford High School alumni and to foster support for the Chelmsford High School community by promoting alumni interest, engaging alumni to contribute their expertise, encouraging alumni and community involvement in student programs and services, and providing social, business and charitable opportunities.

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The vision is to create a passion for the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association that will inspire loyalty and commitment to the organization, and permit alumni to see their involvement as meaningful and exhilarating through:

1. Developing the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association as a financially self-sufficient, cohesive, and energetic organization within the Chelmsford community;
2. Cultivation of students at Chelmsford High School to ensure participation in the Alumni Association following graduation;
3. Providing opportunities for the assembly of its members for the exchange of ideas and opportunities, and for the fostering of camaraderie;
4. Establishing an accessible place for its members to assemble and as a repository of historic memorabilia and records to house the offices of the Alumni Association.

President's Message

By Terry McSheehy

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

I hope everyone has survived the winter so far. It is early January as I write this and it has been a mild and comfortable winter so far, although it looks like the winter is finally getting going in full force. It was a great holiday season.

CHSAA continues to receive support and energy from the membership in all ways and forms. We have had new people come forward to serve on the Board of Directors; we have had people continue to offer their services for free. Remember, as I say very often, this is your alumni association and you can participate in it in many ways. Do not think that you would not be capable of working on a committee or on the board of directors or even as President! We are all just CHS graduates trying to do our best to help all CHS graduates. Call George Simonian or me and tell us you would like to help in some way and, believe me, we can and will find a way for you to help. The more people we get involved the more we reduce the burdens we place on a few.

We are approaching our 26th Hall of Fame inductions on March 19th at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua NH. Again we have nine outstanding candidates going in. I continue to be amazed at the accomplishments of Chelmsford High graduates. The most amazing thing to me still is the all-inclusive policy of how we select individuals for induction into the Hall of Fame. We do not limit the criteria to such things as

how many yards someone gained or how many home runs someone hit or even how academically amazing they were in high school. That is important, as this is a high school hall of fame, but we endeavor to recognize individuals who may have blossomed after their high school experience. We attempt to recognize the accomplishments of their life in general, including service to their fellow man, community, church, career, or the world as a whole. It is important that the entire person be evaluated and not just the high school student or college student or adult. We attempt to honor people based on the total person, not just the parts. I repeated this statement from my earlier writings because I feel it is so significant that we remember that we are rewarding the whole person not just a part of the person.

I want to take a minute to thank Tom Curran and his committee for their tireless work to put together a CHSAA golf tournament and road race this past spring and summer. We all had a wonderful time and managed to raise some significant dollars for the Capital Campaign. The next annual CHSAA golf tournament (May 26, 2016) and road race (April 23, 2016) will be held in the spring and we hope to see many more of our alumni there.

It is my privilege and honor to again be your President, and I hope to produce further growth in the operation of and the membership of the CHSAA. Thank you for allowing me to be your President. ♦



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Want to become a member of the CHSAA?

Sign up a classmate! Stay connected!

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Meghan Curran: From field of play to fields of war, always at the head of the pack

By Kris Pisarik
Class of 1977

With four daughters who ran for Chelmsford High and for their respective colleges, I've watched a lot of cross-country meets. One I'll never forget was Nov. 13, 2004, at Franklin Park in Boston.

Longtime coach Jack Lang's CHS girls were out to defend their Eastern Mass. Div. I State Title – in the snow!

As a former CHS varsity baseball player, I remember finding it curious they didn't cancel a cross-country meet for a snowstorm when ballgames were routinely scrapped for pretty much the first sign of rain.

But off the girls went, running through the falling snow: my daughters Beth (a junior), Alyssa (a freshman), senior team captain Meghan Curran and the rest of that swift-footed varsity squad.

By race's end, about 4 inches of snow had fallen, but not their championship.



Just seconds after crossing the finish line in first place for the second straight year -- 28 seconds ahead of Newton North standout Jess

Barton – a banshee-like scream emanated from Meghan's grimacing face. And yes, there were tears.



Winning the Marine Corps Marathon in October 2014 - Courtesy photo

Of course she ran barefoot inside her spiked flats, not that real running shoes and socks would have provided much warmth on this



Photo courtesy of The Lowell Sun

hellishly cold day, but there it was in all of its raw, frostbitten reality.

Determination, intensity, pain and joy were unleashed all at once in that moment.

We were all in awe.

“That was something special,” I remember telling my wife, Jennifer.

And while Meghan’s excellence on the field of play alone would have made her a shoo-in for induction into the Chelmsford High Alumni Association Hall of Fame this March, it was Meghan’s drive to give the most to her military service that has me, and many others, even more amazed today.

Her pioneering and heroic service as one of the Army’s inaugural Community Support Team members – women soldiers sent into Afghan villages alongside Army Rangers to gather intelligence from women and children – helped earn her a nomination for The Sun’s Woman of the Year for 2015,

as well. She was the runner-up.

Meghan has always been a go-getter, to be sure. And so after high school graduation in 2005, she began running after her next challenge, which prompted an application and acceptance to West Point, following somewhat in her Marine father’s footsteps. Meghan was the first of Tom and Kelly Curran’s five kids to do so. (Later, her younger sister Katie would join the Marine Corps., and younger brother Daniel is presently at West Point). Tom, a year behind me at CHS, graduating in 1978, was my Bantam hockey teammate in the early 1970s. Like Meghan, Tom was a scrappy, give-it-your-all kind of athlete.

Meghan not only carried that torch through her thousands of miles running for CHS and Army, where she continued to excel athletically, but into her active duty.

After completing her basic training,

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Meghan was stationed at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla., when the Army sent out the call for top female soldiers to participate in a groundbreaking mission – being part of an all-female Community Support Team to conduct night raids with Army Rangers and Navy Seals in search of insurgents in Afghanistan. Women soldiers were needed to smooth the way with women and children in the villages, where cultural taboos prohibited them from speaking with men.

Meghan was one of about 20 who ranked the highest from a tryout of more than 120 women chosen for the active-duty part of the CST project. Her exploits, and tragically, that of her late friend, 1st Lt. Ashley White Stumpf, of Ohio, were chronicled in “Ashley’s War,” a book by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, which was published last April on the day my first article about Meghan’s pioneering service appeared in *The Sun*.

At the time, I hadn’t received a copy of the book, but I knew the gist from a phone interview with Lemmon. What I didn’t know was that all the female soldiers’ names were changed, with the exception of White, to protect their privacy. In “Ashley’s War,” Meghan is “Tristan Mardsen.”

What I also didn’t know was just how much danger Meghan and the others had faced. And because Meghan was so humble and low-keyed her role on this incredible secret mission, I didn’t know how after she was sent to replace Ashley in the Zhari district, when White was killed in October 2011 along with two Rangers by a Daisy Jane IED, Meghan saved the lives of her fellow soldiers with her instincts.

On the night raids, the Rangers and CSTs would try to visit as many possible hideouts as possible to make the most of their time in a very dangerous situation. One particular night, according to the account in “Ashley’s War,” the platoon leader of Meghan’s unit was growing impatient at one particular home, as the Afghan women appeared to have nothing to offer. But Meghan implored her superior to give her a few more minutes; she had noticed some uneasiness in the body language of one of the teenage girls, as she bounced from foot to foot and looked at her mother every time she would answer Meghan’s questions.

The girl began to break, and admitted the insurgent they’d been looking for was in one of the homes nearby.

The following account from “Ashley’s War” underscores the critical role Curran (Tristan) played that night:

“Just then Tristan heard the call over the radio:

“Nothing here,” the Ranger said. “Let’s move on.”

“Platoon Sergeant, where are you?” Tristan spoke into her radio. “I just got something here. I think we should stay.”

It was rare for her to push for more time, but the Rangers had encouraged her to speak up if she had something they actually needed to know... she was part of the team.

“Okay, we’ll give you ten more minutes,” he said; “see what you come up with.”

After gathering more intelligence from her teenage subject, Meghan

and a Ranger searched the home again, this time finding as-yet unconnected pressure-plate IEDs hidden in the ground. More importantly, Lemmon relates in the book, the insurgent singled out by the girl Meghan had interrogated confessed that IEDs were set to detonate along the path that they were just about to cross to the next compound.

A lot has happened since she lost her friend and was sent to replace her in those treacherous Afghan villages. Meghan was awarded a Bronze Star along with nearly a dozen other medals for service to her country.

The Department of Defense has since given the green light to women “officially” serving in such combat roles. And Meghan, now a Reservist, is retired from the Army. She still carries the memory of her fallen friend on a silver bracelet with White’s name on it that was given to all soldiers in the CST sisterhood. She says she’s never taken it off.

Meghan is still sorting out where her next challenge will take her. In the mean time, she’s still running – fast, as always.

She won the Marine Corps Marathon in October 2014. And just a year later helped the American women’s team capture a bronze medal at the World Military Games in South Korea this past fall.

This April she’ll run her first Boston Marathon. Let’s hope it doesn’t snow. Never mind, it wouldn’t really matter.

Kris Pisarik is The Sun’s Managing Editor/Nights and the editor of the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association’s magazine, “The Lion’s Pride.” ♦

PRINCIPAL'S *Report*

By Stephen Murray *Class of 1988*



We had a fantastic first half of the school year. CHS students and staff worked tirelessly organizing events, trips, activities and fundraisers that either supported a cause or were helping out in the community.

Last December, the CHS staff played a volleyball game against the Billerica High School staff. It was an event called, "Spiking Out Cancer." The game was held at Billerica Memorial High School. Approximately 300 people came to cheer. All proceeds from the fundraiser went to Dana Farber. It was a lot of fun to see staff from rival schools come together for a night of fun in order to support a great cause.

Inspired by a quote that Ms. Jennifer Baraldi (Whittier House Secretary) read, Dean Heather Galante (Whittier House) and nine girls got together to raise money for the Santa Fund. Students could buy a snow-flake with each donation. The snowflake with their name was prominently displayed in the Whittier House office. In four days, the "Gifting Gals," (This became the group's name) raised over \$800 for the Santa Fund. In addition, our Interact Club sold

holiday ornaments and raised money for the victims of the Paris bombing. The name of their group was "Prayers for Paris."

CHS had its First Annual Chelmsford In-Tune concert. 28 different student and faculty acts graced the stage with individual, group and duet performances. Many of the musical groups were supported by Steve Courtemanche's band, "Gale County." They donated their time, talents and equipment in order for this night to be a success. The range of music and talent were both amazing and inspiring. All money raised went to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the American Cancer Society and the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association.

When our staff and students were not out raising money for organizations, they were volunteering their time. Our senior class wanted to give back to their community. Approximately 100 of our seniors will be helping the senior citizens with their fundraiser called, "The Senior Center's Chowderfest." Last September, student and student athletes volunteered their time to help with both the Chelmsford Library Book Sale and the Senior Center Yard Sale.

In case you missed it, our Theater Guild put on an unbelievable musical, "The Sound of Music." They had four sold-out shows. Knowing that not all members of our community are able to attend, the Theater Guild visited the Atrium Assisted Living Center. They performed scenes from the play for those who live at the Atrium. The Atrium wrote

a beautiful thank you letter and hope that this can be a tradition.

Athletically, CHS had a strong fall season. Our girls' Volleyball Team made it to the north finals. Our Girls' Swimming and Diving Team finished fourth in the state. Girls' Field Hockey and Boys' Soccer Team qualified for the state tournament. The Girls' Cross Country team qualified to run in the MIAA Eastern Mass Championships and the Boys' Cross Country Team finished second in the Merrimack Valley Conference.

Our long-time Football Coach/Teacher/Chelmsford Alumni Association Hall of Fame Member, Bruce Rich '73, retired from coaching football. Bruce was the head coach for the past 20 years. He has the most wins of any head football coach in CHS history. He is carrying on his winning tradition with an amazing wrestling team. If you get a chance, come out to watch them wrestle. This team has the potential to be number one in the state. I want to thank Bruce Rich for his dedication and commitment to not only the football program but to the Chelmsford community as well.

Chelmsford High students competed on WGBH's High School Quiz show. For the first time in school history the team won their match and advanced to the quarter final match up. Their next match will be at the end of February. Coach Vitale is so excited. I look forward to updating you in the next Alumni magazine.

We had a lot to celebrate and be proud of. Thank you for your support. -Stephen Murray ♦

HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCEMENT



HALL OF FAME 2016

BRUCE E. BYAM
CLASS OF 1963

MEGHAN S. CURRAN
CLASS OF 2005

JEFFREY D. DOHERTY
DEAN

ELLEN M. HANSON
CLASS OF 1987

F. RAYMOND HARDY
CLASS OF 1951

HARRIET C. KINNETT
COACH

JAMES M. LANE, JR.
CLASS OF 1983

KEVIN F. MCCARTHY
CLASS OF 1987

ANNMARIE ROARK
CLASS OF 1972

Hall of Fame 2016 *March 19th, 2016*

THE CHELMSFORD HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION.

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE
EVENING OF THE 19TH OF MARCH 2016 AT THE
RADISSON HOTEL IN NASHUA, NH.

THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE
A SOCIAL AT 5:45 PM
DINNER AT 6:30 PM
AND THE INDUCTION AT 7:00 PM.

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HALL OF FAME

Meet the Inductees



Bruce Byam, Class of '63
 Involved CHS Student
 CHS Athlete
 Innovative Elementary Educator
 Dedicated Chelmsford High School Advocate/Volunteer



Meghan Curran, Class of '05
 Outstanding CHS/Collegiate Scholar-Athlete
 Highly Decorated Military Officer
 Active Military Community Volunteer



Jeffrey Doherty, Teacher/Dean
 Coach
 Administrator
 Tireless Advocate for Children
 Dedicated CHS Dean
 Highly Respected CHS Educator



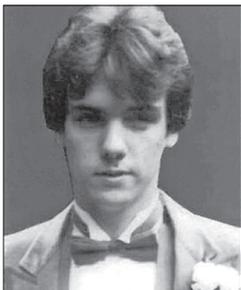
Ellen Hanson, Class of '87
 Widely published researcher
 National, international lecturer
 Recognized expert in the field of neuropsychology
 Committed to improving lives of children with developmental disabilities



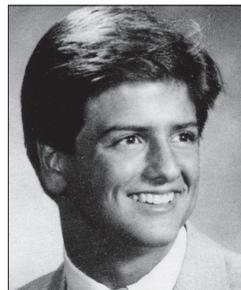
Raymond Hardy, Class of '51
 Outstanding Award winning member of CHS Class of '51
 Highly Effective Collegiate Professor/Administrator
 Very Active Community Participant



Harriet Kinnet, Coach
 Highly successful and respected high school swim coach
 Active civic and community participant
 Positive role model for student athletes



James Lane, Class of '83
 Highly successful award-winning Senior Executive
 Dedicated public servant
 Active Community Volunteer



Kevin McCarthy, Class of '87
 Outstanding CHS and collegiate scholar athlete
 Highly successful businessman
 Philanthropist impacting at risk youth



Annmarie Roark, Class of '72
 Highly Successful Attorney
 Outstanding Community Participant
 Strong Advocate for Public Health

CLASS OF '65

50TH REUNION *Wrap-Up* † By Sandi Martinez *Class of 1965*

Many class reunions come and go, but in our case, the memory of our CHS Class of 1965's, 50th high school reunion will remain with us forever. Columbus Day Weekend October 2015, marked our 50th Reunion and what a memorable weekend it was from start to finish.

To all our classmates who attended and participated in the reunion, I thank you so much, as does our reunion committee.

To Linda (DiRubbo) Biro, Phyllis (Belida) Fortin, Susan (Lajoie) Frappier, Harleen (Nutter) Hennessey, Kathleen (Chew) Howe, Nancy (Delmore) Hughes, Alice (Long) Lospennatto, Linda (Taylor) Marchand, Mary (Vaillancourt) Smith, and Nancy (LaJoie) Whiting, you all made it all happen. All went as planned: staying within the budget, having a great time planning the reunion, and most importantly, the outcome was a tremendous success!

Our reunion weekend began with a "Mixer," a social usually intended mostly for those who stay at an area hotel the night before the main event; but we were delighted that so many classmates from the area attended. The Friday evening traffic did not hold back the 70 plus classmates and guests from a casual night at the Princeton Station. Everyone seemed to enjoy the delicious buffet of Italian meatballs in sauce, chicken and broccoli ziti, accompanied by cold cuts and cheese platters, veggie trays and an assortment of seasonal fruits and desserts. No one left hungry!

See our reunion photos on p. 30-31!

It was nice to see our classmates visiting, catching up on the latest, sharing their family photos and making it a real Mixer. What a nice evening it was and a prelude to what was coming up next. Getting a good night's rest was in order for many of the committee members since there was much to do the next day.

Then on Saturday evening came our long awaited 50th high school reunion ... our "Senior Prom," no pun intended. Getting an early start is always a must in planning a three-day event. There was stage and music to set up, registration area to arrange in a manner that would greet our classmates in an orderly fashion, and the ballroom to decorate appropriately for the occasion.

By 6:00 pm the registration area was filled with laughs, hugs, kisses, pats on the back and a NAME TAG! For some of us, we needed that "glance to the chest area" to compare the name tag and face as we greeted our classmates. Regardless, we were so happy to see them.

And our hardworking committee even made a wonderful Reunion Directory available to buy. All the names of our living classmates, or those with whom we have lost track of, were included, as well as the names of those who were no longer with us.

One of those who deserves special recognition, is Kathleen (Howe) Chew.

She has been a cornerstone of our reunions, going back to our very first one – our 5th. She fought a valiant fight, continuing to come to our Class of '65 monthly dinners, even though she was fighting for her life. We lost her February 14, 2015 in Gainesville, Florida. Here is what was in the Lowell Sun.

"Kathleen was a 1965 graduate of Chelmsford High School, and a 1969 Tufts University graduate, where she was one of the first few women to graduate with a civil engineering degree. She worked as a civil engineer and surveyor locally, owning her own business, Howe Surveying Associates. A proud resident of Chelmsford for more than 50 years, she actively served on many town committees and organizations. In recent years, she also enjoyed painting and reconnecting with high school friends. Kathy was known for her positive outlook, outgoing nature and constant smile." She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Harleen Hennessey, Geraldine Burke, Alice Lospennatto and Sue Sills manned the registration table in the large foyer, and were kept quite busy by classmates who were signing in the over 100 excited attendees!

Of course no reunion goes without having timeless photos of our school days and memorabilia that represented us. Thank-you to Geraldine (McKenna) Bourke: she was able to bring many of those memories with her. She found a large poster of the entire Class of '65 Senior Yearbook photos at Gerry

Cowgill's Shop, and made over 100 copies, which she paid for and that she gave out to Alumni! The Class Photos were rolled into scrolls and secured with a beautiful MAROON ribbon. Gerry placed one in a large frame, and displayed it on one corner of the check-in table. We all say "Thank you Gerry for that priceless memory!"

As the alumni and guests filed into the ballroom, they found seats at beautifully decorated tables. The centerpieces were stunning and yet simple. Red and White roses and Babies Breath, were in tall glass vases with "1965" hand-painted on each one. What a beautiful touch to a wonderful evening.

By then, the cash bar was set up and the hors d'oeuvres were set out in the banquet hall. The selection of appetizers included something for everyone. There was an assortment of cheeses and crackers, fresh fruit, and coffee and tea.

One of the best parts of our reunion, was having one former teacher as our special guest. It was so nice to have in our presence Mr. George Simonian. For many of us, fond memories of him are as our Biology teacher! More recently, as co-founder of the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association. What an asset he has been over the years, and his words struck a chord with everyone present!

Music is always a big factor in planning reunions. Even at our age, we love to dance to great music. Thanks to Phyllis (Belida) Fortin for finding Mark Wilson, our disc jockey for the evening. He provided us with quite a variety of oldies but goodies and we danced the night away. I cannot tell you how great the music was that he provided for us. It was the right mix of music as we partook of our dinner. And he brought back memories of our years in high school, and college with his wide variety of oldies but goodies as we continued to enjoy the evening. I think I can speak for those who took advantage of the music – dancing was a hit with all who attended!

Another priceless addition to our reunion was the commemorative book. I believe it is fair to say that our 50th Reunion commemorative book was one of the best ideas ever. Kudos and so much more, go to Mary Vaillancourt Smith and her husband Bob Smith for all their hard work in producing the book. They exceeded all expectations. I also thank Mary for her editing responsibilities and updating the directory.

The design and printing quality of the book, formal invitations and program were exceptional, thanks to Paul and Red Mill Graphics for a job well done! It was beyond what was expected. And this was not the end of our reunion weekend!

I prepared a "Chelmsford High School Class of '65 50th Reunion Questionnaire", distributed to every attendee, consisting of 23 questions.

1. How many reunions have you attended? Which ones?
2. What is your best memory of high school?
3. What is your worst memory of high school?
4. Who was your favorite teacher?
5. What is your funniest memory from high school?
6. What was the score from the 1964 Thanksgiving Football game?
7. What was your favorite cafeteria meal?
8. Where do you live now? How long have you been there?
9. How many of us have become teachers?
Are you one? Y N
10. What one event/person had the biggest impact on your life How?
11. What did you learn at CHS that changed your life in some way?
12. How many grandchildren do you have?
13. How many great-grandchildren do you have?
14. Who do you think travelled the furthest to get here?
About how many miles?
15. Who were our class advisors?
16. Who was the head football coach when we graduated?
17. How many classmates did you recognize as you walked in the door?
18. How many students were in our 1965 graduating class?
19. How many of our fellow classmates became famous?
20. Name our Principal, Vice Principal

Bonus qstn 1: Do you know what the F. stood for in F. Christine Booth?

Bonus qstn 2: Do you know the yr Ms Booth was appointed Latin teacher? 19__?

Bonus qstn 3 Why is that big stuffed lion here tonight?

If you would like to participate in the questionnaire, feel free to make a copy, fill it out and return it to sbmartinez@comcast.net

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50TH REUNION *Wrap-Up* ▸ *continued*

When approached by classmates who expressed their sincere appreciation and thanks for a memorable 50th Reunion ...comments included “best reunion ever;” “had a great time;” “y’all out did yourselves;” “can’t wait for the next one;” “music was great;” “enjoyed the food;” etc., etc. One comment however, stuck out, as it was repeated many times, by SO many of our attendees. “This committee has set the bar so high; there is no way any class can match this.” It was a nice compliment and much appreciated, especially for the committee who worked so darned hard to make this the “best reunion ever.” We all thank you guys!

To wrap up our memorable weekend, 60 of us got together for a Sunday Brunch at the Radisson. The breakfast buffet was well stocked with assorted pastries, sausage, bacon, home fries, fresh fruit, orange juice and fresh coffee. It was a great way to end a memorable weekend! But better than the delicious brunch, was the time we spent leisurely moving from table to table, sharing what each of us especially enjoyed about this reunion, and sharing our memories of our time together in school, and what we have been doing for the last 50 years!

We lamented the loss of so many of our classmates, and all agreed that we need to continue this tradition of holding regular reunions, and perhaps continuing to use Facebook, emails, snail mail or telephone to occasionally keep in touch until we meet again!

We have learned a few things from our reunion planning and the 26 Questionnaires turned in, that are worth mentioning:

1) The majority of our classmates live in New England ~ 147 out of 174 for whom we have information.

2) There are many classmates who live out of state/ country, Georgia(7), New York(3), Louisiana(1), Illinois(2), Washington(3), Florida(16), Oregon(1), California(3), Texas(1), Canada(1), and Greece(1), just to name a few.

3) At the reunion there were numerous classmates who had never attended a Class of ‘65 Reunion. Based on my interpretation of the answers about question 1 on the survey, there were at least:

8 who responded that this was their first one!

8 had attended this one and 1 previous one.

5 had been to 3 total.

3 answered they were at 4 including this one.

And finally, 3 have been to all 5 reunions, and 1 didn’t answer that question.

4) Some of our classmates did not care to attend for various reasons. Unfortunately, health was one issue. Some had unpleasant experiences in high school, others never knew anyone or only attended CHS for one year and others just did not care to go, but for those who did attend, we appreciate you.

5) The following tallies the results of question 4:
Who was your favorite teacher?

(some chose more than 1)

Favorite teacher# votes

Mr. Simonian - 11 Ms Wexler - 1

Mr. Jack Sargent - 4 Mr. Carlton Plummer - 1

Mr. Ennis - 2 Mr. Betses - 1

Mr. Ed Quinn - 2 Mr. Hardy - 1

Ms. Nancy Dean - 2 Mr. Boucher - 1

Mr. MacDougall- 1 Mr. David McPhelan - 1

Miss Booth - 1

6) It would appear that Doreen Hadley travelled the furthest to attend our fabulous 50th Reunion weekend. From Spokane, WA to Chelmsford, MA is 2772.8 miles, according to <http://distancesonline.com>. The person suggesting Doreen, guessed 200 miles, and there was no name on her sheet – but she wins this question!

Gloria Gagnon voted 1000 miles for Betty Goodwin, who came from Lisle, IL which is slightly more at 1005.4 miles ...good guess Gloria!

7) There were so many more great responses to our survey, and perhaps we can do a follow up with some more of the great answers, but I need to wrap this up tonight, not next month.

8) Class reunions cost money. We did our best to keep the cost per person as low as possible and we did. We thank the many classmates who donated time and/or money towards our reunion.

Are there future reunions in the horizon? We hope so. We plan to continue our annual summer gatherings with all former CHS Alumni, and maybe a Class of '65 "55th Reunion. If you wish to be on our list, drop an email to Mary at grandmadinosaur@gmail.com.

Our 50th Reunion may now be a memory, but it will be a fond memory, one that we will always remember. On behalf of the entire committee, I sincerely thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and for keeping the Chelmsford Class of '65 alive. It has been our pleasure. May God Bless You and Your Families and May God Bless America!

Sincerely,

Sandi Martinez and the Reunion Committee

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CYNTHIA SANDHOLM

ALUMNI Profile › By Sandie Johnson Taylor *Class of 1969*



A Champion for Children

When asked about her favorite memories as a CHS student, Cynthia Judge Sandholm ('69) smiles as she recalls her involvement in the musicals, *Brigadoon* and *Finian's Rainbow* her sophomore and junior years and singing *Those Were the Days*, with classmates Leslie Glew, Judy Reny, Deni Jones, and Marilyn Fetzler in the *CHS Talent Show* her senior year. "I, of course, have many fond memories of time spent with my high school friends Sandie Johnson Taylor ('69), Sandi Mitropoulis Musgrave ('69), and the late Dick Sterling, president of class of '68."

"I also loved cooking hotdogs at the Saturday football games as part of a student council project. Oh, and taking the bus to Boston Garden for the 1966 basketball championship with Arnie Holtberg leading the charge." This was the fourth time for CHS students to return to Boston Garden since 1951 when Sandholm's Uncle Milton ('51) was a member of the original Eastern Mass Class C Title "Dream Team." As for other firsts: Sandholm's father, Raymond W. Judge ('44), played the drum in the first CHS band and is the Class Agent for the Class of 1944. Her late uncle, Laurence Judge ('34), graduated with one of the earliest yearbooks from CHS.

Sandholm immediately names Ed

Carpenter and Ed Quinn as her most influential high school teachers. “I credit my freshman and junior English teacher, Ed Carpenter, with encouraging me to be a better writer, and for instilling in me a love of literature. Ed Carpenter brought literature to life in his classroom. To this day, she remembers a comment that he wrote in 1966 on one of her papers. Regarding the paper’s content, he wrote, “It is better to light one small candle.” Sandholm always tries to keep his advice in mind. “I credit Ed Carpenter, more than anyone else, for influencing my decision to teach literature and writing.”

It was Ed Quinn’s honors history class that proved most beneficial in preparing Sandholm for her college years. Sandholm recalls her experience in Quinn’s class, reading Alexis de Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America*. “It was my first experience of coming together with classmates facing each other for discussion, rather than traditionally looking at the backs of their heads. Quinn guided us in going beyond the text to making connections between our “then present” society and that of the past.” Sandholm adds that her class dedicated their 1969 CHS yearbook to Ed Quinn.

It was because of the influence of these two dynamic teachers that Sandholm knew, before she left the halls of CHS, that she wanted to become a teacher. In fact, while attending UMASS Lowell, Sandholm spent her summers doing art projects with the children who attended the town of Chelmsford summer recreation program. After graduating from CHS in 1969, Sandholm, the daughter of Raymond W. ('44) and Edna Taylor Judge, went on to UMASS Lowell to graduate with a BA in History and Art in 1973, and with a M.Ed. in 1981. Later, she became certified to teach English.



Cynthia Sandholm with some of her students who created the To Kill a Mockingbird Quilt

Her high school teaching career began in 1974, when Nashoba Valley Technical High School hired her as an academic instructor of English and social studies, and also as an American Art and Architecture instructor to the Restoration students. It was with many fond memories that she decided to leave Nashoba Tech in 1982, to join the New York Life Insurance Company as a field underwriter, where she was a member of the Million Dollar Round Table and received Rookie of the Year Honors in 1984 from the Women’s Life Underwriters Council. During that time Sandholm served for three years on the board of the *Samaritans* and was involved in fund raising projects for the organization.

By 1986, Sandholm was ready for a new challenge; her desire to combine her sales expertise with her art and architecture background brought her to Bradford Furniture in Concord, MA. While at Bradford, after a year of intensive study, she became CQRID (Council for the Qualification of Residential Interior Design) certified, gaining membership in the Interior Design Society.

“Working at Bradford was a fascinating experience working with many prominent and interesting

people on projects ranging from the interior design of residences to that of the Embassy in Amman Jordan.” Sandholm still remembers the day that that request came from the State Department. It was during her Bradford years that Sandholm once again returned to a teaching role as an adjunct professor in the interior design program at Endicott College. When Bradford closed in 1999, Sandholm moved on to become the in-house designer for Raymond’s Home and Carpet in Waltham, MA. While at Raymond’s, one project of which she is most proud, was assisting the owner of Mc Laughlin-Dello Russo Funeral Home, Fred Dello Russo, in overseeing the construction of and interior design of his new funeral home in Woburn, MA.

By September of 2000, that desire to teach, that had been influenced by the “two Ed’s,” brought Sandholm back to the high school classroom. This time she returned to CHS as a teacher to fill a part-time position teaching writing classes. The following year she began teaching freshman English classes full time. Today, fifteen years later, Sandholm remarks joyfully, “I love my freshmen, and I love the freshman curriculum. I could teach *Mockingbird* from now until forever.” She goes on to say, “I love their enthusiasm. They are not jaded; they are excited about the idea of high school and fresh new experiences.” Sandholm especially enjoys having the opportunity to watch her freshmen mature during their four years, and is excited to sit at graduation each year and watch as they accept their diplomas. A great match for the freshmen, Sandholm is patient, caring and nurturing.

Mindful that her freshmen come to the high school from two different middle schools, at the beginning of the year, Sandholm works to

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build a sense of community in her classes, spark her student's creative juices, get a writing sample, and ultimately create an atmosphere of warmth, welcome and comfort for her students. To that end, pairs of students are asked to interview each other, write a short bio about each other, draw a caricature of each other and then introduce each other to the class. The assignment is then laminated and placed on display for the parents on open house night.

Sandholm's *To Kill a Mockingbird* quilt project helps to bring the novel to life for her students. Each student is given a character or symbol or place from the novel and asked to design one square for the quilt. For example, the student assigned "A" for Atticus designs a square with written analysis of Atticus' role in the novel on one side and creates a visual representation on the flip side, and then presents the square to the class. After the squares are laminated, a committee of students decide on the lay out, create a center and hand tie all of the pieces, one for each letter of the alphabet, together. "Students always enjoy this project and find it rewarding to see the completed quilt at the end." Several years ago one of those quilts and some of her students, were featured in a *Lowell Sun* article.

"One of the best programs that has been initiated at the high school is PLUS block. It provides a wonderful opportunity to get to really know a group of kids." By June of 2016, Sandholm will have brought both the classes of 2012 and 2016 through four years of PLUS block. By their senior year, her PLUS block students certainly leave her class as more aware and responsible citizens with a true sense of the volunteer spirit. Her 2012 students held a major



Cynthia Sandholm with her 2016 PLUS block students

food drive collecting at least twenty large cartons of non-perishables, which they boxed and delivered to the Chelmsford Food Pantry. Those same students designed a garden by the PAC, planting daffodils, other bulbs and hostas. Along with Glynnis Perruccio's class, Sandholm's 2016 class collected money and purchased items to fill stockings for soldiers in Afghanistan. During the holidays her students, along with Judy Sheehan's PLUS block, raised funds, purchased gifts, and put together a holiday party for the Calvary Culture Club, an organization which works with immigrant and refugee students from the greater Lowell area. "One class even wanted to start a composting project," says Sandholm, who would like to see this idea come to fruition in the future.

An avid recycler, upcycler and composter, Sandholm shares that "something I am passionate about and would like to see in effect prior

to my retiring from CHS is an upcycling program (like the one in Westford) established within the Chelmsford Public Schools and the town at large. This program would provide funds that would be returned to the schools, rather than the town having to spend additional money to get rid of this trash. Through Westford's upcycling program, over \$10,000.00 has been returned to its schools; Chelmsford should be embracing this program. I have my classes recycle and upcycle. It teaches students about responsible citizenship, about respecting the dollar and their environment." Sandholm envisions senior PLUS block students working with pre-school and elementary students, helping to create an awareness and understanding of upcycling at an early age.

Always an advocate for students, Sandholm has tutored MCAS preparation for the last six years in a program provided after school



Cynthia Sandholm 2nd from left with the Reverend Hazel Roper center on the site of the new Baptist house property.

for freshmen and sophomores from January until the MCAS is administered. On most other afternoons, Sandholm can be found in her room working with her students, preparing the next day's activities, grading essays, sharing with her colleagues or studying for the Rethinking Equity and Teaching for English Language Learners (RETELL) course in which she is currently enrolled. She completed the *Universal Design for Learning (UDL)* class a few years ago. UDL helps teachers to address the "challenges created by high standards and increased learner diversity, to maximize learning for all students."

It is quite clear why Al Thomas, who was Sandholm's principal, describes Sandholm "as a loyal and compassionate friend, a dedicated and successful English teacher, a valuable member of the CHS English Department, and one who repeatedly seeks to help in extra ways, both in school and beyond the school day. Cindi is a true

professional who takes her teaching very seriously. She gets a great deal of satisfaction from seeing her students succeed in the classroom and after graduation." Thomas goes on to recognize Sandholm's commitment to the CHSAA. A life member of the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association, Sandholm serves on the Board of Directors, the Awards Night Committee, and the Scholarship Committee. She also volunteers her time to read the scholarship essays.

Sandholm's dedication to CHS goes far beyond the classroom as Valerie Diggs, former Department Coordinator of Libraries and CHS librarian knows well.

Diggs shares, "I had known Cindi through many years of collaboration on projects...particularly the Mythology project, of which we were both very proud. Cindi was a true professional, a wonderful colleague, and a loyal friend. I [had] learned of Cindi's prior profession as

an interior designer. When the time came to meet with furniture vendors, carpet reps, and space designers [for the library renovation project], I knew immediately who I wanted on my team....Cindi was invaluable when it came time to select a color palette, tile choices and carpet colors, chair designs and laminate colors. She was instrumental in selecting and purchasing the fabric for the booths in the café area and the high chairs. In summation, the project would have been far more difficult to complete in the absence of Cindi's expertise. Her willingness to selflessly give of her time and professional knowledge will never be forgotten."

Diggs goes on to say that "On December 5, 2008, the grand opening of the Learning Commons (formerly known as the library) was attended by Chelmsford's town leadership, parents, students, staff members, and school library gurus from across the nation. At the grand opening, the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Yeoman, awarded Cindi Sandholm and me the "*Champions for Children*" award for our efforts and vision in planning and designing the space."

Two years later, with the topic of another NEASC visit and accreditation coming in 2012, Diggs, well aware of the tremendous work and time commitment that this process involved, took on the position of Steering Committee co-chair and asked Cindi Sandholm to serve as her co-chair. "I was ready to jump in with both feet.... I naturally asked Cindi if she would serve as my co-chair and the rest is history. For almost three years we lived and breathed NEASC. Early-

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morning meetings, after school meetings, and during the school-day meetings were the norm. Many hours were spent putting committees together, reading and editing committee reports, planning for the visit, and much, much more.”

“Cindi and I took on the responsibility of hospitality for the visiting committee, which included making the hotel reservations, food and snacks, arranging for a room at the high school for the committee to work comfortably in, bringing in lunch for the committee as they worked, and ensuring that sufficient technology was available. The list was endless.... The work was hard, and the hours long, but Cindi never wavered in her commitment and dedication to her role. The 2012 NEASC visit was a success in good part due to Cindi’s heartfelt and absolute dedication to the success and ultimate achievement of accreditation for Chelmsford High School.”

Sandholm’s volunteerism extends beyond CHS. On Sundays since September, Sandholm has been volunteering her time at the Calvary Culture Club tutoring greater Lowell immigrants and refugees, who come from such places as Haiti, Africa, China, Cambodia and Myanmar and who represent many different religious denominations. This program, run by the Calvary Baptist Church, not only tutors over thirty students, but also feeds these children and supports them and their families in many other ways. Peer tutors, parents, and teachers from the Chelmsford middle schools and high school have provided strong support for the program. “Judy Sheehan, a CHS English teacher and doctoral student at UMASS Lowell, is volunteering her time to this

program and will use it as a basis for her doctoral work,” Sandholm adds. She is also volunteering her time to the building of the Baptist sponsored Habitat for Humanity house on Rock Street in Lowell, which is currently under construction. She has also been responsible for many fund raising activities.

When asked about her creative endeavors, she credits her UMASS Lowell professor, Carlton Plummer, renowned in the American Watercolor Society, for “being most influential in developing my use of watercolor as a medium.” For her creativity and talent, she has been the recipient of numerous awards and prizes for her watercolor, as well as her wood cuts and her needlework. From 1975 to 1982, Sandholm taught at the Elsa Williams International School of Needle Art located in the Winslow Homer House in West Townsend, MA. In 1976, she created *Angel Gabriel Designs* to sell antiques and needle art. She has designed needlework kits of the Martha-Mary Chapel and of Longfellow’s Wayside Inn, which were sold in support of these historical sites. “In 2001, I joined the *Borderline Spinners* group, which has opened up a new world of spinning and knitting with a fabulous group of new friends.”

“My greatest accomplishment, without a doubt, is raising my son, Trevor. Those years were wonderful in their perfect imperfection.” It is for Trevor that she hopes to one day “return to Ireland and England to continue the ancestral research that my father has started.” Sandholm goes on to say, “I continue to learn, on a daily basis, the importance of seeing the gift in every situation....I am most thankful for my health, my family and my friends.”

“Years from now, if people think of me, I hope it will be with the thought that, to a greater or lesser extent, I was a positive influence in their lives...[that] maybe somewhere along the way, I will have made a difference.”

Sandholm’s former dean, Jeff Doherty, beautifully captures the essence of Cynthia Judge Sandholm. “Cindi is a dedicated teacher who will give of her time, teaching skills, patience, and understanding to insure the success of each of her students. Her dedication and commitment to her craft, her students, her colleagues and to CHS are the cornerstones of her career and explain her value to and care for the whole CHS community. Cindi and I have been colleagues for many years, but more importantly, she is a cherished friend. From her time as a student at CHS to this point in her career, Cindi exemplifies why CHS is not only a great school, but also a place that truly houses a large, caring family.”

As for this writer, I could not be prouder of my cherished, life-long, dear friend Cindi, who has been positively influencing my life ever since the first grade. As she remembers it, “Johnson and Judge sat side by side in Dorothy Rostron’s first grade class at the Center School...just the beginning of an alphabetical connection that turned into a life-long friendship.” Ironically, our desks continued to be side by side prior to my 2009 retirement from CHS. My friend, I want you to know that you have made a difference in more ways than you will ever know, in the lives of so many people who have been lucky enough to have known you! We all have been touched by an Angel! ♦

ANNIE DONAHUE

STUDENT *Profile* ▸ By Monica Chang *Class of 2016*



This issue's student profile is on a well-respected and outstanding peer and student, Annie Donahue.

Annie is the daughter of Kathleen and William Donahue, and the youngest of three children. Both of her older brothers, Patrick ('08) and Brian ('10), also attended and graduated from CHS. Growing up, Annie heard about the sports programs at CHS from her brothers. When she entered CHS, she also became very involved in the sports program, leaving an impressive legacy behind her.

Annie just finished her fourth season of CHS Varsity Girls Volleyball, which she helped lead as captain this year. Coach Kendall Rizzo said, "Annie is the type of player every coach wants on her team. She respects her coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, and first and foremost, the game. Annie is always willing to help out her teammates both on and off the court, which is only one reason she was named team captain."

"She has a positive attitude, an unrelenting work ethic, and plays at a high level of intensity all the time," Rizzo continued. "Annie put a lot of work in during the off-season to up her game. She played club volleyball in the winter, beach volleyball in the summer, and worked with a strength coach 2-3 times per week."

Despite Annie's rigorous course load, including AP Psychology, Honors Anatomy and Physiology, and Architecture, she manages to play year-round volleyball, and is currently

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STUDENT Profile *Continued*

part of the Pumas Volleyball Club in Andover. Annie was even featured as a Max Preps Players of the Week for volleyball. Annie clearly loves the sport, wishing to pursue it in college, and said that she loves the closeness of the teams and how she was able to develop teamwork and make new friends. Her love of the sport is evident as her face lights up just talking about her teams and the sport!

Besides volleyball, Annie also plays basketball, and is in the middle of her fourth season playing Varsity Girls Basketball for CHS. Like volleyball, her commitment and skill has earned her the position as captain. She was part of the MVC All Conference Team for basketball. Besides her dedication to CHS sports, Annie is beloved and respected by her peers. Dean Robert Lyons said that "she is always smiling and is willing to help anyone. She is a selfless individual and is truly admired by her peers and teammates. I am so impressed with Annie's ability to balance her academics, athletics and work and still manage to put a maximum effort in everything she does."

She is a student mentor for freshmen at CHS, and has been a tutor at McCarthy Middle School. Her legacy continues to grow as Annie was the female November Student of the Month for Emerson House, part of the Senior Skit at the pep rally, and proudly holds the honor as Prom Queen.

It cannot be denied that Annie has made a genuinely positive impact at CHS. When asked about her favorite thing about CHS, Annie did not hesitate to say that she loved the "closeness and support" at CHS, as well as the school spirit. However, her positive impact is not by any means limited to CHS. During the summers of freshman year and sophomore year, Annie volunteered a total of approximately 200 hours at Emerson Hospital in Concord. This past summer, she attended a leadership conference at Stonehill College and helped at the Massachusetts Special Olympics. Her compassionate nature will continue to positively impact others in the future as she plans to pursue nursing in college, with a focus on children.

Within her packed summer and busy school year, Annie also finds the time to work part time at Sully's Ice Cream Stand. Annie is truly a talented, genuinely upbeat, friendly, and compassionate individual who CHS is extraordinarily proud of. She will be greatly missed by CHS when she graduates. Please join me in wishing Annie the best of luck and well wishes in her bright future, which she will surely meet with her seemingly endless smiles, positivity and determination. ♦

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▶ ATHLETICS REPORT ▶

By Nick Beati *Class of 2016*



This past fall, our teams were extremely successful.

We had 448 athletes competing in 10 Varsity Sports, 13 sub varsity programs and a student-training program with 11 students. The overall record was 78-52-11.

Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball Team which had a phenomenal season, making it to the North Final after a magical run through the quarter and semi-finals, defeating North Andover and Central Catholic in five sets. Our Girls Swimming and Diving Team had an awesome season, finishing 4th in the entire state. Our Boys Cross Country team was also very successful, coming in second in the MVC trailing back to back state champion, Lowell. In addition, our Girls Field Hockey Team and Boys Soccer Team both qualified for the state tournaments in Division 1 north. The Boys Soccer team won its last game of the year against Billerica in grand fashion in order to qualify. Field Hockey finished with a 13-4-2 record. Our Football Team finished strong winning two of their final 4 games against Dracut and Lexington before falling to a very talented Billerica team on Thanksgiving. Our Girls Soccer Team also finished strong despite starting 0-4 and had a chance of qualifying for the tournament, but lost to a tough Concord Carlisle team the last day of the season. The Golf Team won its last four matches, beating Billerica twice but came up short playing in a very competitive MVC. Finally our Girls Cross Country Team finished their fall season at 8-2 and ran in the MIAA Eastern Mass Championships.

The winter season is now upon us and all of our teams are poised to make a run in the Merrimack Valley Conference and hopefully into the MIAA Tournaments as well. We look forward to seeing all of our community supporters throughout the winter season.

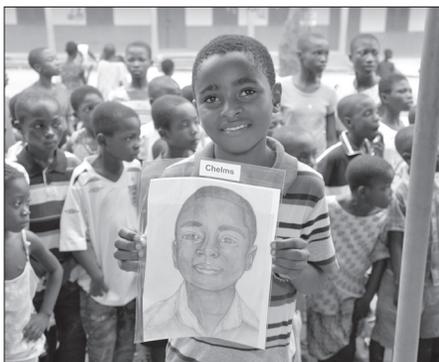
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Happy New Year! Have you been watching our Department TV show, *Spotlight on Fine Arts*? If so, you have an idea just how active the Fine and Performing Arts teachers and students have been this season. We are looking forward to another great year in 2016, and I am very pleased to share our department's exciting news with you!

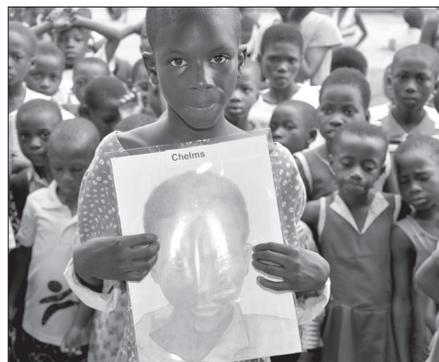
Chelmsford High School art students have been involved in a number of exciting projects, including the Memory Project, a nonprofit organization that provides an opportunity for art students to create portraits for youth around the world who have been neglected, orphaned or disadvantaged. This organization has been in existence since 2004 and has created and delivered over 50,000 portraits for children in 34 countries.



Sam Apostolakos portrait "Alexander" for the Memory Project

In past years, CHS students have created artwork for children around the world for the Memory Project, and will be sending portraits of Romanian children living in orphanages overseas this spring. The art students have expressed their deepest gratitude in being able to create such memorable portraits for needy children in past years, and continue to be deeply committed and excited to be able to share their artistic skills in creating portraits of children from other countries.

Many students have also been submitting work to competitions and exhibits. Several students have submitted art for selection for *The Marble Collection: Massachusetts High School Magazine of the Arts*. The Marble Collection (TMC) is a nonprofit organization that publishes the only Massachusetts statewide print and online magazine of the arts featuring jury-selected artwork, writing, poetry, photography, and music by students in grades 8-12. TMC also offers e-Mentoring workshops in which teen writers and artists are partnered with college student mentors who help them refine their voices and guide their work to publication. Selections for the magazine will be announced in February. Students have also



John Blake's portrait "Felicia" for the Memory Project

submitted works for the Google Arts Contest, the Chelmsford Cultural Council Photography Arts Contest, and the *Artists Magazine* Annual Art Contest, and the Emerging Young Artists exhibition at UMASS Dartmouth's College of the Visual and Performing Arts.

Students are exhibiting work for the Massachusetts Arts Education Association Youth Art Month in Boston's Transportation Building through January, the Westford Parish for the Arts Exhibit in February, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Student Art Gallery.

In addition, many of our CHS art students recently had work submitted into the annual Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Award Competition. Students involved will be awarded Gold Keys, Silver Keys, and Honorable Mentions by an experienced jury panel; Gold and Silver Award winning submissions will be exhibited at the Massachusetts State Transportation Building in Boston, and Gold Key works will travel to New York City for a national review. We will learn the results later this month, and teachers and students are keeping their fingers crossed!



Students perform at the Winter Concert

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS REPORT

Of course, a lot of art is happening on the local front as well. Our own Chelmsford Public Library will also host a K-12 exhibit through the month of March; this is always a fabulous exhibit, and I encourage you to drop by during that time! The reception for the exhibit is March 2 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Snacks will be served, and student musicians will provide music for the artists and guests in attendance. In addition, CHS Art Students currently have their artwork on display in the Special Education Office and House Offices, the Art Wing Display cases, and the CHS Learning Commons. I would encourage you to stop by when you can to see all of the student artwork on display throughout the building.

If you cannot make it to CHS to see our art on display, please consider visiting our online art gallery at www.lionart.net that features student work from our digital art classes, including Introduction to Photography, Digital Photography II, Graphic Design, and 3D Design and Animation.

The CHS Theater Guild has been hard at work this year, and enthusiastically presented their first



Amanda Roeder directs the Treble Chorus at the Winter Concert

December musical to packed houses each night, as theater-goers were treated to our production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music!* This choice was especially appropriate this year, as it marks the 50th anniversary of the famous Julie Andrews film.

A tuneful, heartwarming story, *The Sound of Music* is based on the real life story of the Von Trapp Family singers, one of the world's best-known concert groups in the era immediately preceding World War II. The story centers on Maria, a postulant nun who becomes a governess to seven children in the home of a widowed naval captain and re-introduces the family to love and music.

Directed by Lauren Cochran and with Musical Direction by Amanda Roeder and Matt Sexauer, the show stars several CHS veteran performers as well as many newcomers. Cast member include: Gabi Huggler (Maria), Landon Cass (Captain), Julia Segal (Liesl), Stephen Driscoll (Rolf), Gabi Cruz (Brigita), Sam Segal (Friedrich), Michael Marchessault (Kurt), Justine Long (Marta), Sophia Bellone (Louisa), Lily Rogers (Gretyl Thursday and Saturday evening), Delia Schiefen



New members of the Northeastern University A Cappella Group "Nor'easters," including '15 alum Arun Venigopal

(Gretyl Friday evening and Saturday matinee), Allison Belair (Elsa), Sam Fuschetti (Max), and Nadya Lisciotto (Mother Abbess).

Next, the Theatre Guild is preparing the children's play, *Imagine, Inc.* Written by seniors Allison Belair and Grace Leuper and directed by Gabi Huggler, this story brings back childhood memories as it takes you on a journey of the "invisible friends" of childhood.

Featuring over 40 cast members, the story is about Etch and Ferb, two imaginary friends who must work together to help their humans find real friendship. This show is sure to make kids of all ages laugh while it also pulls on the heart-strings!

Cast members include: Julie Ruff, Deborah Viezi, Michael Marchessault, Lauren Pratt, Will Marcotte, Alina Hernandez, Mia Kelly, Domenic Romano, Justine Long, Haleigh Finnegan, Tristan Heck, and many more!

Show dates are Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m., Friday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Carl J. Rondina Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students of all ages, and may be purchased at the door

Coming up later this year, Chelmsford will once again be hosting the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild One-Act Festival in the Carl Rondina Performing Arts Center on Saturday, February 27th 2016. Once again, the theater guild is premiering a new work for the Festival, entitled *Rapiendis Dei*.

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Rapiendis Dei is the true story of Edgardo Mortara, a Jewish boy who was taken from his family at the age of six because of an alleged Christian baptism performed by a servant. Based on the book, *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara*, the story brings history to life.

The show, directed by Lauren Cochran and Craig Robertson, features the best of Chelmsford High School's Theater Department. With original music by Sabrina Lambros (senior), the cast includes; Julia Segal as Nina, Jenny Mitchell as Marianna Mortara, Ryan Carey ad Momolo Mortara, Jacob Wetmore as Priest, Tristan Heck as Father Feletti, Peter Curtis as Cardinal Antonelli, Donovan Lowe as Pope Pius IX, Sydney Baron as Sister Catherina. Other cast members include: Peter Corr, Will Marcotte, Ethan Andrews, Stephen Driscoll, Krista Cabeca, Hannah Kunze, Katherone Desorchers, Nadya Lisciotta, Rachel McMillan, Kamran Sobhian, Jon Puffer, Sam Fuschetti, Sophie Lee, Gina Castellano, Victoria Sebastian, Michael Xavier, Gabi Huggler, Tyler Scherer, and many others. Jessica Holmes is the Lighting Designer, and Derek Briand is the Stage Manager.



CHS Theater Guild Students field trip to see "Waitress" at the A.R.T.

The METG preliminary festival will take place on Saturday, February 27 in the Carl J. Rondina Performing Arts Center. The performances begin at 9:00 a.m. Please check www.chelmsfordtheater.com for more details, as start times for each school have not been scheduled. There will be a show for the public the week before as well. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the day of festival.

Information for all shows is available on the Guild's website, www.chelmsfordtheatre.com.

In music news, CHS music students continue to excel across performance ensembles. The annual winter concert was a great success, and students in the Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Treble Choir, Thursdays A Cappella Choir, Concert Choir, Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Jazz



CHS Band performs at Fenway Park



CHS Band performs at Fenway Park



CHS Band at football games

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Band all played extremely well. The concert ended with our traditional finale, as alumni and community members joined the CHS ensembles onstage for a rousing rendition of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

In addition to in-district musical activities, on November 14, over 1100 music students from public and private schools across the Northeastern part of Massachusetts auditioned for the 2016 Northeast Senior District Music Ensembles. Out of this group, approximately 450 students from grades nine through twelve were selected to participate in this prestigious Massachusetts Music Educators Association (MMEA) event, 18 of which were from Chelmsford High School. These students performed for an amazing concert at Lowell High School on Saturday, January 9.

In addition to having these 18 students accepted into Senior Districts, students who received a score in the top 50% of their area were eligible to audition for the MMEA All-State Ensembles. This year, seven band, chorus, and orchestra students received an All-State recommendation!

The following CHS students were selected to participate in the following Northeast Senior District Music Ensembles (students with All-State audition recommendations have an asterisk next to their names):

CHORUS

Sydney Baron
Ryan Carey
Landon Cass
Gina Castellano*
Lora Coggins
Julia Segal*
Jake Wetmore*

ORCHESTRA

Richard Kaminuma*

BAND

Moira Andrews
Emily Bruce
John Clancy
David Cote*
Matthew Fransisco
Erick Lee*
Megan Long
Rafaele Nicoletta
Katelyn O'Donnell*
Evan Sayer

The CHS music Directors work diligently to develop students' skills, and to facilitate student participation in the Senior District Festival.

The CHS Ensembles Directors are:
Kate Comeau, Orchestra
Amanda Roeder, Chorus
Matthew Sexauer, Band

...But wait, there's more!
The Chelmsford High School Marching Band traveled to Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, MA in October to participate in the 31st annual UMass Band Day festivities. At this annual event, high school marching bands from all around New England and beyond receive a hands-on, realistic college band experience



Erick Lee plays his tuba at Fenway with the CHS Band

for a day. This is a huge event, and approximately 3,500 students performed on the field at halftime!

CHS Vocalists are making things happen as well! The new contemporary and a cappella group, "The Thursdays," under the direction of Amanda Roeder, have recently been accepted to perform at this year's N.E. Voices Festival! N.E. Voices is a two-day comprehensive festival experience for high school vocal ensembles and their teachers. The festival features dynamic performances, an optional competition, master classes, and workshops by experts in the field of contemporary a cappella. Founded and managed by high school teachers, N.E. Voices offers a festival experience that is educationally sound, affordable, and current with contemporary a cappella trends. This is the second year that this ensemble will participate in this event.

In February, the Thursdays will also compete at the Northeast Quarterfinal of the Varsity Vocals International Championship of High School A Cappella, and hopefully their performance will be "pitch perfect!"

I am also thrilled to report that CHS alum Arun Venigopal ('15) is currently performing with the elite a cappella group "The Nor'easters" of Northeastern University, and will assume the role of assistant musical director in the spring semester. This is the oldest and most established performance group on campus, and has continually striven to maintain the highest standards of musicality while still having fun. There are only 7 female and 9 male voices in the group, as well as one vocal

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percussionist. Being accepted into the ensemble is quite an honor for any Northeastern student, and especially one in his freshman year! Congratulations to Arun on this accomplishment.

I am also very pleased to share two exciting pieces of news related to CHS music; first, you may remember that last April, Chelmsford's All Town Wind Ensemble wowed crowds at Fenway Park as they performed the *Star Spangled Banner* at a Red Sox game. Chelmsford was back at Fenway this September 8th, when the CHS Marching Band performed the Star Spangled Banner and the Canadian National Anthem for the Red Sox/Blue Jays game that evening. Students and Band Faculty alike were ecstatic at the opportunity to perform behind home plate on the field. Director Matthew Sexauer commented, "Having the opportunity to perform two national anthems at Fenway was a huge thrill and great experience for our students and staff. The Red Sox organization was extremely helpful and professional, and our students had an outstanding performance."

Finally, in November, The GRAMMY Foundation[®] (www.grammyfoundation.org) announced that Chelmsford has been selected as a GRAMMY Signature Schools

Semifinalist for 2016, one of only **119 schools nationwide and 2 schools in Massachusetts that have received this distinction!** Created in 1998, the GRAMMY Signature Schools program recognizes top U.S. public high schools that are making an outstanding commitment to music education during an academic school year. **This is the second year that CHS has been nominated a Signature Schools Semifinalist!**

In mid-March, the GRAMMY Foundation will announce the finalists for the GRAMMY Signature Schools program. These schools will receive a custom award and a monetary grant ranging from \$1,000 up to \$10,000 to benefit their music program.

It is an honor for CHS to have been selected for as a GRAMMY Signature Schools Semi-Finalist for the past two years! This speaks to the quality of our programming, our course selections, and the dedication of our teachers and students. In addition, it is important to acknowledge that without strong music programs K-8, the CHS program would not be as successful. All music teachers in the district should take pride in this designation.

I would like to thank the faculty in the department for their tireless commitment to our department,

school, and students. They are:

VISUAL ARTS:

Madalena Alves
Diane Cogliano
Ashley Cook
Virginia Cramer
Allison Gover
Terry Karangioze

PERFORMING ARTS:

Lauren Cochran
Kate Comeau
Amanda Roeder
Matt Sexauer

I would invite you to watch at your convenience to keep abreast of Fine Arts news! *Spotlight on Fine Arts* is aired daily on the TeleMedia educational channel (CTM ED) on Comcast 22 and Verizon 36. Episodes can also be viewed online at <http://www.chelmsfordtv.org>

In closing, I wish our CHS Alumni all the best through the new year, and as always, extend to all an invitation to please to drop in and say "Hello" at any of our events!

Best Regards,

Christina Whittlesey
Fine and Performing Arts
Department Coordinator
Chelmsford Public Schools ♦



Kate Comeau directs the Orchestra at the Winter Concert

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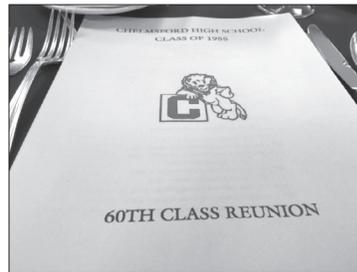
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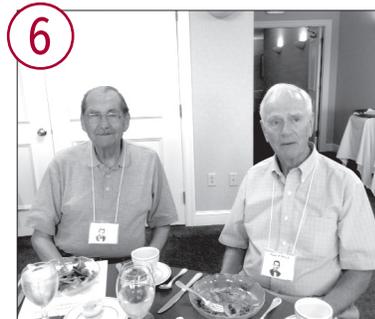
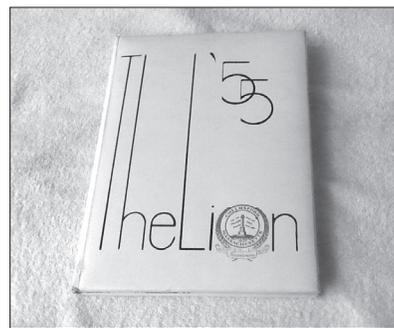
CLASS OF '55

THE TERCENTENNIAL CLASS ▸ 60th Reunion



- 1) Judy (Fisher) and Louis Chandonnet
- 2) Marie (LaHaise) Duncklee, Mary (Blaisdell) Tanguay
- 3) Alvin and Gloria (Paduch) Byrum
- 4) Donald and Dottie (Charest '58) Clement
- 5) Pati and Larry Litchfield
- 6) Ron Thayer, Richard Burt
- 7) Gertrude (Smith) Allaby, Juliette Geoffroy (guest)
- 8) Carol (French) Miller, Gerald Greska
- 9) Wendell Luke, Bernard (Ben) and Anita (Crouse '57) Lacourse
- 10) Ron Taylor, Judy (Harrington '60) Leary, Earl Guilmette
- 11) Allen and Judy (Bomil) Killeen
- 12) Bob and Gay McEvoy
- 13) Tom Long ('63), Gertrude (Long) (GiGi) Kelleher
- 14) Barbara and Tom Bovill
- 15) Lee (Woody) Woodworth, Carol (Abrahamson) Bovill
- 16) Dottie (Tassios) Zahos, Beverly (Bell) Collins
- 17) Chuck and Marie (LaHaise) Duncklee





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Mail your materials to:

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Representatives of reunion classes or other social gatherings who submit photographs are strongly advised that these pictures be submitted as far in advance of the newsletter deadline as possible, so that any necessary corrections can be made. In all cases, pictures should be accompanied by names and include "Class of" year in titles.

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It is with sadness that we have to report another death in the Class of 1947. Bob Dinnigan passed on September 29, 2015. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Arlene and children Scott & Charlene, as well as sisters Charlotte ('51) White and Norma ('53) Gagnon. - George

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Happy 2016 to all! It is hard to believe that come June we will have graduated 66 years ago.

In news from some of our classmates, Phyllis (Palgren) Almgren, living in Rockland, CA, wrote in a Christmas card and letter that she enjoyed taking her daughter-in-law and granddaughters to a production of the Nutcracker, and that despite the drought and water restrictions imposed in her area, her garden did surprisingly well. She also reports that she enjoys singing in her church choir.

Rick Hadley sends news of a recent knee replacement and that he is recovering well from the procedure. He also reports that he is faring well after his heart attack three years ago, and is thankful for his health. We join you Rick in being thankful for your good health.

In other good news, Elizabeth (Gannon) Connolly had on her Lifeline locket when she fell in her home, and assistance arrived quickly. We are so glad you were helped by Lifeline, Elizabeth.

Our condolences go out to

classmates Connie (Greenwood) Picard on the passing of her cousin Arthur Greenwood ('41), and to Dawn (Scrizzi) Cantara on the passing of husband of 63 years, Tom Cantara ('48).

This past year saw the passing of two members of our class. Maureen (Bishop) Hardy died on August 4, 2015. As noted in last fall's Lion's Pride, Maureen had a very successful nursing career, and is remembered fondly by your Class Agent as a wonderful forward, who almost never missed a shot, on our girls' basketball team. Our condolences go out to Maureen's husband David and her entire family on their loss.

We received word over Christmas that classmate Pat Flynn passed away last April. Pat and his wife Betty were both at our 60th class reunion, where he proudly wore his CHS alumni shirt and cap. Pat will be missed greatly, as he kept in touch with so many of us over the years. Our deepest sympathies to Betty and family.

I received a phone call from classmate Tom Shedd, in which he reported that after not having seen fellow classmate Eddie Bishop in many years, he ran into him twice in a week -- once at an Old Timers' dance, and then again at the racetrack. How is that for a small world? I love hearing about these chance meetings between old friends!

May all have a happy and healthy year ahead, and please keep the Class of '49 news coming!

Fondly, - Skip

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Just a note before I start this article to those classmates who receive the Lion's Pride: When I took over for Dot Marinel as class agent, I was receiving very little news and what I did often came from Dot thanks to her location. The list the Lion's Pride gave me for our class has 33 members on it, and of that, three have recently passed away. The wife of one of our deceased classmates is still receiving the *Lion's Pride*.

On September 10, 2015, the class of 1950 had its 65th reunion. The reunion was held at the home of Bob and Jean Kydd in Chelmsford. Classmates helping Bob and Jean to do the start-up with invites, details etc., were Bob and Miriam Smith, Jackie Storti, Dottie (Simpson) Marinel, Marilyn (Watt) Dana and her husband Edgar, and Jack Costello.

Twenty classmates attended. We weren't able to contact a number of due to moving or for other reasons.

In the last issue we noticed that Donald Picard had passed and during the putting together of the invitations for this reunion, we found out that Roger Proulx lost his wife about four years ago. We also had news from Sylvia (Burton) Pokraka, notifying us that her husband died in 2013. Sylvia now has 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren with two more on the way.

Our latest loss of a classmate, who actually attended the Reunion, was Janet (Adams) Macentee. She was a lifelong resident of Chelmsford

and died peacefully on the Monday, November 9, 2015 at the D'Youville Senior Care Center in Lowell. She was the wife of the late Henry J. Macentee who passed in 2003. Prior to her retirement, she was employed at Nashoba Valley Technical High School as a special education teacher and at Wang Laboratories as an Accounts Receivable Clerk. She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Chelmsford, the Order of the Eastern Star Billerica Chapter # 212, the Essex Society of Genealogists Inc., Chelmsford Historical Society, CHS Alumni Association, Middlesex Canal Association of Billerica, and the Knit-A Round Knitting group at the Chelmsford Senior Center. She is survived by daughter Kathy and her husband Robert Feeney of Chelmsford, a son Robert H. Macentee of NH and many grandchildren. She was the mother of the late John Macentee and mother-in-law of the late Bruce F. Knowles. Interment was in Heart Cemetery, Chelmsford. Note: Janet passed 66

days after attending our reunion and told everyone she was glad she attended. I received a thank you card from Janet in October thanking me for the great pictures. "I am really enjoying them. Best regards, Janet Macentee." This card will be kept in my file.

We were saddened to hear that Bob White's wife Charlotte's (51) brother, Robert Dinnigan '47, passed on September 29, 2015 in Bedford New Hampshire. Our condolences to his family.

Notes from those unable to attend the reunion:

Norman Forest, whose wife was recovering from major operation, reported that they have been married for 60 years and have six children, 12 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Dorothy (Daigle) Smith conveys that she has four children and a stepson, 18 grandchildren, and 14 great

grandchildren. She is a very busy lady.

George Pelletier has been married for 58 years, and has four children, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Notes from those attending:

Dottie (Simpson) Marinel was the second child of 10. In her younger days, she and her sister would take trips to other states. She loved to picking strawberries and making jam. She had a garden and canned lots of pickles and relish. "Those were the days!"

Marilyn (Watt) Dana is "still busy after all these years! She has a wonderful daughter and son-in-law, six adult grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Good health and blessings."

Marjorie (Lakin) Poplar attended the reunion with her son. "I'm deaf, and never knew exactly what was going on. I have three sons, one is a disabled vet after 20 years as an MP. I have traveled a little, to Rome, Jerusalem, Greece, Austria, Germany, Mexico, and Canada to name a few. If I don't speak to you, it's because I can't see your face. You see I am legally blind."

The class members and guests who attended follow: Jackie (Sidelinger) Storti, Janet (Adams) Macentee, Al Gervais, Jack Costello and Judy, Lorna (Burton) Aham, Carolyn (Burt) and Herb Bennett, Janet (Bomil) and George Georges, Jean (Gervais) Mulligan and daughter Pat, Connie (Pomeroy) Stone, Bob and Charlotte White, Richard and Barbara Leaver, Marilyn (Watt) and Edgar Dana, Ed and Eileen Duffy, Charles and Claudia Zaher, Bob and Miriam Smith, Roger Proulx, Marjorie (Lakin) Hopler and son, Clara (Diruzza) Arnold, and hosts Bob and Jean Kydd.



Class of 1950: 65th Class Reunion at Jean and Bob Kydd's

Front Row, L to R, Bob Kydd, Jack Costello, Charles Zaher Row 2, L to R, Lorna (Burton) Aham, Dottie (Simpson) Marinel, Carolyn (Burt) Bennett, Clara (Diruzza) Arnold Row 3, L to R, Jean (Gervais) Mulligan, Marilyn (Watt) Dana, Roger Proulx, Jackie (Sidelinger) Storti Row 4, L to R, Marjorie (Lakin) Hopler, Janet (Bomil) Georges, Connie (Pomeroy) Stone, Janet (Adams) Macentee Row 5, L to R, Al Gervais, Bob White, Ed Duffy, Eileen Duffy, Bob Smith, Richard Leaver

Jean was a very busy lady as I received many emails from her and some from Bob as the process of putting together such an event never seems to be complete. You always have another question or wonder, "did we forget something?" Bob and Jean were wonderful hosts at their beautiful home. The weather kept most of our class inside, except for the class picture. - Jack

Note: the last issue of the Lion's Pride had a typing error; the name Hugh McInerney should have been Hank, which is short for Henry.

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Hi Again: No news from classmates, so I'll be the "news" this month.

I was blessed to take a tour of Scotland (my mother's birthplace) in August. We landed in Glasgow and headed north, took a cruise on Loch Lomond and then on to the Isle of Skye, the Culloden Battlefield, and to St. Andrews, ending in Edinburgh where we were able to attend the 2015 Military Tattoo, a spectacular show. We then flew home after eight days of trying to take everything in. I'm now reading the series "Outlander" which is set in Scotland and am able to picture the scenes about which they are talking. It's a great series (seven books) and I'm enjoying them all.

Had a great Thanksgiving Holiday with family and looking forward to Christmas. It's great fun to watch ten little great-grandchildren grow.

We will head to New Port Richey,

FL in February and hopefully we will be able to visit with our classmates who are now living in Florida.

What's new with y'all?? - Pat

It was sad to hear that Charlotte (Dinnigan) White's brother, Bob ('47), passed away on September 29, 2015. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Arlene and their two children, as well as Charlotte's sister Norma ('53) Gagnon.

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The following is from Pat (Toms '51) Merrill about Carole (Simm) Greenman who has relocated to Brookdale Residential Facility in North Chelmsford for health reasons. Her sons had to make sure that she stayed safe after husband, George, died and this was the best solution. Carole would like to hear from any classmates. Her address is: Brookdale Residence #133, Technology Drive, N. Chelmsford, 01863.

Pat recently visited Carole and reports that she is "settling in quite nicely at Brookdale, but has advanced a bit more with memory loss. She didn't have any trouble recognizing me, but we've been friends for so long -- long ago stuff seems to stay with our memory, it's the day-to-day stuff that we forget."

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Editor's note: Roy Zabierek has notified the Lion's Pride that due to illness, he is no longer able to serve as Class Agent. Part of his message reads, "Giving up the CHS 1953 Class Agent role is a "killer" for me. I love the role. I hope my contributions reflected that enthusiasm. I especially enjoyed writing the Classmate Profiles." He hopes someone is willing to take over and says, "I'll be glad to fully cooperate in any transition program."

We thank Roy for his years of service.

Bruce Leach has written to let us know that they have a new great-grandson (Sebastian Eldridge,) who joins their 6 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. Congratulations!

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My-Dear-Classmates---Amazing, fantastic, hit the ball out of the park, made a touchdown, and scored a goal, for our 60th luncheon Reunion, held at the Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro, MA from 11:00 to 3:00 on September 16, 2015. As I write

this article, on a sunny day in St. Augustine FL, in December, I am trying to collect my thoughts, notes, and great photos (be sure to check out the photos elsewhere in the Pride), all together in order to submit everything on time to the Class News Editor of the Lions Pride. By the time you receive your Winter issue of the Lion's Pride, Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year's 2016 celebration, will have all gone by. Spring will soon be arriving in all its glory. Now where to begin?

(Editor's note: Because the Town of Chelmsford celebrated its 300 birthday in 1955, its graduating class that year was known as the Tercentennial Class (TC) of 1955!)

Tercentennial Class of 1955 60th Reunion---

I will begin with the drive along the entranceway across the White Bridge to the Vesper Country Club. As you approached the Club on a pretty fall day, you would have noticed the Maroon and White balloons, which Richard Burttt had placed for our first welcome greeting. The next greeting was just outside the River Room inside the Club. There to meet and greet, along with handing out the Program with the Directory of the names and addresses of our Classmates and the name tags for the Classmates and their spouse or guest, were Dottie (Tassios) Zahos and Carol (French) Miller.

With warm fuzzy feelings and some in tears, one by one our dear classmates walked down the hall to the entrance of the River Room. Lots of hugs, even if we could not recognize whom so and so were! However, once we matched a face to the nametag, the stories began. The River Room was located on the second floor overlooking the Merrimack River. It was a perfect day weather wise. Everyone was there by about 11:00ish, just in time to

begin our social hour, have our Class Photo taken, check out the display table with all the memorabilia, old photos, along with all the photos of our 25 deceased classmates, munch on a tray of fruit, and a platter of assorted cheeses. We also had a server work the floor with a yummy tray of stuffed mushrooms.

At noon, a garden salad and nice warm rolls with butter were served at our beautiful tables, which were decorated with maroon tablecloths, white napkins and a small flower arrangement for the center of each table. We also placed a yearbook on each table, for our mates to review. Such memories! While everyone was munching on their salad, I walked around to each table and took some great candid photos. After our salad was finished, the servers directed one table at a time to the buffet table.

We had servers point out the veggies and potatoes and they also helped with the serving of the entrees, either New England Baked Haddock or Roasted New York Strip Steak. For dessert, the servers brought a platter of the chef's sampler of finger cakes, along with coffee, tea, or your favorite beverage to each table.

This would be a good place to thank all the friendly, efficient staff and servers at the club, for a job well done. Also thanks to Richard Burttt for his efforts, time, and dedication while working with the club, making it into simply, a perfect afternoon. A thank you goes to Wendell Luke, for the nametags and the memorial display for our deceased classmates. He also put together a fun/sad program, characterized by much reminiscing and many treasured memories, and in his role as Master of Ceremonies, he did, as Dottie Zahos said, a terrific job in keeping the momentum going. I also want to thank Dottie and Carol Miller for doing the meet and greet. The biggest thank goes to our classmates and guests who came to yet another

special reunion. They came from as far west as California, south as Florida, mid Atlantic, Maryland and Delaware, and as far north as Maine and New Hampshire.

Our own, Rev Dr. Wendell Luke, Jr., took to the floor after our fabulous lunch, as MC, to welcome all 22 Classmates and their guests. He handed a copy of his planned agenda, to every classmate. Then, Wendell called on me to join him, to take notes for the following: He called it, "Helping Marie! Part 1." Best memory or best learning or one thing you want to share from High School, etc. The following includes many of the comments: Ron Thayer, Class Vice President--McFarlin--Basketball--Boston Garden--Eastern MA Tech Tourney--Lost by one point. Gertrude (Smith) Allaby--Princeton Street School--Miss Maynard--I hung with Arlene Kelley, Elaine Kukulski, Helen McLenna and Anita Mueller, so sad, they are all deceased. Carol (Abrahamson) Bovill--Quessy--Cheerleading, remembered Pat Sorbo, Janet Slater and Nancy Leslie, all deceased. Richard Burttt--Westlands--full appreciation for History from taking European History taught by Miss Booth. It was the start of a longtime interest in and enjoyment of historically based novels. Bob McEvoy--many trips to the office--first to get a driver's license from drivers ed-poor Mr. Dunigan. GiGi and I reminisced about the Princeton Street School, which we both attended and missed not seeing Betty (Morrison) Butler, I remember her as being the Tercentennial Queen as well as a majorette. Beverly (Bell) Collins--a great place and time to grow up--Field Hockey Co-Captain with Carole (Harper) McQuarrie. Tom Bovill--McFarlin School--Ron Taylor--we are the last of the gang--oldest in my class--celebrated my 80th in June. Mary (Blaisdell) Tanguay--changing schools, from McFarlin to the Westlands, with

Edrene (Gunther) Lobas and Marie-enjoyed the class Miss Emerson taught. Judy (Fisher) Chandonnet--Westlands School, went home for lunch-rode our bikes everywhere, a wonderful life-said Prue (Pouliot) McBride, wanted to be remembered and says hello to all. Larry Litchfield--Westlands-Judy next door-Miss Booth. Don Clement--Westlands School-no drugs-Mrs. Carriel set me straight-allowed to sleep in Study Hall-did some bad things-didn't want to talk about it-got blamed for balloons in the corridor-I think it was Randy Hoyle. Gloria (Paduch) Byrum--Highland Ave School-remembers Basketball, Co-Captain, junior and senior years with Judy Bomil-played half court-I was a guard-won the Suburban League Championship-youngest in my class. Ben Lacourse--Quessy-hated English-Mrs. Carriel turned me around. Gertrude (Long aka GiGi) Kelleher--Princeton Street School-Miss Scoboria and Miss Booth, both lived to be 100-Basketball-Majorette. Wendell Luke--Quessy-Miss Booth made me work hard, pushed me, she saw a lot of potential in me-basketball and football. Carol (French) Miller--Westlands-loved music-enjoyed being a Melo Tone with, Peggy Connor, deceased, Linda Patton, and Prue-our big thrill was singing on TV channel 9-Majorette Captain. Jerry Greska--Highland Ave School-Talent Show, Davey Crockett, wore Coonskin Hats and had real guns. Judy (Bomil) Killeen--Highland Ave school-loved sports, softball, field hockey and basketball co-captain, junior and senior year with Gloria--was a forward--was caught on the wrong bus by Mr. Dunigan, he kicked us off. Dottie (Tassios) Zahos--came to the Westlands School in the 7th grade from Lowell--everyone was so friendly toward me--lasting friends--didn't play sports, but went to all the games--let the turtles out of the science room, to

race out in the Hall with Pat Vaipan, deceased--remembers Robert Russell putting a tack on Mr. Dunigan's chair, then put one on Robert's chair and he never felt it. Ron Taylor--McFarlin-bought six golf balls for Mr. Hicks, to make sure he passed me--Tom Bovill, mentioned that we are the last of the gang, Eric (Billy) Johnson, Ray Jolin, Malcolm and David Kydd, are all deceased. Earl Guilmette--from Keith Academy in our junior year--just very happy to be here. Marie (LaHaise) Dunclee--Westlands School-loved softball, lost to Highland Ave School-field hockey and basketball--Miss Scoboria, taught me leadership--Lenny Leedburg sat behind me all four years in home room and in some classes, miss him not being here, said to say hello--also miss Bob Wetmore and Paul Peterson for all the help they gave our class for our past reunions, both deceased--also Mrs. Carriel, I hated having to read A Tale of Two Cities, now one of my all-time favorites, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..."--Eileen (Harrington) Collomb--Westlands School--Eileen wanted to be remembered and said to say hello to everyone--her plans changed at the last minute and she was unable travel north.

"Wendell still working the floor. Part 2." What do you want us to know about you at this time (family, trips, hobbies, etc.), something you are willing for Marie to share!! The following are the comments: Ron Thayer--I was retired and playing golf--got bored--went back to work--after a visit with my son in New York, I will fly back home to Oakland, CA--I have 3 sons, 5 grands, and 2 greats. Richard Burtt--Very understanding wife of 49 years, my soul mate--2 children, 1 grand--our future travel plans--Miami, FL and Littleton, CO for visits--love to garden and golf. Gertrude--I am on top of the world--I call it the

penthouse--senior housing in North Chelmsford--my family 5 children, 6 grands, 3 greats. Carol Abrahamson--I retired last June--live in Center Harbor, NH--Lake Winnepesaukee is in my view everyday--love to spend time on the Cape for my birthdays--two sons nearby. Mary--have fun with my knitting group--my trips are done for now--love living in Alton, NH--2 children, 2 grands. Bob McEvoy--I have the best Wife, Gay of 55 years--4 children, 9 grands keep us very busy. GiGi--Same house for fifty Years in Wilmington, DE--spend a lot of time with my family, 4 children, 3 grands. Beverly--St. Croix in the winter--sailing--family 3 daughters and 3 grands. Ben--celebrated my 54th Anniversary with my beautiful wife Anita in May--3 daughters, 4 grands. Gloria--enjoy meeting with my knitting group--golf--Al and I celebrated our 49th wedding Anniversary in July--we love our family of 3 boys, 2 grandchildren. Wendell--Reba and I celebrated our 52nd Wedding Anniversary and we are looking forward to our Seattle trip in October--spend most of our free time with our two grands driving to basketball games and gymnastic events. Tom--I love my beautiful family, 2 boys, 3 grands, 1 great granddaughter--my soul mate/best friend, my wife Barbara of 54 years--spending time at our cottage on Silver Lake in NH. Judy Bomil--note card paintings--many walks on the beach--Allen and I will be celebrating our 57th wedding anniversary September 20th--2 sons, 1 daughter, 1 grand. Carol French--I am still singing, now with a new coral group--4 children and 8 grands. Jerry G --golf--working in my yard--2 sons, 5 grands. Donnie--Dottie and I are looking forward to traveling to our winter home in Vero Beach, FL--from there we will drive to El Paso, TX to meet our first great-grandchild, Austin Charlie Donald, born August 12th--we also have 6 children, 12 grands--my soul mate,

best buddy and I will celebrate our 57th in December. Earl--The love of my life, Bunny was unable to attend but said to say hello to all--we celebrated our 57th in August with the whole family--my horse Charlie is my back yard buddy--3 children, 7 grands, 1 great. Dottie--I enjoy gardening and meeting with my garden club--active with the library and a book club--the love of my life, Chris and I celebrated our 55th Anniversary in February and we are not planning any more long organized trips--I am very active with LIRA (Learning in Retirement Association) a U Mass Program--enjoy going to events for my 2 grands. Ronnie--looking forward to my FL vacation in March and April, will visit with my son Ron in GA on the way south--summer trips to Winnepesaukee at daughter Diane's and Maine at daughter Susan's, to be with family-- 5 grands. Judy Fisher--Louis my soul mate, best friend and I will celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary October 29th--don't have a hobby to speak of--we consider our summer home in Sago, ME our hobby and the love of our life--God willing we will be flying out to Los Gatos, CA to spend the month of March with my daughter Susan and family--we will be happy to be there for Easter weekend--1 son, 3 daughters--very proud to have fourteen grands. Larry--Pati my business partner and loving wife and I are in the process of closing our Dairy Bar/Restaurant, Sawyers in Gilford, NH--we closed Labor Day Weekend--but will open this coming weekend to sell the last of the ice cream--Pati makes all the ice cream, while I manage the business--planning a trip to St. Augustine, FL for January, February and March--while there we will visit with my sister Deborah and her husband Gordon in Ponte Verde--3 daughters, 6 grands. Marie--gardening--swimming--I walk the beach with friends in the morning--once a month

day trips to explore The St. John's River on a pontoon boat, Dolly too--we attend ongoing Dolly dog training, agility and obedience--Chuck and I love playing tourist in the Oldest City, which celebrated its 450th this year--there are so many places in Florida to visit, horse, cattle and agriculture farms, old Navy ship yards, we are always looking for a nice day trip on our own somewhere--my soul mate and best friend, Chuck and I will celebrate our 47th Anniversary in May--we miss the funny farm and all our dear dear friends--but I think of you all, when I write our class news for the Lion's Pride--I am as far away as the phone or email. Love you all.

Wendell asked us all to pay a tribute by reciting the name of each deceased classmate, one at a time, who had passed on:

Raymond Bill, Donald Caron, Margaret (Connor) Jolin, Franklin Farrow, Donald Fogg, Thomas Gallagher, Jr., Joseph Gravelle, Wilfred Hall, Eric (Bill) Johnson, Arlene (Kelly) Narkunas, Elaine (Kukulski) Vierra, Malcolm Kydd, Nancy (Leslie) Avila, Helen (McLenna) Baron, Joanne (Merrill) Dziegiel, Anita Mueller, Paul Peterson, William Prescott, Edgar Santamour, Jr., Newton Selfridge, Janet (Slater) Yarid, Patricia (Sorbo) Carlson, Patricia Vaipan, Nancy (Wainwright) Coleman, and Robert Wetmore. Our class advisors: John Dunigan and Marjorie Scaboria. After a moment of silence, we all recited a prayer written by Wendell.

Prayer---

Gracious and Loving God, we remember with joy at this time all those whom we celebrate who faithfully lived and who peacefully died. We thank you for all fair and fond memories and all living hopes; for the ties that bind us to that unseen world; for the dear and holy dead who compass us as a great

cloud of witnesses and make the distant heaven a home to our hearts. May we, in our time, be the followers of those who have inherited the promises of our faith. We pray all this in the confidence that comes to those of us who believe in your loving goodness, O GOD. Amen.

Toast---

Richard proposed a fantastic idea, he suggested that we have a champagne toast, after our prayer and before everyone started to leave, after the servers finished filling our glasses with champagne. Wendell asked everyone to lift up their glasses, to continue our love for each other throughout our Golden Years, remember all those who could not be here and all our deceased classmates. God Bless you all.

Tid-bits---

In August, Bill and Coppy Vennard, of Columbia, MD spent a fantastic vacation out on the Outer Banks, with the whole family. They have two children and four grands. He was so sorry and sad to have missed our reunion. It just wasn't in the cards and said to say hello to all. This past October, Tom and Barbara Bovill, Carol Bovill and her companion Lee, all went to the Fryeburg, ME fair. They had great fall weather and a fantastic time. Betty (Morrison) Butler and her companion Don Sherman are glad to be back in Orlando, FL after their summer of fun in Branson, MO, with her son Mark and three grands. Betty and Don stayed in a fabulous RV park and met a lot of great people. She was sad not to be able to attend our 60th, but asked to say hello to all who did attend. Dottie and Chris Zahos went on a group tour to Waltham, MA. They attended a USO Military Show, (Reagle Players) and then went to dinner before leaving for home. Eileen (Harrington) Collomb flew out to Portland, OR to spend

Thanksgiving with her brother Bob Harrington and his family. It was so nice to receive an email Christmas Eve greeting from Ken (Pin Ball) and Ann Carter of Charlotte, ME wishing us a very blessed Merry Christmas from Chelmsford attendees of the Carter family, sister Pat, brothers, Ernie and Art. A perfect ending for 2015. Yeah!

Up-in-coming---

The 6th annual "Gals of 1955" get together will be coming up in May or June. If you're interested in joining them, to catch up and have lunch at the Java Room in Town, give Dottie a call at 978-392-7979 or email her at dzahos@verizon.net.

Till Next Time---

Enjoy spring and celebrate the coming of summer! Have a Blessed Happy Easter; be safe, well and Happy!! - Marie

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I had a call from Ray Johnson in December; he and Dina are going to be coming for a visit in June and we'll be having a get together then.

I also talked to Tom Connors, who's enjoying living in Texas.

Dick DeFreitas and his wife Pat spent a wonderful three weeks in Hawaii in October.

The "57 Girls" have been on the go as usual for breakfast, bean suppers, movies, walks, etc. There were 10 of us for our December breakfast.

We had our annual "between Christmas and New Year's luncheon." Naturally it was the day we had our first snow and ice storm, which kept five "57ers" who had planned on attending, from doing so. The eleven hearty souls who did come were Nancy (Small) and Jack Cavanaugh, Dick and Pat DeFreitas, Beth (Simpson) McHugh, Ann Marie (Schlstedt) Winkowski, Dick Gauthier, Joyce (Dirubbo) Ham, Art Provencal, and Sandy (Ricciardi) and Wayne Kilburn. We were noisy crew but a good time was had by all. We're thinking of having another get together in February or March.

Please send me some news!
Until next time - Sandy

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Hi all, It's that time again! And I'm back!! So hard to believe the holidays are over....where does the time go? All the running around and shopping, wrapping, hoping everyone likes their gifts, and most of all spending time with my kids and grandkids!!! Love the holidays and hope you all enjoyed them as much as I did!

Received a Christmas card from Charlie Connor.....he gave me a

little, good-natured I hope, jab about how I always ask you guys to send me news. He told me that he had been retired for a few years and that his wife will be retiring sometime this year. They have three children, eleven grandchildren and four great-grandkids!! He also said that they had a farm that they sold and that they have a camp on the Sebasticook River in Maine. One of my sisters lives in Maine so I was curious as to where Pittsfield is located. It is actually not too far from Bangor and my sister Joan is in Lamoine up near Bar Harbor. So, Charlie, as you can see I like to know where our classmates live and play!! Glad you reached out and hope you enjoy reading the Lion's Pride! It is fun getting the news so keep it coming!!

Sadly, we lost another of our classmates. Patricia (Nordin) Sousa passed away on October 26, 2015 after a long battle with cancer. Pat was a great athlete, especially basketball, if I remember correctly. She always had a smile for everyone she met.

The "lunch bunch" has been doing our restaurant research!! We keep trying different ones and we do enjoy them all. We do have a real liking for "Good Thymes" in Lowell....never had a bad meal there. Sometimes it is Diane (Archer) Chaney, Carol (Belleville) Curran, and Judy (Cullen) Thompson and me and then there are times when Bob and Lee Gagnon join us. Last year we had a "biggie" when Ron and Val (Broscombe) Bell, Jim Curran, and Peter Vennard came with us. No matter who is in the group, we have a blast!

It is that time of year when some of our classmates head south to the warmer weather....sometimes I get a little envious, but then I do enjoy the seasons!! Hopefully though, we won't have a winter like last year.

I had a call from Judy Provencal's husband Archie who gave me the news that Judy is in Assisted Living and is no longer able to continue as Class Agent. We send her our best and thank her for her many years of service.

The Chelmsford High School Hall of Fame inductees have been announced and again I am amazed at the many talents of our graduates. Looking forward to attending as it is a truly wonderful evening and we get to meet and greet so many great people. The committee and the Alumni Association do such a great job and deserve a huge round of applause for their efforts.

In that same vein, I would like to commend all the people who work so hard to put together the Lion's Pride! It is truly something to be proud of and I am happy to contribute in a small way to this great newsletter. Again, please send me some info, as we would all like to hear from you and what you are up to. I do enjoy writing this little newsletter but we would sure like to know what's going on in your lives.

'Til next time, stay healthy, keep safe and enjoy life!! - Martha

CLASS OF 1959

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To the class of 1959:

Another year has passed and we are all a year older. To the group of classmates who came to our get together at Jesse's, "thank you so much." We had a good time and were sorry that David Johnson, and Gayle and Henry McLean were unable to attend at the last minute; we missed you. Paul Mueller really missed you Dave, hope you can make it this year. The following missed the group photo: Joyce (Mason) Lemire, Jack Scaplen and his friend Kathy, and Penny (Olsen) Sousa. Those who were able to attend were: Ruthie (Grivers) Hayes, Lois (Gagnon) and Jack Proverb, Marion (Caficco) and Rich Auger, Bob Jones' wife Edie, Beth Hope, Carol Santamour, Lois Giffin, Fran Ziemba, Bob Schliebus, Paula (Nickleson) Fulton, Gayle Phillips, Ruth (Bomil) Dineen, Bob Clark, Tom Kirk, Paul and Patty LaHaise, Bill Lawson, and George Grenier.



Marion (Caficco) next to her husband Richard (Pee Wee) Auger



Paul Mueller with Paula (Nickerson) Fulton and Ruth (Bomil) Dineen



L to R: Paul LaHaise, Ruth (Boumil) Dineen, Jack Scaplan's friend Kathy, Jack Scaplan



Class of 1959: Class Gathering at Jessie's Restaurant

Front row, L to R, Ruthie (Grivers) Hayes, Lois (Gagnon) Proverb, Marion (Caficco) Auger, Jack Proverb Row 2, L to R, Bob Jones' wife Edie, Beth Hope, Carol Santamour, Lois Giffin, Fran Ziemba, Bob Schliebus Row 3. L to R, Paula (Nicholson) Fulton, Patty LaHaise, Gayle Phillips, Rich Auger, Ruth (Boumil) Dineen, Bob Clark, Tom Kirk Row 4, L to R, Paul LaHaise, Bill Lawson, George Grenier



Late comer Joyce (Mason) Lemire with Val (a Jessie's waitress)

Because some of our classmates go away for the summer with family and grandchildren etc., it might make sense to have our get together in the fall. I was thinking that it may be a good idea to gather in September every other year and would like some feedback on this.

Hope all are healthy and happy entering the new year of 2016 – I wish you the very best. I am in TX again for the month of January visiting with my son and grandson. I love it here. The temperature is 68 and sunny and it will be 72 before the day is over!

If you come across some pictures of our classmates send them to me, and I will do the writing if you need me to. Let's keep the news going for the Class of '59!

If the good Lord is willing and "the creek don't rise" - see you in May 2016.

Love ya, - Ruthie

P.S. Thank you Lois (Gagnon) Proverb for all your work and most of all I wish for you and Jack to have a healthy new year!

CLASS OF 1960

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Hi Classmates!

Well, we did it! Our 55th Reunion was a success. Thanks to our committee of Pat, Ray, Judy, Beverly Ann, Linnea, Peter, Carolyn, and Elaine the night was a great time. Thanks to Gwen for helping out at the check-in table. The hall was decorated in maroon and white – it was fantastic! It was good to see Roger Blomgren, who came in from DC. In addition, Carol Quimby who came in from NC and brought along

her daughter Chris. I drove Chris when she was on the NDA basketball team. It was fun to watch her play. Chris, who lives in Haverhill, was one of Coach Mike O'Brien's greatest players. Our invited guest, Mr. Simonian, sporting his signature maroon and white bowtie and all, came late due to a commitment at his church. He was a hit and brought us up to date on the growth and activities of the CHSAA. He spoke to us about the Alumni Association's goal of financially helping graduating seniors. The Endowment Fund is at \$1.4 million, and if you are not a member of CHSAA, I urge you to become one. This is a very dedicated group of people who could use your help. As Mr. Simonian was leaving, he was stopped many times to chat. I think it took him a half hour to get out the door. He sure looked like he was having a good time, and we thank him for being with us on our special night. I must not forget our DJ, Bob Favreau and his wife Kathy. They did a fantastic job and had many of us dancing to music we grew up with and fondly remember. Remember The Stroll, The Twist and many other songs? I would say that Jimmy Cossette and his partner danced just about every song and encouraged others to move their feet.

I'm sad to report that we lost a classmate in the passing of Judith Ann (Zabierek) Sawicki. She was a teacher of elementary school in both Tewksbury and at St. Margaret's School in Lowell. She was also a member of the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association. She was a great classmate of our 1960 class. We send our sympathy to her family and friends, who will miss her dearly. She will always be in our hearts.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Muriel (Deering) Christopher who passed away on November 21, 2015. She had lived in Biddeford Pool, ME since 1998; prior to that, she and her family lived in Westford for over 20 years.

More sad news to report – Ann E. (Hansen) Kirk died on January 15, 2016. She leaves her husband and CHS classmate Arthur S., and her son David A. (Class of 1997). She taught in Westford for 39 years and was a lifelong and very active member of All Saints' Episcopal Church. Her family and friends will miss her.

Well, that's it for now, until next time (with more news.)
Keep on rolling along. - Jim



Class of 1960: Reunion Committee

L to R, Beverly (Silva) Cancelli, Linnea (Peterson) Fader, Elaine (Dionne) Brown, Peter Picken, Judy (Harrington) Leary, Jimmy Gifford, Ann (Hansen) Kirk, Ray McEnaney, Patricia (Znoj) Bellefeuille, (Missing: Carolyn (Walker) Ralls)

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Editor's note: In this issue, you are receiving two sections of 1962 class news. Due to my error, I left out the Class News that should have been in the last Fall issue of the Lion's Pride. My humble apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Here is the news, which should have appeared in the Fall issue!

In May, I (Laura) had the opportunity to visit Merrie (Shay) Meckley in her new home in Florida. She has such a wonderful skill with

home design and is a very gracious hostess. While there, we took a road trip to Georgia to my old home in Augusta so I could travel down memory lane. I was there to pursue a dream of exploring the possibility of opening a home for abused children. Since the practicality of that didn't prove feasible, I am now looking for options here in Maine. I have always had a burden on my heart for abused children and now that I am retired, I think the time is now to do something about it. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers as I go forward with this.

My sister Judy (Flannery '64) Healy and I had a wonderful trip to Bar Harbor and Acadia where my daughter, Allison, works for the National Park Service. While there, we took a side trip to Campobello Island, toured the home of the Roosevelts, and had "Tea with Eleanor" which was very special and interesting.

I don't have much news since I haven't heard from anyone. If anyone has news to share, please let me know because it's always fun to hear from

old friends. - Laura
Now for the (latest) Winter news!

Hi Everyone, Happy 2016! Hard to believe a new year has started! I haven't really realized that 2015 has been here and gone and now we've moved on! that 2015 was here and now we've moved on! They do say that as you get older, time seems to pass faster and I'm finding that to be so true!

Please join me in extending thoughts and prayers to Mary Lou (Chevalier) and Don Abely in the loss of their beautiful daughter, Donna. What a heartbreak that is.

As I begin this year, I'm heading toward St. Louis to help with disaster relief for my brother, Steve, as they sustained devastating losses in the recent floods. My sister, Judy ('64), sister Stephanie, and nephew, Tim are also going so maybe we can make a dent in the reconstruction!

Before Christmas, I had the pleasure of gathering with many classmates at the Seaglass Restaurant in Salisbury, NH for a wonderful buffet lunch. Mary Eileen (Callahan) Haley came down from Falmouth, ME and we traveled to Salisbury together where we joined Connie (Cullen) Campbell, Sally (French) Bourque, Hilde (Roymans) Gilman, Cheryl (Marchand) DeMoulied, Martha Dupee, Marion (Dupee) Currier, and Judy (Cullen '58) Thompson. We had such an enjoyable afternoon!



Class of 1960: 55th Class Reunion at Nabnasset Country Club

Front row, L to R, Ann (Hansen) Kirk, Judy (Harrington) Leary, David Di Rubbo, Joan (O'Sullivan) DeSilva, Maureen (O'Rourke) Girouard, Geraldine Eaton, Patricia (Znoj) Bellefeuille, Elaine (Dionne) Brown, Beverly (Silva) Cancelli, Barbara (Lebedzinski) Fraterrigo Back row, L to R, Arthur Kirk, Ray McEnaney, Paul Riessle, Joseph Staveley, James Cossette, Peter Picken, James Gifford, Roger Blomgren, Carole (Gibbons) Quimby, Michael Hart, Linda (Ayers) Weeks, Colleen (Daron) Fuller, Linnea (Peterson) Fader, David Farrow, Guest George Simonian, Carolyn (Dittmer) Jehle



Class of 1960: L to R, Reunion committee chair Jim Gifford and invited guest, George Simonian

Sally (French) Bourque recently visited Merrie (Shay) Meckley in her new home in Florida. She had a great time and they managed to get to the Harry Potter Amusement in Orlando along with Merrie's son, daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters.

One advantage to retirement is the freedom of uncommitted time. It's nice to be able to go and do whatever whim strikes you.

I'm looking forward to the Hall of Fame Banquet on March 19, 2016. I'd sure love to see some classmates there!

I'm always looking for news to report so if anyone has something to share, please call or send it to me.
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Editor's note: Due to what may have been a cyberspace problem . . . (or who knows what), the photo that was to be published with Suzanne (Cutter) Lutter's news, never made it to me for the Fall issue of the Lion's Pride. It finally arrived so I am sharing the photo with you and resubmitting Sue's news.



Class of '63 Ladies Lunch at Lenzi's

From Sue: "Joe and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary this past June 27th by renewing our vows at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Lafayette, CO. Our actual wedding date is November 6, 1965. We celebrated it early so our children and grandchildren could be part of our celebration.

Our son, Edward J "Ted" Lutter and his wife Kathleen and five children (Nora, Fin, Rory, Declan, and Ana) live in Lowell Mass. Our son, Ted is the network engineer for the Town of Chelmsford. How ironic that he ends up going to college in Boston, getting married and making his home where Sue grew up.

Our daughter, Christine Randall and husband Todd and our grandchildren Ashley, Travis, and Taylor who live here in CO were also present.

We had about 50 people including family from CA, MA, (sister, Kathleen Samwell, '69), Las Vegas (sister, Marion Pitaro, '64) and many friends from CO. Following the Mass & ceremony, all were invited to a special lunch at Carelli's Italian

restaurant in Boulder to continue our celebration.

Following our celebration, Joe and I went on a river cruise on Grand Circle Cruise Line, "Eastern Europe to the Black Sea," cruising from Budapest to Bucharest. A truly amazing and educational trip. We also spent 4 days in Prague prior to us taking the river cruise."

Now for the latest news: The Class of 1963 is blessed with women of great character and achievement. For the last several years a growing number of local Class members (local equals less than 100 miles...or more if Barb (Kimball) Mackey is in town) have been holding a monthly luncheon to stay connected. The roster varies from month to month, but it is a popular event. The December luncheon was held at Lenzi's in Dracut and you will see the attendees in the accompanying picture. In alphabetical order, (check out the photo and see if you can match the names to those in the picture): Cindy (Picken) Brown, Joanne (Merrill) Burke, Margie (Znoj)



Class of 1963: Sue and Joe's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Caron, Sheila (Welch) Gilet, Pat Jamros, Barb (Gifford) Jason, Tina (Jones) Maxfield, Vickie (Whitcomb) Mullin, Judy (Sidebottom) Putnam, and Ann Marie (Martin) Zabierek, If any Class of '63 lady is interested in getting on the email list for these events, contact Pat Jamros (patatchelm@comcast.net).

Mary Ellen Goodwill has released a sequel to her first book titled *Beebs*, which is now available through Amazon/Createspace. She includes the teaser that "two VERY familiar guys are in it". I believe the characters in question are Art and Hank; hopefully both are of good repute. You must read it to find out what's in it.

Barbara (MacKissock) Beaudette reports: "My daughter, Britte, was recently promoted to Clinical Trial Administrator at BU School of Medicine, my youngest is about to complete her course as a Medical Assistant and my oldest is currently Engineering Project Manager at Meltwater. I don't know how many of my classmates knew that I was adopted at 6 weeks old and raised as an only child, only to find out years later that I was the second child in a family of 10! I count myself very fortunate to have been adopted because most, if not all, of my siblings never finished High School and none had the privileges that I had growing up. Plus my biological family had many dark and shameful secrets... I am in touch with one brother whom I have not met, and two of my sisters, both of whom I have, and it's funny...when one finds he/she has been adopted, one tends to imagine rich parents, famous parents, etc. but the REAL story tends to be the stuff of a dozen novels! LOL"

In March, Betsy Draine and Mike Hinden will publish their third mystery. Its title is *Death on a Starry Night* and will be available from U of Wisconsin Press (although Amazon gives a better deal). Betsy and Mike will be in L.A. till the Wisconsin snows stop, so if any Angelenos want to meet at the nearest Peets Coffee, e-mail Betsy. (bdraine9@gmail.com)

Finally, in answer to several Class members who asked: Yes, there will be a 55th Reunion in 2018!!! - Hank

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I'm just dropping you all a note to wish you a wonderful 2016! We've already begun with some fun family visits, and we hope that you've been able to do the same. On Facebook, I see pictures and posts from classmates that prove that there's some good visiting and traveling going on. Hope everyone stays safe!

If you would like me to share what YOUR good news is, please call me or drop me a note.

Terry and I had a great trip to Ireland in September. We were in London for three days, as well. We're so glad we went! It's fun to see a familiar location on TV (or in a movie, as was the case with a Star Wars scene that was filmed off the Irish coast) after you've seen it in person.

Please get in touch directly so that I can share your news in the next edition of the Lion's Pride!
Happy winter and spring! - Lynne

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Nancy & I wish all of our classmates a Happy, Healthy 2016 filled with new adventures and experiences.

Now that Our 50th Class Reunion is behind us, I have been sorting through emails and photographs sent to me by classmates. Some of us had not seen each other since graduation or our last reunion in 1995. Happily, we had three days of events to catch up with each other. Classmates from coast to coast made the trip home to Chelmsford



Class of 1965: The Boy Scouts: Bill Eaton, Ken Kleynen, Bob Haas, Larry Lajoie and Bob Siebert



Class of 1965: Sandra (Page) Jenkins in her art studio

Doreene (Hadley) Andersen traveled from Spokane Valley, WA and Wendy (Oliver) Wingate came from Hallowell, ME.

The general consensus is that our class should get together more often. We have a solid database and will be contacting classmates.

In this issue of Lion's Pride and the next several I will have updates on our classmates including photographs, PLUS some vintage photos.

If anyone has news updates or photos (recent or those "blasts from past") please send them to me:
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News Notes:

Donna Legee is still living in Kirkland, Quebec. She has retired after a career in medical research that included several years at McGill University. Since retiring, Donna has had the opportunity to combine two of her favorite interests, photography and creating period costumes for dolls. She designs, sews, and photographs her collection of fantasy and period dolls.

Martha (Phair) Sanders moved to Bend, OR in 2007 to escape our New England winters. Bend is in



Class of 1965: Donna Legee's Pirate, parrot, and jewels & Ringo Hood

Oregon's "high plain desert region" which is definitely a great place to be today. The thermometer outside my porch door registered just above the 5-degree mark. Martha has semi-retired from a 29-year career with Barnes & Noble.

In recent years, Martha has established herself as a "fiber artist." She designs her own quilt patterns and then creates the most exquisite quilts. Many of Martha's lovely creations have been exhibited throughout OR. "Innocence," Martha's original design quilt won the viewer's choice award at a quilt show in Bend, OR. Her quilt was created from hand-dyed fabrics and the daisy features loose petals and a heavily beaded center.

Sandy (Page) Jenkins lives in Newburyport, MA and paints in her own studio at The Artist Muse in Amesbury. I asked Sandy how long she has been painting. She told me that in 1992 the Lexington Arts and Crafts offered a night class. What Sandy thought would be a relaxing hobby developed into a passion. Happily, over the past two decades, she has participated in workshops and classes offered by well-known artists Robert Scott Jackson, Donald Jurney, and Julie Airoidi.

This coming May, The Amesbury Cultural Council will sponsor open studio tours.



Class of 1965: Tom Moriarty and his 1940 Ford Standard Coupe

Please check with the Council for exact dates. I'm sure Sandy would enjoy seeing fellow classmates.

Nancy (Upton) Amara is the new owner of the Amelia Payson House in Salem, MA.

Built in 1845, the Payson House is a Bed & Breakfast in the heart of Salem's Historic District. Nancy would love to see anyone from Chelmsford. Congratulations and best wishes from the class of 1965. Classmates can contact Nancy at ameliapayson@gmail.com

Our classmate and Rainbow Avenue neighbor Tom Moriarty sent me the most amazing photographs of his vintage 1940 Ford that I happily want to share with everyone. Tom graciously sent not only photos but also the background story about his 1940 Ford Standard Coupe. In 1961, at age 14 Tom purchased his Ford Coupe for \$500 from Lottie Agnew, a teacher at the North Chelmsford Elementary School. Tom earned the money for his car by mowing lawns. His dad had to give his permission for Tom to make the purchase. Tom drove his Coupe to Chelmsford High School and is still driving it today!

I will continue updates about our classmates in future issues of Lion's Pride

Sadly, six classmates passed away



Class of 1965: Martha (Phair) Sanders with a show quilt

in 2015. We will miss Kathi Chew, Paula Smith, Jerry Wagner, Sherry Nelson, Charlie Humphrey and Buddy Merrill

On a happier note, before I wrap up this issue's news, Nancy and I wish to congratulate Andy Dabilis who became a first time grandfather on October 13, 2015. His granddaughter's name is Aoife Margaret Marsh.

Irene (Cooke) Knox greeted a precious new granddaughter Alina on October 30, 2015.
- Mary and Nancy

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Second things first: I would like to thank both Cindy (Dupee) Gale and Pat (Duffin) Conrad for serving so admirably as Class of '66 agents for the last 50 years. Wonderful job, dear ladies! I hope to continue your fine and conscientious work ... but only for the next 50 years. I'll be looking for another classmate to take over the chronicles of our distinguished class beginning in 2066. So plan ahead!

Now on to the first thing:
Details have been formalized for our golden 50th Class Reunion. Your hard-working and dedicated reunion committee has announced a weekend of festivities from October 7-9, 2016. We have held a reunion every five years since we graduated, and they have always been well attended as we renewed old friendships and, yes, even forged new ones. We expect the

50th will be the best one yet!

The festivities will begin on Friday, October 7, with a meet-and-greet for classmates, spouses and significant others, and their guests at the 110 Grill (formerly Skip's Restaurant) on Chelmsford Street at 7 p.m. There is no charge for this event, and attendees will be responsible for their own food and beverage expenses.

The reunion dinner will be held on Saturday at the Vesper Country Club on Route 113 in Tyngsboro. Cocktail hour runs from 6-7, and the dinner will be served at 7. The cost of the dinner is \$66 per person.

From 10-12 on Sunday morning a catered brunch will be served in the cafeteria at our old high school on North Road (now the McCarthy Middle School). There will be a guided tour of our old stomping grounds, and who knows? Maybe we'll even see a couple of our old classmates still serving detention! We wish we could tell you the breakfast brunch is only 25 cents plus 4 cents for a carton of milk but, alas, inflation over the last half-century and the lack of Federal subsidies dictate we must charge \$19 for the meal. If you wish to attend both the dinner and the brunch, the total cost for the weekend will be \$85 per person.

The reunion committee has also arranged for discounted rates at several local hotels.

Letters and emails with all the details were sent to our classmates in early January. If you have moved or on the lam and did not receive either and desire to attend the reunion, please contact me or one of the reunion committee members.

The well-traveled and cosmopolitan Steve Conrad and his wife, Ketta, toured the Adriatic Coast of Italy for two weeks this past fall.

Steve also reports that Jay Leech, who presently lives in Hope, ME, is in the process of restoring a sleek 1965 Jaguar XKE. Restoring vintage automobiles is a hobby with Jay. Jay is a highly respected, though now semi-retired, building contractor who currently takes on only projects that interest him. He describes his work and methods as "very good, very expensive, and very slow."

Bob Siebert informs us that two of the daughters of his late brother and our honored classmate Dick, Kerry and Laura, were both married in 2015. Bob assured us our dear "Sieb" was at both weddings in spirit.

Fellow 66ers, don't be shy about letting your classmates know what you're up to these days. Now that most of us are already in or soon to enter retirement, this is a new and exciting – and perhaps even adventurous – period of our lives and we would love it if you shared your experiences with us. Send me a letter, pop me an email, or just call! See you all at the reunion in October!
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I had a nice visit with Lisa Fallgren
this past fall while she was back in
Chelmsford. She has enjoyed living
in Alaska for many years, previously
lived in Puerto Rico, and currently
works for the Census Bureau under
the Dept. of Commerce.

I am sad to report our classmate
John "Jack" Zemaitis passed away

suddenly at home July 15, 2015 of
a heart attack a few short months
before he was planning to retire.

In addition, Janet (Perry) Berube
passed away peacefully after
battling cancer on November 22,
2015. She had recently worked as
an administrative assistant in the
Westford Town Clerk's office and
had served on the Westford Housing
Authority board. She is survived by
three children, ten grandchildren, her
mom, five sisters, and two brothers.
From the Lowell Sun obituary, "We
will remember her warm smile, her
positive energy, her love of nature
and undoubtedly her love for her
family and friends." - Sandy

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From Mary Beth Sidebottom – "I am
Logistics Manager at daVinci Dental
Studio; I also design dental implant
substructures in 3D CAD. I have
over 40 years in Dentistry starting
as a dental assistant at age 18 for Dr.
Currie in Chelmsford. daVinci Lab
is known worldwide. Established in
the 70's they invented dental veneers.
We work on many celebrities, Bravo
makeover shows, music videos and
special effects teeth, as well as, doing
work for thousands of dentists both
in the USA and Internationally. I
manage a team that makes sure all
the logistics involved in creating
beautiful smiles run smoothly. I
love my two-year-old Goldendoodle

named Boston, quilting, painting,
and all creative arts. I have eight
grandchildren from the age of 22
to 1 year old. California has been
my home for close to nine years. I
came here to find my dream job
after raising four children as a
single Mom. I joined daVinci as a
result of a merger with a smaller lab
almost three years ago, with tenure,
so eight years on the books. I have
been promoted two times since
arriving at daVinci. We have over 60
employees and dental artists from all
over the world. I am the only New
Englander. I live with my dog in LA
County, 30 miles north of LA proper
in the town of Chatsworth."

In November, Lynn (Mercier)
Marcella was named 2015
"Community Champion" for the
Town of Chelmsford by the Greater
Lowell Chamber of Commerce. This
award was part of the celebration
of the Chamber's 20th Anniversary
Celebration.

Also in November, Lynn (Mercier)
Marcella danced the Waltz in the
Town of Chelmsford Scholarship
Fund: 2015 "Dancing with the
Chelmsford Stars". This event raised
\$10,000 for the Town of Chelmsford
Scholarship Fund. Check out the
picture of Lynn with former Science
teacher Dennis Hunt ('64) who also
danced at the event.- Lynne



*Class of 1973: Dennis Hunt ('64) and
Lynn (Mercier) Marcella at the "Dancing
with the Chelmsford Stars" event*

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Tom Bannister is married with two children, one grandchild, and another on the way!

He is still working, but cannot wait to retire. He has been living in Ogunquit, ME for the last 28 years. According to LinkedIn, Kurt Reslow is President and Owner of Battery

Pros Retail Battery Centers LLC, in the greater Boston area.

- Karen

More news from the Class of '77, this from Deborah (Lewis) Bennington: "I thought I would take the opportunity, as I send in my yearly dues, to also send a few notes updating my post CHS life.

"This year I happily saw both my children graduating from college. My eldest finished off two bachelor degrees (International Relations and Marketing) at Michigan State, while my youngest completed her dual major (German/English) degree at Kalamazoo College. Apparently, I am nowhere near "graduating" myself though, as I continue working as a Financial Manager for the Ross Business School at the University of Michigan (and will probably stay at UM for some time more).

While work keeps me extremely busy most of the time, I do quite enjoy what I do. This past spring I had the opportunity to join 14 of our first-year MBA students on a study abroad trip to Beijing China – what a fantastic time both with the students and while sightseeing on my own. Happily, we were already back from China before their stock market crashed!

During the previous spring, I was able to spend a month visiting old (and new) haunts both in London (where I lived for three years while my children were quite young), and in Germany. While in Germany, I was able to visit with my daughter (then studying outside of Nuremberg), and several of my exchange kids (Berlin and Tübingen). I was also able to spend some time in Remscheid catching up with Ingrid (Franke) Fernes and her husband Richard. Ingrid and Richard have a very successful joint

medical practice in town there.

I do want also to give a shout out to Lars Astrand, a member of the Swedish band "Crash N Recovery" which is just now dropping its newest album, "Deep in the Woods." Their music is getting airplay all over the world, including the US.

Hope all is well with everyone!
Best regards, Deborah (Lewis) Lennington."

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Under the artistic direction of Roshni (Chehna) Pecora, sold out audiences were transported to The Nutcracker's "Kingdom of Sweets" December 4th, 5th, & 6th 2015.

Roshni is the owner and director of the Northeast Dance Center. No holiday is complete without the magical adventure of Clara and the music of Tchaikovsky.

This past season's production was truly amazing. The cast, crew of volunteers, and audiences embraced the love of this timeless ballet and are

looking forward to Nutcracker 2016.

The cast of this year's production included Roshni, son Tod ('16) Pecora, daughter Haleigh ('19) Pecora (Roshni's husband and Tod and Haleigh's dad is John Pecora ('89) science teacher at CHS), and Roshni's niece Kyra Allen (whose mother is Teresa (Chehna '89) Allen. Roshni's mom, Pat ('69) reprised her role as Clara's and Fritz's grandmother. Michael Dascomb, the son of Audrey Wetterwald ('86) Dascomb, splendidly played Fritz. Michael and sister Audrey appeared with Mother Ginger and the polichinelles (Ed. Note: "the little children or clowns . . . who emerge from Mother Ginger's enormous hoop skirt to do a short dance").

Submitted by Mary (Vaillancourt '65) Smith, Roshni's aunt.



Class of 1992: Mother Ginger's Children, L to R, Michael and Audrey Dascomb



Class of 1992: The Party Scene, L to R, Michael and Audrey Dascomb

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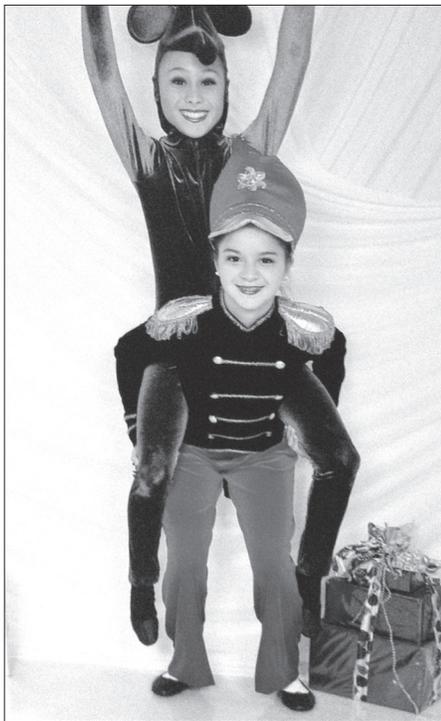
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*Class of 1992: Northeast Dance Center's
The Nutcracker, December 2015
Mouse (top) Soldier (bottom), cousins: Kyra
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Patrice (Sullivan) Zaryckyj and her husband, Bo, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Kayden Thomas, born on April 6, 2015 at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center. Kayden weighed 8



*Class of 2000: Kayden Thomas Zaryckyj,
born on April 6, 2015*



*Class of 2000: Violet Claire Foster, born
on October 17, 2015*



*Class of 2000: Eliot Benjamin Avrutine,
born on October 26, 2015*



*Class of 2000: Grace Marjorie and
Evelyn Elizabeth Griffis, born on
December 17, 2015*

lb 7 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. They also have a 7-year-old daughter named Kaylee Belle. The Zaryckj family lives in Nashua, NH.

Sarah (Ellsworth) Foster and her husband, Mark, welcomed their second daughter, Violet Claire, on October 17, 2015. She weighed 9 lbs 9 ounces and was 20.5 inches long at birth. Mom, dad, and big sister Maible (3) are in love with the new addition to their family. The Fosters live in South Windsor, CT.

Melissa (Segal) Avrutine and her husband, Matthew, welcomed their first son, Eliot Benjamin, on October 26, 2015 at 10:22 a.m. The baby is named after his great-grandfather and great-grandmother. He weighed 6 lbs 8 ounces and was 18 inches long at birth. The Avrutine family lives in Arlington, VA.

Amy (Meidell) Griffis, her husband Keith and their 2-year-old son Samuel, welcomed twin girls on December 17, 2015. Grace Marjorie, 6 lbs 7 ounces, 20.5" and Evelyn Elizabeth, 5 lbs 15 ounces, 19.5" are both healthy and doing very well.



Class of 2001: Wedding of Amy Crane to Andrew Heath on June 20, 2015

The Griffis family lives in Hudson, MA. - Amanda

CLASS OF 2001

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Chris Panagiotopoulos graduated from UMass and followed that up with a Master's Degree in Engineering at Duke. He then earned an MBA from the University of Chicago. He currently works at Liberty Mutual Insurance as an internal consultant. He helps build apps, reviews M&A strategy and generally makes the world of insurance a fun place to be. At the moment, Chris lives in Beacon Hill, but he suspects that his time in the city might be fleeting and he is targeting an eventual exit to the 'burbs in the near future.

In November 2015, Erin (Burns) Henry married Joe Henry, whom she met in New Zealand while she was living and working (as a clinical audiologist) there from 2011 - 2013. Joe is an amazing man who agreed to come move to the US so they could start their life here!

Career-wise, Erin started a new job in December 2015 with a company called Uvero. The job is still within her field of audiology but takes a step in a different direction away from clinical work. Uvero is a brand of custom-molded earphones that are fitted by digitally scanning the inside of the wearer's ear canal to get a 3D model of it. The model is then 3D printed to create a mold the same shape as the ear. The mold is then filled with medical grade silicone (the final product). Erin's title is "audiologist manager of scanning operations". She oversees the scan technicians, liaises between the scan technicians and the engineers, leads trainings, assists with product development, and is basically the expert on the scanning technology and human ear anatomy/physiology.

The position is incredibly exciting for Erin as it combines her love of music with her professional area of expertise. She says that the ear-scanning is what makes the whole thing so impressive. It's a more advanced procedure than what the current clinical standard is (which is to simply inject silicone impression material in to the ear canal - the same concept as dental impressions). That process involves more consumable material (expensive), takes longer (shipping the impression to the manufacturer), and is more dangerous to the patient. Scanning

is much better! It's also a relatively new concept for consumers (custom molded headphones), so it's exciting for Erin to be a part of it! The Uvero store is in the Burlington mall.

Amy (Crane) and Andrew Heath were married on June 20, 2015. She and her husband recently bought a house. Amy is carrying on the family dental practice acting as office manager. Most importantly, her dog is the best ever!! - Chrissie

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**The following individuals have become
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We thank them for making this commitment through their generous support.

Ron McSheehy (1960)
Arthur Frank Smith Jr. (1962)
Duncan J. Rhodes (1963)
Charles Mentas (1964)
Marion Pitaro (1964)
Karen Nerpouni (1967)
Mary Wilson (1967)
Frederick Pevey, Jr. (1968)
W Allen and Judith Thomas (Associate Members)

**The following individuals renewed their CHSAA Membership.
We sincerely appreciate their commitment to the Association.**

Linda Lupien Waterman (1959)
Nancy (Lajoie) Whiting (1965)
Christopher Carney (1970)

**We welcome the following people as new members of CHSAA.
Thank you for joining!**

Geraldine (Eaton) Kinney (1960).
Geraldine is retired and currently living in Pepperell, MA.

Albert J. Lupien Jr. (1954).
Albert currently resides in Chelmsford.

Sheryl Kydd (1967).
Sheryl is living in Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Lisa (Childs) St. Peter (1987) lives in Chelmsford with her husband Frank.
They have three children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

26th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Dinner and Ceremony

March 19, 2016
Radisson Hotel
Nashua, NH

2nd Annual Road Race

April 23, 2016
McCarthy Middle School

18th Annual Awards Night

May 24, 2016
Carl J. Rondina Performing Arts Center
Chelmsford High School

2nd Annual Golf Tournament

May 26, 2016
Butterbrook Country Club
Westford, MA

Fourth of July

July 3 & 4, 2016
CHSAA BOOTH on THE COMMON

REUNIONS

Class of 1966

Class of 1966, 50th Class Reunion, October 7-9,
2016. Further info in Class of 1966 News

Class of 1981

Any classmate interested in planning the
35th reunion should contact

Amy at alprovencal@gmail.com or
Facebook: Amy Lynn Provencal.

The reunion is tentatively planned for Columbus
weekend in October 2016. It will be a casual event.

IN MEMORIAM

CONDOLENCES ARE EXPRESSED TO THE FAMILIES
AND FRIENDS OF THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI AND RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WHO
HAVE RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

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| Ina (Butterfield) Phelps | 1945 |
| Robert C. Dinnigan | 1947 |
| Patrick F. Flynn | 1949 |
| Janet F. (Adams) Macentee | 1950 |
| Blanche G. (Cody) Guillemette | 1951 |
| David O. Baron | 1952 |
| Patricia A. (Nordin) Sousa | 1958 |
| Ann E. (Hansen) Kirk | 1960 |
| Judith Ann (Zabierek) Sawicki | 1960 |
| Muriel R. (Deering) Christopher | 1960 |
| Charles R. Humphrey Sr. | 1965 |
| Laura M. Swenson | 1965 |
| Vernon H. (Buddy) Merrill | 1966 |
| Johannes (Hans) Fyten | 1967 |
| Richard A. Marchand | 1969 |
| Stephen A. Slaney | 1969 |
| Robert J. Wolfgang | 1970 |
| Janet Marie (Perry) Berube | 1971 |
| John "Jack" Zemaitis | 1971 |
| Barry C. Wentzell | 1975 |
| Gayla J. (Dubey) (Carter) Ireland | 1977 |
| Deborah A. (Stayman) Thomas | 1977 |
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