

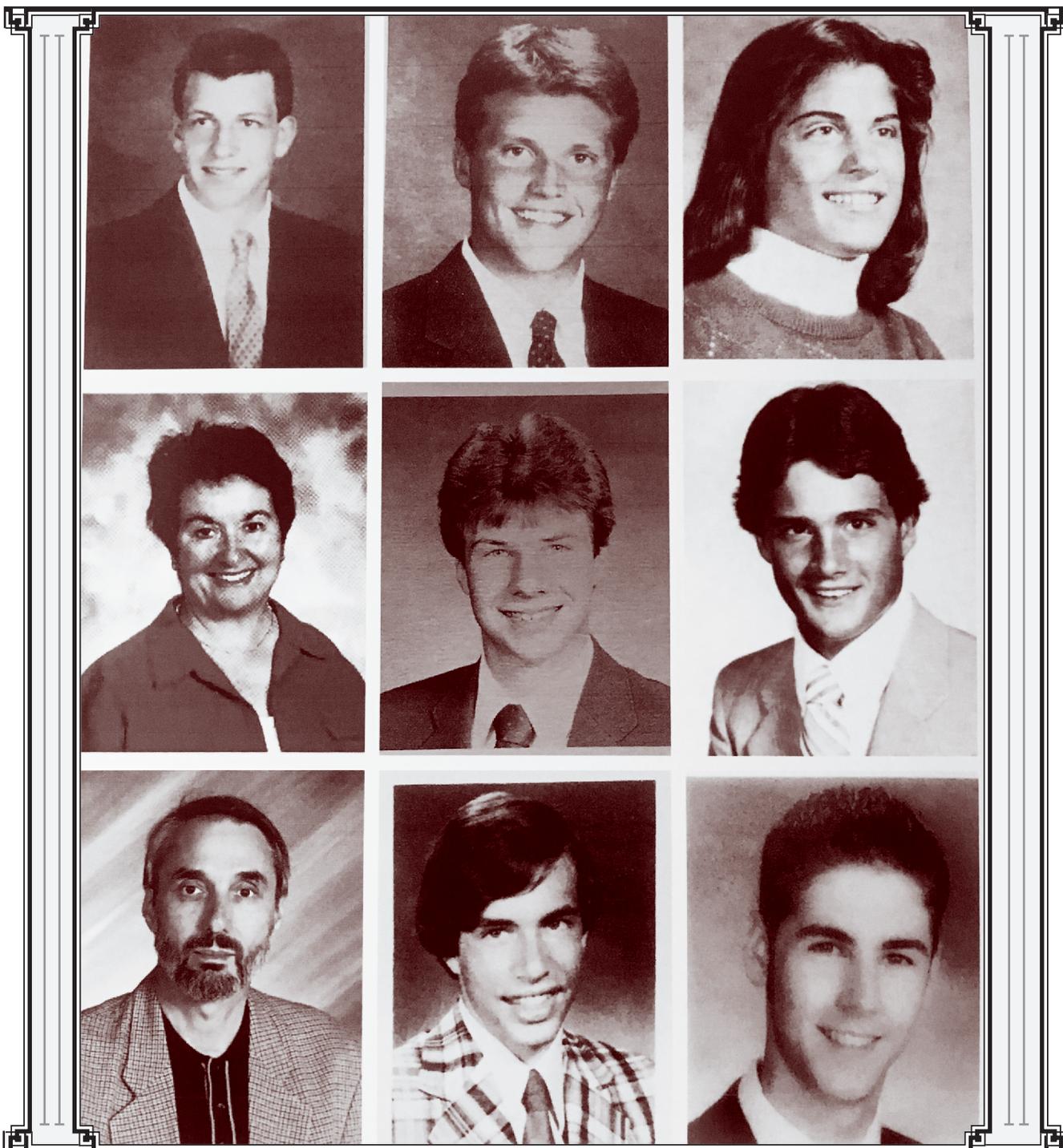
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**2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

# President's Message

By Terry McSheehy

I hope that everyone has had a great holiday season and that the new year will be prosperous and healthy for us all.

It is early January as I write this and the winter has been a cold one so far and we are bracing for our first major snow storm (Blizzard??) of the year.

Watch out for that darn flu bug!

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. 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 28th Hall of Fame induction dinner on March 24th at the Umass Lowell Inn and Conference Center in Lowell. I have a hard time believing it has been 28 years. What a wonderful



accomplishment for us, of which we can all be justifiably proud. Again we have nine outstanding candidates going in. We have some wonderful candidates again this year ranging from a MASH doctor to a heroic Air Force pilot to a beloved teacher. I continue to be amazed at the accomplishments of Chelmsford High graduates every year and this year is no exception. Remember we attempt to reward people based on the totality of the person, not just the parts. If you know of someone you think should be in the Hall of Fame you can find the nomination papers on the website at [chsalumni.org](http://chsalumni.org). We have a committee of writers to assist you in your nomination process. A reminder to all who have nominated someone, if that person has not yet been elected you can continue to add to their resume as they accomplish more things. A simple letter stating the new accomplishments sent to CHSAA Hall of Fame, 200 Richardson Road, N. Chelmsford, MA 01863 is all that is needed.

The web site continues to be updated and improved for your information and enjoyment. The most recent addition is a link to a YouTube video. The latest additions to this site are CHSAA Alumni Talk videos. Check it out to see what is happening. Bob Pariseau, Steve Normandin and Heather Linstad have really worked hard to improve the content and to make the web site a functional entity for all alumni to enjoy.

I am asking all members and any non-members who read this to tell us at the CHSAA how we can better serve you. We are seeing a disturbing lack of renewals from our membership and are trying to understand why. If we could retain only 50% of those who drop out we could raise our membership significantly and make for a much more solvent and viable organization. So please let us know. You can contact any member of the Board of Directors or send an e-mail to George Simonian or me. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone, see you all on the 24th of March at the Hall of Fame induction dinner.





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## EDITOR'S NOTE

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By Kris Pisarik • Class of 1977

# Thanks for all the numbers and so much more

It was with great joy that I read Andrew Pasquale was being inducted into the 2018 CHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame. Enshrinement of the retired longtime math teacher was as obvious as the answer to an equation of  $2 + 2$ .

I had tried to nominate my former teacher several years ago, but at the time, anyway, he didn't feel right about it. He was too humble. Kudos go to Bob Pariseau and the rest of the nominating committee for calling his number again and apparently twisting his arm enough.

I had Pasquale as a junior in pre-calculus class, which was also composed of several very bright sophomores who were on the top math track and would be advancing to calculus as juniors. I did OK in his class. I earned a B, which I only remember because when I was attending an open house for one of my four daughters who had him, he announced it to me upon recognizing me sitting in the front row.

"You did very well if I remember," he told me, and a handful of other parents who had already taken their seats. "I think you had an 86."

Now everyone – including my daughters whom I believe all earned A's from him – know I didn't ace Pasquale's class. But what I remember besides not being one of his top students was how much time he spent making sure everyone in the class "got it." From my own experience and what I've heard anecdotally from countless others, this was the trademark of his greatness as a teacher.

Mr. Pasquale not only taught the brightest of the bright at CHS, he also shared his skills with the students at the other end of the spectrum.

The former Boston College valedictorian could have taught anywhere with his resume and skillset. But he apparently loved teaching in Chelmsford so much he did so for 41 years, retiring in 2014. That's an awful lot of numbers and a whole bunch of students. (I'm sure he has the actual statistics ingrained in his brain, but I didn't want to call him to ask because he would probably try to talk me out of writing about him.)

But you've read enough of my limited insight into his great talents. Here's how my kids remember this incredible educator.

From Jennie Pisarik, Class of 2013:

"Mr. Pasquale was unlike any teacher I've ever had. He had a reputation of making sure his students never looked at math, the English language, or the world around us the same ever again after leaving his classroom. Most calculus teachers understand that their primary job is to prepare students for the AP Calculus exam at the

end of the year, but Mr. Pasquale knew that he had an opportunity to do more than that with his senior students. I really became a critical thinker during my time with him, which helped me excel in more places than just math class.

"As far as I know, he won the superlative for 'most well-respected faculty' every single year, and he definitely deserved it. Looking back on my time with him, the craziest thing is that I don't remember calculus being difficult at all, and I know for a fact that my peers in college would disagree with that opinion. It is simply because I had an incredible teacher, (Mr. Pasquale), who made sure his students did not feel overwhelmed by what others were saying about the difficulty of the subject. "We took things day by day in calculus class, and he never left us in the dark or pushed us too hard, too fast. I am so appreciative that I had the opportunity to learn from Mr. Pasquale and finally see why he was the 'most well-respected' man in the building and why my sisters and father told me to sign up for calculus even though I was not going to college for math or physics."

From Kristi Pisarik, Class of 2011:

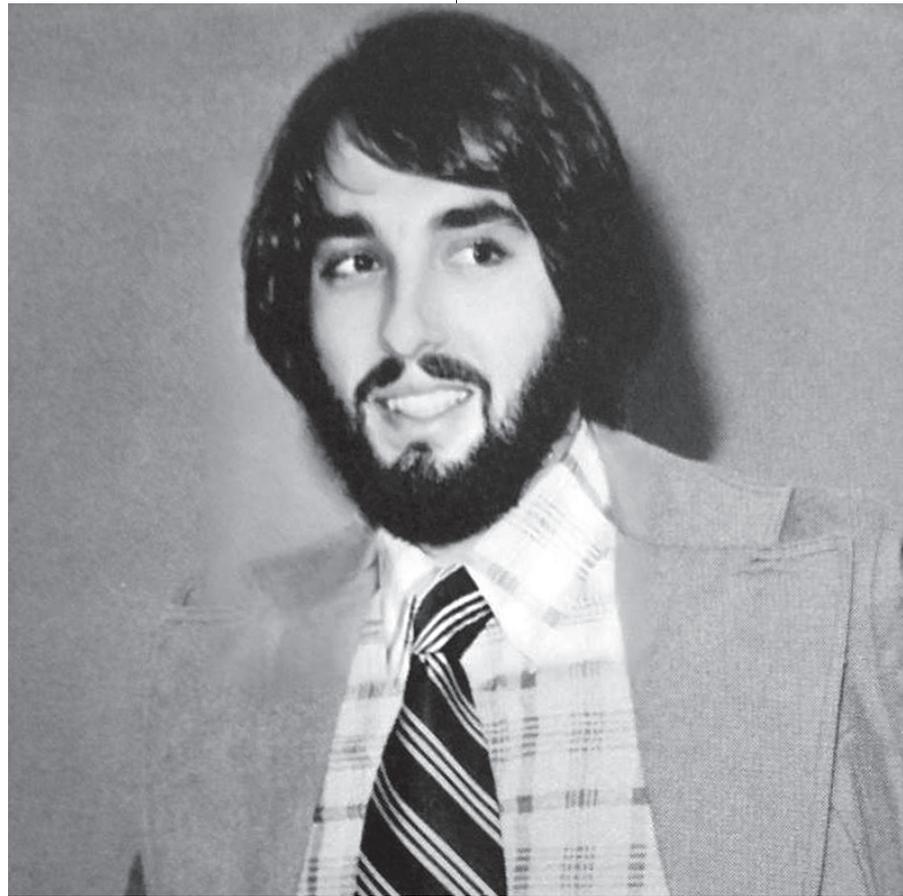
"I think one of the ways in which Mr. Pasquale was such an effective teacher was in how he presented calculus. Pre-calculus had been a particularly challenging class for me, but Mr. Pasquale refused to let calculus intimidate anybody; instead, he inspired students to want to learn. He always started class by introducing us to bits of world news, unique vocabulary, gourmet recipes, or one of his new neckties (he never repeated one throughout the entire school year) which would

ignite every student's brain -- we all wanted to be the student who knew something about one of the side-board categories of the day. He awakened our interest with these facts, but then he kept us engaged by how he taught calculus; he made it seem like yet another intriguing subject matter to learn.

“New material was explained logically and non-threateningly, using the tools we had learned in prior chapters; homework was assigned only to familiarize us with the new material, not as an overwhelming burden. I learned the true purpose of ‘homework’ in Mr. Pasquale's class: an exercise to help us become comfortable with what we learned in class, not as a quota to compete with work assigned from other classes. I don't think he ever gave more than 15 minutes-worth of problems, but there were times I chose to solve more from our textbooks because (inspired by Mr. Pasquale) I wanted to keep up with the class, to be able to participate, to learn calculus for the sake of having the knowledge. I guess it all comes down to Mr. Pasquale's class structure, beginning with the side-board questions, which taught us the value of widespread knowledge and in-depth learning.”

From Alyssa Pisarik  
O'Hare, Class of 2008:

“Mr. Pasquale's class was easily the highlight of my day during my senior year, and is the class I remember most vividly of high school. I love that he began each class the same way, with his infamous routine of writing three seemingly-random words on the chalk board. While I didn't realize it at the time, I am now able to appreciate the way he skillfully engaged all of his students within the first five minutes of class by using a guessing game about the relevance of each of these words. And more importantly, I have



realized that the game instilled in us a desire to learn, not just about Calculus, but about everything.

“ I looked forward to going to his class because I knew that it would be a part of my day when I would feel challenged, supported, and inspired. Mr. Pasquale's teaching, and the respect he showed me as a student and as a person, gave me invaluable confidence and a love of learning that I have carried with me, even 10 years later. “

From Beth Pisarik, Class of 2006:

“Mr. Pasquale was the type of teacher that you remember for a lifetime. It doesn't take a lot of effort for me to think back and be transported to the back row, left-most seat. It was in his classroom that we traveled across the world learning about people, historic events, food, and culture all inspired by 3 seemingly random words inscribed in tiny

handwriting on the “side board” of his classroom. Sometimes, those worldly conversations would even last 1/4-1/3 of our 98-minute “double-block” class.

“Nevertheless, learning advanced math has never been so easy. I was always amazed at how easy he made complex problems seem... not to mention how the ability to solve such problems seemed to magically land at my #2 pencil when completing homework or during tests and quizzes. I credit Mr. Pasquale with this teaching wizardry and have yet to experience it again. He is a truly special person and educator and well deserving of this honor.”

Well put, girls. My only regret is that Mr. Pasquale hadn't instituted his side-board back in 1975-76, but I did do well on the questions at the open house, so there is closure. Thank you sir, for teaching five Pisariks and so many others, so well, for so long. You are a model for all that is good about education. ♦

# HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCEMENT



## HALL OF FAME 2018



JOSHUA BLAGG  
CLASS OF 1991

CAROLYN CLANCY  
CLASS OF 1978

VALERIE DIGGS  
LIBRARIAN

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CLASS OF 1986

CHARLES MICOL  
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ANDREW PASQUALE  
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JOHN PERCIBALLI  
CLASS OF 1975

ALEXANDER TURNER  
CLASS OF 2001

MICHAEL WOODLOCK  
CLASS OF 1990

# *Hall of Fame* 2018 *March 24th, 2018*

THE CHELMSFORD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE HAS SELECTED THE 28TH CLASS OF INDUCTEES TO THE HALL OF FAME.

THE INDUCTEES ARE: JOSHUA BLAGG, CLASS OF 1991; CAROLYN CLANCY, CLASS OF 1978; VALERIE DIGGS, LIBRARIAN; JOHN KRAUSE, CLASS OF 1986; CHARLES MICOL, CLASS OF 1983; ANDREW PASQUALE, TEACHER; JOHN PERCIBALLI, CLASS OF 1975; ALEXANDER TURNER, CLASS OF 2001; AND MICHAEL WOODLOCK, CLASS OF 1990.

THE INDUCTION CEREMONY AND DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE UMASS LOWELL CONFERENCE CENTER IN LOWELL, MA ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT \$60.00 PER PERSON.

PLEASE CONTACT  
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# HALL OF FAME

## Meet the Inductees



**Joshua Blagg - Class of 1991**

- Award-winning swimmer at CHS and in college
- Successful coach of School and Club Swim Teams
- Respected Teacher and Dean at Chelmsford High School



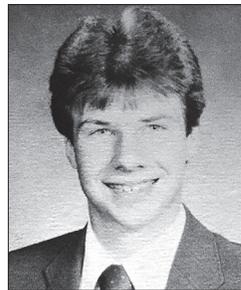
**Carolyn Clancy – Class of 1978**

- MVP CHS and Conference Field Hockey Player
- Academic and athletic success in college
- Business leader and generous charity benefactor



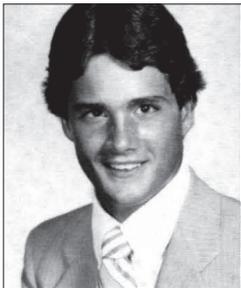
**Valerie Diggs – Librarian**

- Visionary innovator in development of CHS Learning Commons
- NEASC Accreditation co-chair
- Library design consultant and adjunct college professor
- Honored many times by peers



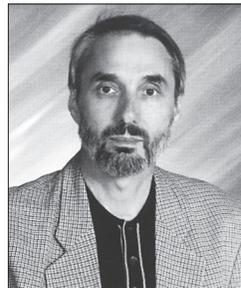
**John (J.R.) Krause – Class of 1986**

- Award-winning artist at CHS
- Longtime contributor on 'The Simpsons' and other TV shows
- Children's book creator



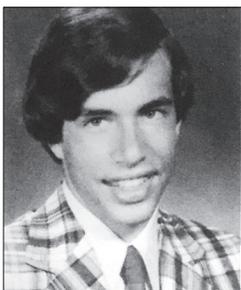
**Charles Micol – Class of 1983**

- Multi-sport student-athlete at CHS, basketball All-Star
- Successful basketball player at Boston College
- Generous benefactor to town through thriving businesses
- Longtime dedicated varsity basketball coach at CHS



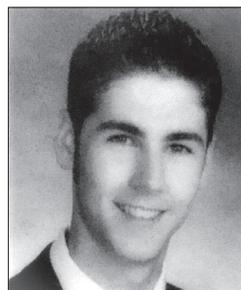
**Andrew Pasquale – Teacher**

- 41-year well-respected Math teacher at CHS
- Distinguished teacher, White House Commission
- Harvard Club Teacher Award
- Created own AP Calculus Textbook



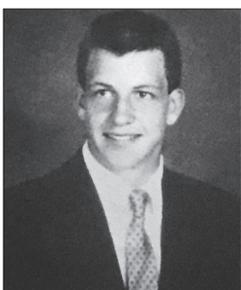
**John Perciballi – Class of 1975**

- Gold Medal Scholar at CHS
- UVM Summa Cum Laude graduate
- 30+ years as decorated US Navy Surgeon



**Alexander Turner – Class of 2001**

- CHS Design Team award-winning innovator; hockey player
- ROTC Leader and Magna Cum Laude graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Distinguished Air Force Pilot, in combat and on Thunderbirds Demonstration Team



**Michael Woodlock – Class of 1990**

- Active at CHS: DECA, football, honor student
- All Star football player at Assumption
- Committed volunteer at all stages of life
- Principal at Groton-Dunstable Regional High School



# Chelmsford High School Alumni Golf Tournament

Butter Brook Country Club

Thursday May31, 2018

Check in 7:30a.m. - Tee Off 9:00 a.m.

Cost \$150.00 per player

Mark Your Calendar  
& Register Early!

Register at [www.chsalumni.org](http://www.chsalumni.org)

## 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.

## THE VISION

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.

# PRINCIPAL'S *Report* ▸ By Stephen Murray *Class of 1988*

We are half-way through the school year and we have so much to celebrate. I will highlight some of the events and experiences at Chelmsford High School. January 31st will be our first Engineering Day Fair. This is an opportunity for students to participate and ask questions of people representing companies and colleges in the engineering field. Students can learn about STEM majors and STEM career opportunities. The main goals are to expose students to the wonders of math and science and hopefully give them information that can help inform them of college and/or career choices. Our Engineering Fair has some of the same goals as the Chelmsford High School alumni's SHARE program.

The SHARE program is a brilliant idea. The idea is to have a night in which CHS alumni would come back to CHS and meet with CHS students. Alumni would represent different schools and different occupations. Students would spend the evening listening to speakers and/or talking to other alumni about colleges and careers. Hopefully, knowledge gained at the SHARE night can help students make the best decision based on their interest. Please do not hesitate to contact Heather Lindstad or Dennis Hunt. They are the masterminds behind this great initiative.

Last month, we were recognized by the College Board for our work with Advanced Placement classes (AP classes). Chelmsford High School, once again, made their 8th Annual District Honor List. We are being recognized for expanding AP class opportunities for "underrepresented and disadvantaged" students AND



improving performance for Advanced Placement Students. Most high schools offer 7-12 AP classes. CHS offers 22 AP classes and our scores continue to amaze us which is a credit to our hard-working and talented staff. Only 25 Massachusetts school districts received this honor. In total, we had 305 students participating in AP classes completing over 566 AP exams. This is a high-powered student body.

Ms. Blakely's Resiliency classes keep their focus on school and social causes. Last October, they had a staff versus students badminton tournament called, "Smash Down Breast Cancer." All money raised was donated for Breast Cancer Research. Two months later, this group was working hard for another group, Boston's Children's Hospital. In two short weeks, the Resiliency class collected over 700 toys for the children at BCH.

Our Science Club, led by Mr. Demers, placed 6th out of 20 schools in the first of 5 monthly regional science meets. They earned first place in the Optics category, 8th in Chemistry and 10th in Astronomy. It is inspiring to see so many students explore topics that extend far beyond our curriculum.

DECA keeps a strong presence at the State Career Development Conference which will be in Boston from March 8th – 10th. Led by Mr. Shupe and Mr. Sousa, our CHS team had three first-place finishes in the Massachusetts DECA District 5 Conference. They scored their first-place finishes in the Personal Financial Literacy, Automotive Services Marketing and Principles of Business Managements categories. We also had two 2nd-place finishes in Business Finance Series Event and Marketing Communications Series Event. Congratulations to our DECA team and good luck at the State Conference. Thank you to Sue Rosa (Town of Chelmsford Health Director), Amanda Glaser (Health Educator) and Chelmsford High School's LIVE SMART Committee for bringing Katie Greer to speak to our students and parents. Ms. Greer is a nationally recognized Social Media Expert. She talked about the latest technology trends and dangers, social networking, digital tattoos, sexting and more. She was very well received by all four grades. We highly recommend her as a speaker for both students and parents. Until next time...

Steve Murray ♦

# CLASS REUNION

## Photographs • Class of 1967

*50th Reunion, October 7th at Vesper Country Club*



Dedication table



Welcome Banner



Honored Guests: L to R: George Simonian, Angelo Taranto, Ed Quinn



Seated L to R: Warren and Susan DeSaulnier, Paula and Jim Meere. Standing L to R: Roger Neild, Bob and Susan ('68) McEnaney, Joyce and Tim Wholey ('66)



Seated L to R: Dick Johnson, Bill Otto, Joan (Little) McKay. Standing L to R: Bob Silk, reunion guest



Seated L to R: Joanne (Loiselle) Heroux, Roger LoPresti, Alan and Janice (Henry) Mistler, Linda (Coyle) Doak. Standing L to R: Agnes (Palmer) Leonard, Brenda (Hoyt) Soubosky, Susan Ward, Pam (Perham) Sides



Seated L to R: Andy and Carole (Scannell '69) Bragdon, Ralph Simpson, Mary (Dunleavy) Mitchell

Standing L to R: Jim Krolkowski, Faye Farrington, Priscilla (Lemire) Lanigan & her spouse Doug Horka, Susan (Holder) Krolkowski, Michael Walonis (Faye Farrington's spouse)



Seated L to R: Cheryl (Ferretti) DiGironimo, Brent Higginbottom ('65), Gerry Cowgill. Standing L to R: Lawrence and Susan (Campbell) Theode, Vera (Belida) Corey, Judy (Jangraw '69) Cowgill



Seated L to R: Cheryl (Dupee) and Dick Reimer, Mary (Maynard) and George Wilson, Joan (Horton) Eident. Standing L to R: Cheryl and Scott Lawson, Phil Ludwig, Pattie (LaBrecque) Grenda, Sandy (Marr) Steinhart



Seated L to R: Steve Mann, Tom Firth, Gene Fantozzi. Standing L to R: Debbie McSheehy, Paula (Norwood) Murphy, Lorraine (Posnak) Alexander, Joanne (McIntosh) Davidson



Seated L to R: Marlis Dean, Neil ('66) and Della (Wickens) Coffin, Lili Maselli, Eileen (Grunewald) Sousa. Standing L to R: Roger Dean, Jim Sousa ('64)



Seated L to R: Paulette Grout, Donna (Rondeau) and Ken Shaw, Dan and Dottie Lane. Standing L to R: Lenny ('68) and Judy (Ducharme) Sousa, Paul Harris and guest Kim



Seated L to R: George Simonian, Ed Quinn, Angelo Taranto. Standing L to R: Lou and Sandy (Brouillette) Martinez, Bevin Popolizio, Susan and George Frost



Seated L to R: Julie (Harper) Podgorni, Nancy (Palmer) and Jay Finnegan ('66), David Kitson. Standing L to R: Larry Richardson, Bruce Barkdoll (Doreen (Brouillette) Barkdoll's spouse)

# JUSTIN KAMINUMA

## STUDENT Profile ▸ By Hannah Kunze *Class of 2018*

Filmmaking is an art form that senior Justin Kaminuma has set out to master. A filmmaker with original short films shot, edited, and written by himself, Justin is dedicated to sharing his passion with the world. His rapidly growing Youtube channel, elNiight, currently has over 22,000 subscribers, a substantial number in any case, but especially for a student balancing school, extracurriculars, college applications, a social life, and the many other obligations of a high school senior. Yet somehow, he finds the time to create stunning art that has captivated more than 22,000 people.

Justin's films span a variety of genres. Some, such as his most recent, titled, "To See The Sky Again," tell moving stories. Others, such as "ATLAS," are beautifully synthesized documentations of Justin's travels and experiences. No matter what the genre, all of Justin's films share something in common: the editing is distinctly original and incredibly flawless, particularly for someone just starting his career.

How did Justin learn his skills? Incredibly, other than Youtube tutorials, he's self-taught.

"For the first few years there wasn't any structured class for filmmaking so I had to kind of learn everything my own way," he recalls. "It was hard, but it was a lot of fun."

Justin has been teaching himself filmmaking for years now. He first discovered his passion for filmmaking through editing video game footage when he was younger.

"I also just like listening to music and I guess just wanted to tell stories and [create] art in that kind of area," he says, thinking about the origins of his fascination with film.

From there, the lure of filmmaking continued to draw him in until he had acquired the knowledge and professional equipment necessary to create the stunning short films he is recognized for today.

As for his 22,000 subscribers?

"I definitely didn't expect it. It kind of just ... over time it just accumulated. I don't really notice it at all," Justin says with a laugh. "When you look at the numbers, it's hard to quantify it because it's not like you're seeing real people."

Though Justin is not able to see many of his followers face to face, he is incredibly grateful for the support they have provided and continue to provide him.



Several of those 22,000 elNiight fans have reached out to Justin asking if he would be interested in partnerships, including Vineyard Vines, a popular clothing store amongst teens and adults. He created a short film for the brand, which was then promoted on the company's Tumblr, Twitter, and Youtube accounts. Other companies Justin has worked

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## STUDENT Profile *Continued*

with include United Tees, Moment Lens, and the artist Shallow, with whom he worked on a travel series.

His project with Moment Lens sticks out in his mind as one of his favorite experiences thus far.

“Moment Lens is actually really cool! They have iPhone lenses and stuff. It’s the coolest thing ever,” Justin eagerly explains.

However, it’s not all sponsorships and subscribers for Justin, who, like most people, has encountered obstacles along the way. He believes that his greatest obstacle is motivation. Because he is self-taught, nobody was there to push him forward or mentor him along the way. He is his own driving force, and sometimes, he admits, he lets procrastination get the better of him. Fortunately, other than motivation, Justin’s list of obstacles is short, which is good news for the aspiring filmmaker!

Justin is currently enrolled in seven rigorous classes, including four AP level classes – AP Government, AP Literature, AP Environmental Science, and AP Calculus. Justin has been an active member of the National Honor Society since his induction in junior year, and he was chosen to be a Freshman Mentor. Justin is also a member of the Adobe Club, and was honored to be chosen as the January Student of the Month for Hawthorne House. Balancing a full plate of activities and a rigorous class schedule, Justin is a well-rounded and exceptionally talented student.

Despite his many recent achievements, Justin believes his largest achievement thus far has been applying to college.

“It’s a lot of work!” he says, summing up the mindsets of seniors everywhere.

In college, Justin plans to major in film, and from there, he hopes to work for the New York Times.

“After college I want to work for the New York Times and make these documentary videos because I really like watching those.” he explains. “And maybe make a real movie or something when I’m like fifty years old” he says jokingly.

The future is bright for Justin, who has already captivated audiences with his work. Watch for Justin’s name on the big screen (in about fifty years)! ♦

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# GARY RYAN

## ALUMNI *Profile*

By Laura Grasso *Class of 2018*



Gary Ryan has always been a part of the Chelmsford community. He was born and raised here. He formed lasting bonds with the friends he made and teachers he met in Chelmsford. He graduated from Chelmsford High School in 1986. And in 1993, he joined the Chelmsford Fire Department.

Today, Ryan is fire chief. He is tasked with managing the Fire Department, as well as coordinating with other departments, including police units and the health board. He also works to find the most efficient way to get a firefighter's job done while also keeping that firefighter safe.

"The biggest challenge a lot of chiefs -- not just me -- are faced with is always life safety," Ryan reflects.

His first major purchase as chief was to get each firefighter a second set of turnout gear (the uniform worn by firefighters when responding to a call). His reason was clear: preventing cancer. "Cancer is an issue in the fire service right now," Ryan explains. "When they go save houses with plastic or synthetic materials, [those materials] burn carcinogens and as a result ... they get that smoke in their clothing."

He is working to raise awareness within the department, advocating the immediate removal and wash of turnout gear after a call, taking a shower, and putting the second set of gear on.

Firefighting has never been known to be a safe or easy profession, yet it has always been an incredibly important one, and people in the community recognize that.

"If you're ever in a firehouse kitchen, you see the support. They bring in carts; they bring in baked goods." He chuckles, then continues in a much more serious tone. "Sometimes you don't know the impact you have until you get a phone call, or a letter, or they stop by the firehouse days later and say, 'Hey, just wanted to let you know I had a bad day, you really helped me out, I was thankful that you guys were there ... We're very happy to have your firefighters in our community.'"

The connection between the Fire Department and the community in Chelmsford is incredibly strong. This bond is only reinforced by the connections the fire chief has to the town. "I have responded to people that I knew, people that I grew up with," Ryan remembers. "They were seriously ill, and I like to think that the fact that I was there brought some measure of comfort to that person because they knew me."

It is easy for people in the community to know the fire chief, too. He went to Westlands Elementary School, then McCarthy Middle School, then Chelmsford High. He graduated with the current Chelmsford police chief, James Spinney. He went on to attend UMass Lowell (known as the University of Lowell in 1986). From the very beginning, Ryan has been active in the community.

While in high school, Ryan considered going into physical therapy. But, as he concedes, "You aren't expected to make all of life's decisions at the age of 18. It's natural to change things."

And change, he did. When he graduated from the University of Lowell, he worked for the Department of Corrections as a

correctional counselor, following the progress of a group of inmates as they went through the institution, recommending educational or rehabilitation paths, and determining if and when they were suitable for work. Throughout his different career experiences, however, the idea of being a firefighter stuck with him.

"I knew some firefighters when I was in high school," Ryan recalls. "They seemed to be very happy with their job and their ability to help people. It opened my eyes to the fire service and convinced me that it was the right choice."

Ryan admits that although becoming a firefighter was always in the back of his mind, becoming chief was not.

"Whatever rank I was in I've always tried the best I could at that rank. ... With experience, I certainly looked to move up in the department, [but] I can't say it was something I thought of to begin with. My current focus was always how to improve in my current position, and how to get better."

He credits this ideal of commitment and perseverance to his schooling.

"The value of hard work and commitment that I was exposed to in Chelmsford High has served me well throughout my life and my career." He continues by thanking his former teachers. "I was served well by the educators in Chelmsford. Your experience in school prepares you for really any avenue. It builds a foundation to prepare you for anything you're going to tackle."

"When you think of Chelmsford High School," he adds, "you think of an institution that excels, that certainly prepares its graduates. They provide them with the

knowledge, the skills, the abilities to really move on to the next level."

He goes on to describe the day he ran into his fifth grade teacher many years after he had graduated from college.

"I don't know how she remembered me, but she did!" he laughs. "The educators cared about you. They wanted to make sure you did well."

Now he speaks from a parent's point of view as well as a student's. His son graduated from CHS in 2016. Ryan is still familiar with the impact the school that taught him hard work, strengthened his bond with his community, and prepared him for the incredibly demanding job as Fire Chief has on its students. When asked what CHS meant to him, his answer was immediate.

"Chelmsford High School means excellence to me," he responds without hesitation. ♦



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By Christina Whittlesey



Sydney Baron  
and the cast of  
"Anything Goes."

Happy 2018! 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, and I am very pleased to share our Department's news with you!

Chelmsford High School art students are currently involved in a number of exciting projects, and many have submitted work to competitions and exhibits. Students in Studio 3 classes are creating portraits for art for *The Memory Project*, a nonprofit organization that

invites art teachers and their students to create portraits for youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as neglect, abuse, loss of parents, and extreme poverty. This year, students are creating portraits for children in Puerto Rico.

Students are also exhibiting work for the Massachusetts Arts Education Association Youth Art Month in Boston's Transportation Building, the Westford Parish for the Arts Exhibit, and our upcoming K-12 Youth Art Month K-12 Exhibit through the month of March; this is always a fabulous exhibit, and I encourage you to drop by the Library

that month! The reception for the exhibit is Thursday, March 8 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.

Many of our CHS art students also had work submitted recently 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 winter, and teachers and students are keeping their fingers crossed!

The CHS Theater Guild has been hard at work this year, and kicked off their year of theatre with a production of the Cole Porter musical, *Anything Goes*, directed by Ms. Lauren Cochran, produced by Julie Ruff, musical direction by Ms. Amanda Roeder, and stage managed by Megan Long. Student talents in the cast included Sydney Baron (2018), as Reno Sweeney, Michael Marchessault (2019) as Billy Crocker, Allison Dorsey (2021) as Hope Harcourt, Gabrielle Cruz (2018) as Mrs. Harcourt, Philip Ferdinand (2019) as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, Jonathan Puffer (2018) as Moonface Martin, and Mia Kelly (2018) as Erma. The pit orchestra, composed of CHS students, was conducted by Mr. Matt Sexauer.

Famously entertaining tap numbers like “Anything Goes” and theatrical jazz numbers like “Blow, Gabriel, Blow” featured the entire cast. All



The cast of “Anything Goes” rehearses for the annual musical

musical numbers in the show were choreographed by students Mia Kelly (2018) and Justine Long (2018). Technical director Mr. Craig Robertson collaborated with student technical director/master carpenter Amy Carey (2018), set designer Shailagh McCormack (2018), lighting designer Emma Bernier (2018), and audio engineer Samantha Gould (2018) to tackle the 1930s musical with an art-deco style approach. In addition, head costume designers Kate Heineman (2018) and Cassidy Boucher (2019) created costumes that truly made the period come to life.

Next up for the Theatre Guild was *IN YOUR DREAMS*, a bright and bubbly show written, directed, and produced exclusively by Chelmsford High School students. This family-friendly performance was written by senior Julie Ruff (with assistance from senior Roark Thomas) and directed by seniors Deborah Veizi and Gabby Cruz. *IN YOUR DREAMS* was cast in early December; Advisor Craig Robertson acted as the Technical Director and Executive Producer for this show.

The plot of *IN YOUR DREAMS* follows four middle-school aged children, Rosie (Katherine McMeniman ‘21), Emma (Maria



ATWE students and co-director Sean Wright in the TV studio to share about their upcoming Carnegie Hall performance Heck, Will Marcotte, Sydney Baron, Phil Ferdinand Jr., Nadya Lisciotto, Michael Xavier, Deb Veizi, Gabby Cruz

Loew ‘20), Chandler (Mark Reitman ‘18), and Freddie (Chase Boles ‘20) as they find a strange button that transports them into the “Up-Above.” The Up-Above consists of Dreamland, Sandland, and worst of all, Nightmareland. As the kids travel from dream to dream trying to find a way home, they stumble upon the evil “Dreamologist” who rules Nightmareland and are taken as prisoners in her dungeon.

Stay tuned for more great productions on the way from the CHS Theatre Guild, including its annual competition play that will open in March!

In music news, CHS music students continue to excel across performance ensembles. The annual winter concert featured students in the Orchestra, Grade 9 Chamber Orchestra, Treble Choir, Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Percussion Ensemble. The concert ended with our traditional finale, as an impressive number of alumni and community members joined the CHS full Symphony Orchestra and Choir onstage for a rousing rendition of Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus.” We also hosted an “After-School Ensemble Concert” in January in order to accommodate the growing number of high-level student- and teacher-led ensembles in our school. This concert featured the Jazz Band, the student-led Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra, and our



CHS Band, Orchestra, and Treble Chorus perform at the Winter Concert

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cappella groups The Thursdays and The Crescendos. All groups performed extremely well. Both the winter concert and the after-school ensemble concert can be viewed online at the Chelmsford TeleMedia website, [www.chelmsfordtv.org](http://www.chelmsfordtv.org).

On November 18, over 1100 music students from public and private schools across the Northeastern part of Massachusetts auditioned for the 2018 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, 17 of which were from Chelmsford High School. These students performed at a concert in Wakefield, MA on Saturday, January 13.

In addition to having these 17 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, 10 band, chorus, and orchestra students received an All-State recommendation!

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

Moira Andrews, CHS Band\*  
Chase Boles, CHS Chorus  
Emily Bruce, CHS Band  
Gina Castellano, CHS Chorus\*  
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Kevin Hamilton, CHS Chorus\*

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Erick Lee, CHS Band\*  
Andrea Loew, CHS Chorus  
Taylor McCormick, CHS Orchestra  
Krystal Qiao, CHS Orchestra  
Edward Rigney, CHS Band  
Delaney Schiefen, CHS Chorus\*  
Sam Segal, CHS Chorus\*  
Josh Timmins, CHS Chorus\*  
Elaine Tsui, CHS Orchestra\*

Students ultimately selected for the All-State Ensembles will stay in Boston March 1-3 to work with world-renowned conductors. After a few intense days of rehearsal, the ensembles will perform at Symphony Hall in Boston on March 3, 2017.

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



The CHS a cappella groups, "The Thursdays," and "The Crescendos," 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, a 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.

In addition to the N.E. Voices Festival, In February, the Thursdays and the Crescendos will also compete at the Northeast Quarterfinal of the Varsity Vocals International Championship of High School A Cappella! This will be the first year that the Crescendos will participate, and the third year for the Thursdays. Good luck to both groups!

Finally, if you haven't heard, the Chelmsford All Town Wind Ensemble (ATWE) has been accepted to perform at the **National Band and Orchestra Festival at Carnegie Hall in New York City!** This was the result of a successful video audition and approved ensemble resume and application. Carnegie Hall is one of the most prestigious venues in the United States, and this will truly be a major life experience for our student musicians.

ATWE is a group of approximately 70 enthusiastic volunteer student musicians in grades 6 through 12 from the McCarthy Middle School, Parker Middle School, and Chelmsford High School Band Programs. Its members are dedicated to rehearsing after school hours to play advanced music of high artistic merit under the co-direction of Allison Lacasse and Sean Wright, who are also the McCarthy band co-directors.

The festival takes place between March 29th and April 1, 2018. Students in the ensemble will prepare a program and perform for a group of clinicians that includes four major United States conductors: Frank Battisti, Craig

Kirchhoff, Charles Peltz, and H. Robert Reynolds. The clinicians will then lead a clinic/workshop for ATWE that will allow the students and directors to gain valuable insight and future advice for performances of their program.

I would like to thank the faculty in the CHS arts department for their tireless commitment to our department, school, and students. They are:

#### VISUAL ARTS:

Madalena Alves  
Diane Cogliano  
Ashley Cook  
Terry Karangioze

#### PERFORMING ARTS:

Lauren Cochran  
Kate Comeau  
Amanda Roeder  
Matt Sexauer

I invite you to watch our monthly department TV show to keep abreast of Fine Arts news! *Spotlight on Fine Arts* is aired daily on the TeleMedia educational channels (CTM ED). 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  
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# Who wants a Hot Lunch Today?

## PART I

When asked when student demonstrations first began in the 1960's, most Historians will point to the University of California Berkeley as the place where the sit-ins, the free speech protests and strikes first started.

These demonstrations and strikes would soon take place on many college campuses across the country. It is believed by many that these college age students at Berkeley started it all in the fall of 1964 that shaped the course of the decade.

What most people don't know, however, is that it had all started a year and a half before in the spring of 1963 by a bunch of thirteen and fourteen year old eighth-graders.

Yes, I know this to be true because I was there when it happened, saw it myself as the kids all come together to try to make a change in their world.

And they did it all themselves.

In 1963 in our Junior High School, we pulled off a strike of our own, long before Cal Berkeley would do its thing.

When we started to organize our strike, we could not have imagined its results. We never expected it to have the effect it had or that it would shake, rattle, roll the school's administration so much, fill them with such anger, outrage, and revenge that the repercussions would last for years. In our craziest dreams, we could not have anticipated what was to come.

The following is the real and the never before told story of something we all did together in that spring of 1963. Something that really shook things up. This is how it all came together. This is how it all went down. When we entered the eighth grade, it was the fall of 1962. Chubby Checker now had all the adults doing the Twist, and we kids were slow-dancing to Roy Orbison and discovering romance.

The Beach Boys would put out their first album in October and by January, they had three albums out there. It would be a full year before the D.J. Maury the K would play his first Beatle song on a New York radio station. Beatles, Stones, and Animals were still something you only found in the woods.

Earlier that year, America was catching up to the Russians in the space race when John Glenn orbited the earth and when school

started that fall, the Cuban Missile Crisis was only weeks away. Yes, we would all continue to get our fill of the schools surprise air raid drills and we would always do as we were told: when the alarm sounded to dive on to the floors of the school and curl up against the walls and cover our heads as we practiced our "duck and cover" exercise in the doom and paranoia that they saw fit to put us through. Wasn't our fear of nuclear annihilation enough without that? Why did they insist on making it so real and impending? Did they really think that laying down on a floor would help save us from such a thing as that? What were they thinking?

It was a scary time to be a young and powerless kid. But we had already begun to find some of our own power. The power we had when we would all come together.

It was now spring and in a few weeks, President Kennedy would propose The Civil Rights Act that would end segregation. In May, The Kingsmen recorded Louie Louie, it would eventually become a big hit, and it would soon be investigated by the FBI for the bad words they thought were hidden in it. And in six months, on a Friday afternoon, as our last class of the day came to an end, we were to find out that our President had been assassinated.

Integration and many other things would have to wait. America was about to have a completely different future.

Me, I was in Mr. Dacey's history class trying to finish out the school year and make it into High School. Mr. Dacey was a very unusual teacher that I both liked and feared. On entering his classroom on the first day of school, you were greeted by two large flags drawn on the blackboard. When Mr. Dacey entered the classroom, he pointed out that the first flag was a Gale warning flag and he told us that if we were ever to see it up on the blackboard we were to be very careful and watch our step. The other was a Hurricane flag and he said that if we ever saw that flag we were to take our seats, put our face in a book, and not to dare utter a sound until the period was over and we had left his classroom. We saw each of those flags at least once that year and did not dare do anything but what he told us to do when we saw them.

It was in Mr. Dacey's class that we learned about strikes. It was in his class that we hatched the plot. It was right there on that fateful day, in that room, that it all began.

One day Mr. Dacey was going on about strikes. Coal miners I believe, and at that one fateful moment, I raised my hand and asked him why people go on strike. He responded that it was the peoples' right to strike and that if people didn't like the conditions that they had to work or live under they could band together for change and strike to improve these conditions. Click! On goes the light. If I had never raised my hand, if I had never asked that question, it all would have never happened. After he gave

me his explanation, I slowly turned my head and looked at my friend Sandy and when our eyes met, it was clear that she was thinking the same thing. This was proven when our mouths both simultaneously whispered the words that would soon cause all the problems. We whispered the words.... "The Cafeteria." Yes, we were going to band together and improve our conditions. We were going to try to make some changes. We were going to strike

Sure, the food certainly wasn't terrible in our school but if we could get improvements in our conditions by banding together and get better food lets go for it. Surely we could replace things like scrambled hamburg and gravy that we all referred to as "Gravy Train." We could do better than that couldn't we? Maybe when we strike and give them our demands they'll ask us for suggestions on what could be improved in the lunch program. Ha!

So, Sandy and I went around telling people about our plan for the strike and to see how it was being accepted by our fellow eighth-graders. It turned out to be a very popular idea and was met with great enthusiasm by all.

It didn't take long at all for everyone to be on board and all were ready and waiting for a time to be set for the plan to go into action. It was rumored that even some of the seventh graders were in solidarity with us. This was getting good.

I found out how big it was getting when I walked out of a class one day and saw everyone carrying signs up and down the hall reading ON STRIKE, ON STRIKE!

What! What is this?  
What had we started?

Where did all this come from? Seeing this was a big surprise to me. It was so unexpected. I knew nothing about this. It seems that everyone's ideas were being put in motion and all were involving themselves in the happening. I just stood there stunned. It was quite the scene and it was pretty cool

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**PART 2**

Now the food in cafeterias everywhere has always been ridiculed and been the brunt of jokes and often for good reason.

to see. Boy, everyone sure came together fast and it seems that all of us brought our ideas with them.

Everyone was all in, that was for sure. Now it had taken on a life of its own. The kids were chanting "on strike on strike" as they paraded down the main hall by the Administration offices.

My friend Pattie said to me that she thought it was supposed to be a secret that we all were keeping and that now it looked like we were being too visible and out in the open with it. She had a good point. We were advertising our intentions in front of the teachers. She was right. I was so surprised by it all that it never dawned on me. This wasn't part of the plan. Could this be the downfall of the whole thing? It was time to move fast and we chose Friday for the strike. It was all set and we were ready to go. It would happen on Friday!

When it came to lunch, it was maybe 60/40, those who would buy lunch and those who would bring their own. Most kids bought lunch every day, some kids brought theirs with them fairly regularly and many of them would buy a hot lunch a few days a week.

In order to know how many kids were going to have hot lunch on any given day, the homeroom teachers would ask for a show of hands every morning. A count would be taken from all the homerooms and then the proper amount of food would be prepared for that day's lunch. This was how we formed the plan. We would all order lunch and then not buy it. Hundreds of kids would raise their hands in the morning and then just sit there in the cafeteria at lunchtime. This was the plan. Would it work? We didn't know

but we were going to find out.

I must point out that the girls played a big role in the organization of this whole thing. It would never have gotten off the ground, it would never have gone anywhere without them. When I think of the people that were the most involved from the very beginning, I think of the girls.

When my homeroom teacher said, "Who wants hot lunch today?" on that Friday morning everyone in the room raised their hands. Our teacher's eyes opened wide with surprise. This was the first unanimous vote she had ever seen. She walked over and looked at the menu on the wall by the door to see what was so good that everyone wanted. She turned and looked at us with a puzzled look on her face and exclaimed "Tuna roll and chips!?" We just sat there in silence. She just shrugged her shoulders and wrote down the count. She hadn't caught on. Maybe the teachers hadn't discovered us after all.

I was told later that this teacher, who was also my science teacher, cried when she was told what they were going to do to me.

Soon we found out that in every eighth-grade classroom, all of the students had raised their hands. Lunchtime would be in only a few hours. It was on.

### PART 3

We had two lunch periods in our school. The first was for the seventh-graders the second was for the eighth-graders. Before the second lunch started, I had two pieces of news. One was that the seventh-graders didn't sign up for lunches either. Wow,

I had told some of them during our bus rides what we were doing and I knew some might join in but I don't think I knew that it was to be taken up by the entire seventh grade! People must have been really communicating over the past few days. I didn't know the seventh-graders were going to play a significant role in this but they certainly did.

The second thing was that the principal was now aware that something was afoot and the results of the first lunch period confirmed his information. They were on to us.

I also heard that the principal and others were looking for me and that they were waiting for me to show up in the cafeteria for lunch. It seems that I had been tagged as the Ring Leader and it was all going to be on me. Things were about to get tricky for me and it wasn't looking good. I waited behind for a little while as everyone went down to the cafeteria to not eat lunch, and I thinking I could find no way out, I went down to face the music.

To go to lunch you had to leave the building and walk down the hill to the building next door. As I walked, I tried to think of a way to get myself out of this mess and couldn't come up with a thing. Well, it was fate, I would just have to accept it, and I prepared myself to face "the music" and take my punishment with some semblance of dignity if I could. I don't mind saying I was a little worried.

When I opened the doors and came into the large room, I saw the principal and an English teacher on the small stage from where they made announcements. The microphone was on so they

must have been saying something to the students before I came in. They had been staring at the other kids sitting at the tables, maybe asking them where I was, and then they saw me. The English teacher leaned toward the principal and whispered to him. I remember hearing their voices bleeding over into the microphone "That's him, that's him, that's Frank Marley, he's the one."

I was walking straight toward them and they just stared at me. Their angry stone faces glaring away at me. I kept walking and they said nothing. I still had no defense for myself, I could still not think of a way out, and although I was nervous, I kept my composure. When I was near them, I just took a turn to the right and began to walk away. I was walking in the empty lunch line now and then it hit me. I may have had an out card after all. It was a card of shame but maybe I should play it and see what happens. As I kept walking, I noticed that the lunch ladies who served the food were all either crying or wiping their eyes. Oh no I thought, they think it's their fault that we did all this and they're blaming themselves.

This was a very unfortunate consequence of my actions and I felt badly about it. One of the things I did not see coming was a bunch of crying women.

It was at this point I did the unthinkable. I bought a lunch. Right there in front of the whole class I bought a lunch. I was ashamed of myself but I had to try something to get out of this mess that I was in and something told me it might work.

I've always been thankful to my friends and classmates for

never giving me one word of grief for what I did. I think they understood my situation and knew I was in deep trouble. No one ever said a word about it to me. They were the best.

I took the tray with tuna roll and chips and went to a table, put the tray down, sat down, folded my arms in front of me, and just stared at the wall. The room was silent. Lunch was never silent, far from it, and still not a peep from the principal. I could feel his eyes burning into me and still there was silence. Could it be that nothing was going to happen? Was I safe? Maybe they weren't after me after all. Then suddenly from the microphone came . . . "Frank Marley!" No, I wasn't safe. It was all about to come crashing down.

The principal's voice boomed out over the microphone again. "Frank Marley come up here right now." I stood up and walked up to him and we both stared at each other. Him glaring at me and I looking him right in the eye. "Go up to my office right now Marley and wait there for me" he said, and I left.

As I walked back up the hill, I hoped that they didn't have Sandy or any of the other kids either. I wondered what they would do to me. This won't be a detention, not this time. Maybe a week of detention then? No, I'll be suspended for sure. For how long I wondered. The usual three days that they gave out? Or the weeklong one that they only gave out once before and saved only for extreme bad behavior? Or could it be more than a week? Maybe, I would soon find out.

When I walked into the office area, I saw two kids sitting in chairs outside the principal's door. When

we looked at each other, I could see they had a panicked look on their faces. They were scared when I walked in. They were scared when they saw me. This is odd I thought.

Hey what are you guys doing here I asked, "You two weren't part of any of this, why did they call you two up here?" There was no answer and their heads dropped. I realized they would no longer look at me and I couldn't get them to answer. Then it hit me.

I now knew why they were here. And with that realization, I now knew why I was here. They were rats, the ones who blew the whistle on us! They were the ones who ran to the Administration and turned me in. They were the ones who sold us all out. They had already spilled it to them and now they had been told to wait there and be witnesses against me. What a couple of Rat Fink Creeps.

#### PART 4

Now I was facing the principal's wrath. The principal, the superintendent of schools, and whoever else was in the room, were very loud and angry. They went on and on spewing their nonsense as I expected. I didn't get any detentions and wasn't suspended either. No, not me. That kind of punishment wasn't good enough. Not for the radical socialist they thought they had before them. They had something even more fitting in store for the likes of me. What they did was expel me from school. I was told to leave the school, go straight home, and not return. They said that I was not going to be allowed to complete the eighth grade and I would not be going on to high school in the fall. It was unclear if I would be allowed to come back the next

year to start eighth grade all over again. I believe they said something about finding a new school next year, as I wouldn't be coming to this one ever again or something to that effect, but by then, I was no longer listening to them.

When I got home, my mother had had the call from the school and she knew the story. She asked me only one question, "Did you buy a lunch?" I said that yes I had. She said "Ok, now go and wait in your

room." I saw her pick up the phone and make a call. I had to hear this one so I listened from the hall. I remember her asking someone a question. "Did my son buy a lunch?" No, could this be that feeling of hope I had when I decided to "play my card" in the lunch line coming true? Could it really be paying off? No, it's not possible, but this is sounding a lot better somehow. Then I heard my Mother say, "My son will be coming to school on Monday morning and if you don't let him in, my brother will leave his desk at the State House in Boston and bring every lawyer on Beacon Hill down with him to your school." Wow! My mom just used the big time powerful lawyers' card on the principal. She did have a brother in the State House with serious lawyers on call for us if ever needed, but she never said so to anyone before this that I knew of. She said it all so calmly and firmly, never even raising her voice. Wow! Good work Mom. I was saved. It seemed that I was going back to school on Monday after all and I wouldn't need those lawyers either, at least not for a few more years anyway. What an amazing turn of events this was, and what a day it had been!

## PART 5

Well, I was back in school and buying hot lunches with all my classmates again. I was certainly leading a charmed life. And I was glad to know that I would soon be going on to the high school with all my friends.

The lunch ladies were all OK again when we explained to them that they had nothing to do with the reason for our actions and that we were sorry they were affected by it. I remember that they would do little things for us as the school year was ending soon. Always ready with an extra dessert or an extra scoop of mashed potatoes. They were all very nice to us.

The final tally when the dust had settled was that of the hundreds of kids that ordered lunch that day, there, only seven lunch tickets were collected. Talk about being all in? That was all in.

The Administration was still livid. They were furious with us. They were going on and on about the money they lost and made a big point of it to prove to us, and anyone that would listen, what a terrible thing we had done and how horribly we had acted. Money? How much money can you lose when a lunch ticket costs only twenty-five cents? How much money can you lose on an industrial size can of tuna fish and some potato chips? I bet the school had some sweet deals going on with the prices they paid or our food. Money lost? They never cooked any hot food that day. Nothing spoiled and had to be thrown out. There was no waste here. That was just a lot of bluster. No, it was something else. What infuriated them was that a bunch of thirteen-year-old kids had the

audacity to challenge them. That, and the fact that we pulled it off before they could stop us. They were beaten and their authoritarian egos were shattered. Now they wanted revenge. "We got the old goats good" that day and they knew it, and they did not like it one bit.

One of their disciplinary solutions to all this was to ban talking in the school building. Did they really think that that could stop kids from banding together and challenging them in the future? Ha! History proves that sure didn't happen. I don't know how long they kept up this policy but I was told when I was a junior at the high school, that it was still being enforced and that detentions were still given to anyone that was caught talking in the halls.

As for the two Rats, they will remain nameless. I did see one of them six years later in the fall of 1969 at a concert at UMass Amherst. While I was sitting there in the fourth row center, waiting for the next band, "Traffic" to come on, there was a delay between acts. The crowd was engaged in a rhythmic clap to urge on the show. A loud but simple and peaceful enough rhythmic clap and some chanting. Then out walks one of the two rats on to the stage wearing a suit and tie and a very short haircut. There he was still the Creep. He was overreacting to the clapping as if a riot were going to start. Nervous, sweating and in a panic, he paced around the stage and was shouting at everyone at the top of his lungs "Stop it, stop it! Everybody stop it right now!" and a lot of other childish nonsense that did not seem to fit with the reality of the circumstance. It was a real clown act. The smallness of the conservative mind is hard

to fathom. He would make a good school principal I bet.

As for Mr. Dacey, I saw him some time later. We always played baseball on the field behind McFarlin. We would play there all summer until it was so dark we could no longer see the line drives that rocketed past our ear. One afternoon when we were down there, Mr. Dacey came walking up to us and asked if he could take a few cuts. We said sure and I handed him a bat. He took off his coat, loosened his tie, rolled up his sleeves, and proceeded to crank balls, one after the other, deep and far with amazing power. We were all very impressed with this display of hitting and I found a deeper respect for Mr. Dacey that day. Teachers really weren't so different from us were they?

As for my friend and co-conspirator Sandy. Sandy lived only a few houses away from me and I used to walk her home from the bus stop after school. I remember one day she showed me the Radar Range, now commonly known as a microwave oven, she had in her kitchen. She told me her father invented it and that it could cook a baked potato in five minutes. Wow! Men were orbiting in space and now the five-minute potato. Things sure were moving fast.

Before that summer really even began, Sandy would move away and I would never see her again.

Before leaving junior high, I asked my English teacher Ralph Swartz, (whose name I would later share with substitute teachers in the High School when they were thinking of giving me a detention) if he would sign my yearbook. He quoted Shakespeare by

writing: "Frank, Discretion is the better part of valor, Shakespeare Henry IV." I was sure he was talking about the strike, and he would have had a point too.

In my senior yearbook, someone on the yearbook staff added that I would have a "political future." I bet they were remembering the strike when they wrote that. Unless of course, they were thinking of the more recent class elections when, unknown to me, my classmates ran me for Principal. Yes, I caught hell for that one too.

#### PART 6

When I left junior high, many of the kids I knew were moving away. Chelmsford's population had doubled around 1960 due to all the electronics and technology industries that sprang up in nearby towns. Between that and Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, many families would move to town and many would eventually be sent off again by the companies they worked for, or by Uncle Sam to new places. Many of these families lived in my part of town known as the Farms.

When I moved to the Farms only about a third of it was built. I watched the roads go down, the houses go up, and the kids move in. Kids my age, that became friends. However, during that summer of '63, I lost a good dozen of my friends from the Farms. Kids that you rode the bus to school with, boys you would shoot hoops and ride bikes with, and climb the trees of the Thanksgiving Forest with. Girls you could stop by and visit, with whom, you could play records, dance, go to parties, and share your first kisses. The kids I knew in '61, '62, and '63 and went to McFarlin Junior High

with were now moving away.

I'd like to think that wherever they went they brought something of what we all did together along with them, made new friends, and tried to make better and more important changes in not just their world, but in the entire world. And I bet they did just that.

Thankfully, for me there were plenty of great kids left to go through high school with and we all stayed bonded together over those years. And those years were great. I've always felt blessed and grateful to have gone through school with those kids and to be young in such an amazing decade.

We lived in a youth oriented Pop Culture unique in the way we stuck together. It was Kids vs. the World in those days.

The bonds of our whole generation were strong as well. When we all left school and went on to our colleges and out into the world, young people from all over the country would now meet each other and when they did, they would then all stand together for Peace, Equality and a Better World. I was proud of us all and the things we tried to do together. And I'll always remember those schoolmates who were all between the age of twelve and fourteen that started it all by standing together back in that spring of 1963.

This short story is dedicated to Sandy McCollie and the students of the classes of 1967 and 1968 who were in McFarlin Junior High School in Chelmsford Massachusetts in the spring of 1963.

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# ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S *Report* ▸ By Dan Hart *Class of 1999*

This past fall we had many of our student athletes experience success in their respective sports. Our players and coaches performed at a high level and represented our community with class both on the field and out in the town participating in community service opportunities.

This fall we had two teams win MVC Championships, our Girls Swim and Dive Team coached by Harriet Kinnett, and our Girls Field Hockey Team coached by Rebecca Brown.

Our Boys Cross Country, Football and Soccer Teams also qualified for post-season play after successful seasons, and our Girls Swim and Dive Team, and Girls Field Hockey Team qualified for the State Tournament.

Many of our boys and girls were selected for the Merrimack Valley Conference All Conference Teams, and some were selected as Honorable Mentions for performance in their sport.

Two of our Student Athletes, Laura Latham (Freshman, Class of '21 – Swimming Division 2) and Sal Lupoli Jr. (Senior, Class of '18 – Football) were named Player of the Year in their respective sports.

Our athletes were presented their awards at our Fall Sports Awards Night on Tuesday December 5th. This event is sponsored by the CHS All Sports Booster Club, and was well attended by players and parents. The highlight of the night was a Fall Sports Recap piece put together by Senior Sam Cohn, that was entirely student produced, starring our Fall Senior Athletes. I can not thank Sam, and our Seniors enough for this great addition to Awards Night. I would also like to thank the Boosters for providing the awards and the jackets for our students. Thank you for making this a great night for the students and our community.

Our Winter Sports are off to a great start. Our Boys Basketball Team kicked off our Winter Season with a win over Tyngsboro High School, in an event that raffled off Prom Tickets to an attending Senior. Dylan McElhinney (Senior Class of 2018) was the lucky winner and was announced in front of a nearly-filled Conrad Gymnasium. This event was also the showcase for new improvements made to our gym. Through generous donations from the Class of 2016, the Chelmsford Police Athletic League, and Chelmsford Youth Wrestling, we were able to make some updates to our facility. Our gym now has

a new state of the art scoreboard and new shot clocks for the baskets that display the time of the game. We also added new banners over the bays above the bleachers that display our team colors, our logos, league affiliation and a special banner over the fan section which displays the "Tundra" moniker. The CHS Tundra is the name created to the "unofficial" CHS Student Fan Section over the years that has supported our Athletic Teams so passionately.

Our Wrestling Team just hosted the Chelmsford Invitational Tournament which consisted of 24 of the best High School Teams in MA and NH and finished in first place. Our Girls Track Team is off to a great start and has a winning record in the MVC, and our Boys Track Team is currently leading the Merrimack Valley Conference!

This Winter we have over 400 participants in Winter Sports, and we hope to have many successes to report in our next issue! To follow Chelmsford High School Athletics on twitter, please follow @\_LionsAthletics.

-Dan Hart (Class of '99)  
Chelmsford Athletics

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Dear Classmates: I know there is at least one classmate (my dear friend, Pauline (Lundberg) Breen) who is still with us. If there are any more, please call or email me.

I'm sorry to say that I heard sad news from Jim Kane, the son of a classmate of ours, who phoned me on Wed., Nov. 29, to inform his mom's classmates and me that his mom, Eugenia J. (Kisley) Kane RN, had died on August 31, 2017. Genie and I lived just a few miles from each other, I in North Chelmsford and she in West Chelmsford, but we rarely saw each other. Genie had a very active life. The very thoughts of it make me wish I had done much more to help others; there is so much about her to be admired! To quote

her obituary: "After graduating from Chelmsford High School, she went into Nurses Training School at Massachusetts State Hospital in Tewksbury, MA where she received a Nurses Associates Certificate. In 1942, she married James R. Kane and moved to Brooklyn, NY. She worked at the Brooklyn Norwegian Hospital during World War II. While working there she volunteered her services to help fight the smallpox scare (1947-1948), and was very proud of the letter of thanks she received from the New York City Department of Health. Her husband was in the Coast Guard, so they moved many times, living between Maine and Puerto Rico. She is predeceased by her husband, Jim, who passed away shortly after their 65th wedding anniversary. Jean is also predeceased by her daughter, Linda Kane Scott. She leaves behind a son, James and his wife Elaine of Williamsburg, VA, a sister-in-law, Estelle Kisley of Ocala, FL, as well as three grandsons, one granddaughter, and five great grandchildren. She last worked and retired from the US Naval Submarine Medical Research Center in Groton, CT, and moved to Sun City Center in 1992." Peter (my husband of 66 years) and I had wintered after retirement for 27 years in the Town of Kenneth City, FL when I received a call from Genie, who was spending her winters across Tampa Bay from me in Sun City and suggested we get together for a social visit. We were "getting along in years" at that time and the visit never came to fruition but we had

a delightful conversation with the best of intentions--I'm sure many of you have gone through that. I asked Genie's son, James Kane, for his contact information in the event you'd like to express condolences or donate in Genie's memory: James Kane: Cell: 757-719-8303, email address: jkane23@cox.net. We extend our sympathies to Genie's family.

I regret this is the last article I will contribute. I will be 99 on March 5 and have enjoyed so much being in touch with all my friends. No wonder I lived so long, thanks to all of you - YOU did it! Thanks for your friendship! I've heard from quite a few of our alumni. I am the last one living of a family of five children.

Love to all, Dot.

Editor's note: We thank Dot for her longtime service to the Lion's Pride!! She has been an amazing Class Agent, sending in her class's news as well as sending along news for the classes of 1963 and 1967 at times. We wish her the best and a very happy 99th birthday on March 5th!!!

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We are sad to have to report another death of a classmate. Florence (Morrell) Burns, R.N. passed and we send our thoughts and prayers to her daughter.

A few years back we visited with Florence & her husband at their cottage on Deer Island, N.B., Canada. They have a nice spot overlooking the water with a sunset view that is second to none. We still drive over to that area when we are there to see the sunset. Our home faces east so we see a sunrise over the water, that is, if we get up and early morning people, we are not!

Our numbers are dwindling fast from the Class of 1947. If you are still up and about, please drop me a line and let us know what is happening in your life. (patriciamerrill8@gmail.com) or telephone (978)251-3606.

Thanks, George

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Class of 1949: Elizabeth (Gannon) Connolly in front of her Westlands home, in which she's always lived!

As I write this, we are in a deep freeze in much of the Northeast. Along the coast is covered with snow. Our thermometer read 4 degrees earlier this week, and this is Central Virginia! Thankfully, this weather came after the holidays with so many traveling. We stayed home and our children and grandchildren came to visit us.

My brother John Wilder ('62) sent Bessie (Blackie) Sadlier's obituary. John reads the Lowell Sun on his computer while in Florida for the winter. Bessie was class agent for class of 1948, and I always enjoyed reading her column of hometown news.

I played on the CHS Girls' Basketball Team for one year with

Bessie and I remember her as a model of good sportsmanship. Bessie was very involved in her church and in Girl Scouts as well as in the community. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Charles, their two daughters and three sons, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one brother and two sisters.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Charlie and the extended Sadlier family.

In September, our daughter Zan accompanied us and we flew to Manchester, NH to visit my sister Nancy (Wilder) Dziczek (CHS 53) and brother-in-law Gene in Chelmsford. Elizabeth (Gannon) Connolly (CHS 49) joined us for coffee at the Radisson one morning while we were there. It was so good to see Elizabeth and catch up. My sister drove Elizabeth to her home in the Westlands; the home she has lived in her entire life (see picture). I couldn't help but be a little envious, as we have moved more times than I care to remember, having lived in eight states in our 64 years of marriage.

Our daughter drove us down to the Cape where we visited our best man and his wife, Clyde and Barbara Gill, and extended family, in Sandwich. Their two sons and families all live on the extensive property Clyde bought when he got out of the Army in 1955. They have married grandchildren with great-grandchildren all close by. Again, we were a little envious as our family is spread out all over the East Coast.

The next day we spent visiting places we used to enjoy in summers past. Then we had a lovely overnight visit with Betty (Hardy) Jones (CHS 49) at her beautiful home in Orleans (see pictures). Betty and I have been best friends since second grade at McFarlin, and were in each other's



Class of 1949: L to R: Charles and Skip (Wilder) Tewksbury, Betty (Hardy) Jones

wedding parties.

We had holiday greetings from Joyce (Mann) Mazur ('49). Joyce and I have been friends since we were two-year-old neighbors on Warren Avenue. Joyce has a new address, having moved from Easthampton to Northampton, MA.

A note on a Christmas card from Don ('49) and Dottie Reed gave the good news that Dottie has miraculously recovered completely from brain surgery.

I did not hear from Phyllis (Palmgren) Algren ('49), and I was concerned, as we have exchanged cards for many years. I called her in California, and was relieved to hear her cheerful voice. She'd lost my latest address. She'd had a trip to Chicago, attending a symphony at the beautiful music hall there. She enjoys her grandchildren, and watching her grandson play baseball. She reports both granddaughters play the flute. Phyllis was a music teacher for many years, and is so happy her love of music has passed onto her grandchildren. Phyllis is also an avid gardener, and has decided to start her vegetables with selected seeds in order to produce the variety she likes.

Please note my new email address. I'd love to hear your news, and any news about our classmates. Until next time, stay warm and safe.- Skip

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By the time everyone reads this, spring will be just around the corner and as of this writing we have been lucky regarding snow at least in Malden. Since I'm typing this on December 21st, we still have January and February to go before March 20!

Connie (Pomeroy) Stone sent me a card saying her two grandsons would be home for Christmas and the third one will be home early January. They represent the Army, Navy, and Air Force. I'm sure Connie and family cannot wait for their arrival!

From Jackie (Sidelinger) Storti: Happy New Year, friends and classmates! I have been thinking back over 2017 and ahead to 2018 and thought I would share a few

happy events with you. I do have a rather large family so hope you won't be bored. My great-grandchild list is growing in leaps and bounds. At the moment, I have five of them and number six is due in July. It is three of my grandsons who are doing all of producing but I do have a granddaughter who became engaged on Christmas Day, so I assume she will continue the population increase. Before her engagement, she and her now fiancé bought a house here in Amesbury and she has gone back to school at Salem State to finish her B.A. She is taking accounting with a long-range goal of becoming a professor to teach accounting. Her older sister is looking to get her Masters from UMass Lowell online in guidance counseling, and her younger sister is graduating from Columbia in the spring with a Masters in Public Health.

My youngest granddaughter will be graduating from high school in June and will attend Georgetown University in D.C. the fall.

My oldest grandson continues to do well with the two restaurants that he owns. If anyone is ever up in the Salisbury / Newburyport area, I highly recommend you stop in at the Vasa on Bridge Road. It is right by the bridge that goes from Salisbury to Newburyport. His other restaurant, the first one, is Crave and is located in Amesbury.

My final bit of news is my 29-year-old granddaughter is leaving April 2nd to walk the Appalachian Trail . . . by herself. She plans on spending six months doing it. Although there will be other people out there walking it, I am a bit nervous about her going it alone. By the time she gets back my hair will probably be completely white!

Note (from Jack): it's hard to believe it did not turn white after your parachute jump. My hair was already

white when I went to jump school.

I always look forward to hearing what is going on my classmates so how about passing your news along to Jack. He does a terrific job as our scribe, but I'm sure he would welcome a little help from you! Again . . . Happy New Year! Stay well! - From Connie, Jackie, and Jack

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Our numbers are dwindling -- we lost two more members of the class in October. William "Billy" Hicks passed away. He was "The General" to his friends and always a bigger than life person. He will be missed by many.

In addition, Thelma (Wallis) Morgan passed during the same week. Thelma had settled in Dracut and had been a widow since 2006. She leaves two daughters and two grandchildren and will be missed. She enjoyed reading and arranging flowers for family and friends.

I'm still waiting to hear from YOU!!  
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Until next time, keep smiling, Pat

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Greetings from one aging classmate to those remaining on the magazine list. Knowing that chance and choice combine to make our lives, we go on making the best we can of our lives. May things go well for you in 2018.

I am disappointed to say I have only had two correspondents sending me news to share. I know Nancy and Roy had better contacts and initiative than I can have, but I had hoped that no one volunteering to replace them did not mean a lack of interest.

I am happy to tell you some of what I have heard from Winchester and Nancy.

Winchester and Elaine celebrated 60 years of marriage and he says most of his Harvard classmates have enjoyed long marriages. Despite having had surgery, he has recovered so well he is back to his Wilderness Trail work and still taking adventurous trips in the wild areas of the country. His family seems to be flourishing and his wife has just had an exhibit of her paintings.

Nancy says, "We have a wonderful group of classmates and many happy memories of our times at school, activities and reunions". She reports that:

1. Janet (McEvoy) Bartlett died in June 2017. She had five sons in her 61-year marriage.

2. Sam Zouzas's daughter, Dacey, mentioned her parents in one of her regular article for the "Lowell Sun". They took their six children to the

100th celebration of the St George's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Dracut.

3. Joan Cutrumbes Clement helped celebrate 150 years of All Saints Episcopal Church in Chelmsford.

Typical of her, she says nothing about herself, just thanks me for being agent. Where would we be without her?

Perhaps I should say a little about myself. My health is better than my wife's, but nothing serious. I have stopped being a Liberal Democrat activist and have been elected Honorary President of the Moorlands Party. Joyce and I teach English to refugees once a week. I still take a few services, but am Chairman and Head of the building project. We have had a very good celebration of the building's history. In 1715, the first building was burned down in anti-dissenter and anti-republican riots. The Government paid to rebuild it. Despite having had Josiah Wedgwood as a major leader, we have no endowment and huge expenses. Lottery grants helped us celebrate the past, but preserving and improving the Grade two building remains a serious problem.

I look forward to hearing your news, whatever it is. - Phil

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My-dear-Classmates~~~



Class of 1955: Back of Dan Pushee's Red Sox's Shirt

Christmas and the New Year crept up on me so quickly. Most of you were happy to have a White Christmas. I am sure the cold and winter winds have you down. But like a snap of a finger, the snow will be gone and spring with all its glory will be here with the warmer weather ahead. As I have said before, it is my favorite time of year. Everything is fresh, new and starting to bloom again. Yeah!

### 80th Birthday Celebrations~~~

Our first for this winter edition is Danny Pushee, of Crystal River, FL. On Friday, September 22nd, his family really surprised him. George and Cheryl came from Massachusetts, Randy, Rebecca and Emma (granddaughter) came from Kansas. Cindy and Marissa traveled from Virginia. His daughter Peggy came from just around the corner. The big event had started: Bonnie, Danny's wife sat him down in a chair. Then they had him close his eyes. She told him she had a "big gift". The kids then came in and shocked him. They had started planning the surprise last summer and kept a secret from him. The Red Sox were the theme. He got a Red Sox home shirt with POPPY with 80 under it on the back. They had a catered dinner by a woman who does their church meals. Instead of a birthday cake, they had little cupcakes. Danny said he is so blessed.



Class of 1955: Dan Pushee's 80th Birthday Celebration. Dan in the middle and his wife Bonnie on the far left



Class of 1955: Grade 1 Westlands School 1943: Front Row: L to R: School 1943 Front Row: L to R, blank, Judy Reynolds, blank, blank, blank, David Jordan?, George Gilbride Second Row: L to R, Eileen (Harrington) Collomb, Prue (Pouliot) McBride, Patty (Elliot) Bernard?, blank, blank, blank, Danny Pushee. Can anyone help us fill in the Blanks?



Class of 1955: Princeton Street Grammar School: Front Row: L to R: Hazel (Parks) Thompson, Alden Patenaude, Rachael Lussier, Gertrude (Smith) Allaby, Evelyn Shepherd, Betty (Morrison) Butler, Dona (Provencal) Gavin, GiGi (Long) Kelleher. Middle Row: L to R: Bobby Farrow, Kenny Carter, Danny Pushee, Bob McEvoy, Willie Hall, Harvey Miller Back Row: L to R: Gerry Carrig, William Vickey, Russell Whitworth, Donald Caron, Raymond Courchaine

Dona (Provencal) Gavin of Cape Elizabeth, Maine is our second one this edition. She had a lovely night celebrating her 80th, with her whole family. Her daughters Dale and Jennifer, son Richard, along with her four grandchildren took Dona to dinner at her favorite place, The Cumberland Club and presented her with a birthday cake, with a big fat candle. Dona said they didn't want to burn the place down with 80 candles. Her birthday was September 29th but her gift from her oldest daughter, Dale, was a little early. In July, they went on a cruise in the Baltic Sea visiting, especially, The Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg, Russia. Then they cruised into all the capital cities in Scandinavia. Dona was so pleased and could not have asked for anything more, expressing that "my family is a blessing to me."

Our third is Randy Hoyle, of Napa, CA. His 80th was November 14th; he said he was in excellent shape. His celebration tribute follows: Randy said when he graduated, he was sorry to leave behind the two best friends that he cared deeply for on a personal basis. They were Willie Hall and Tom Gallagher and, on a sad note, both are deceased. He just wanted them to be remembered. Randy was co-captain of the football team with Willie. Tom was captain of the basketball. They all played both sports together, if you saw one, the others were not far behind.

On December 1st, Don Clement, of Vero Beach FL celebrated his 80th. He only wanted a quiet dinner at home, with his wife Dottie (Charest '58). Dottie set a nice table and waited for Donnie to finish cooking a Pork Roast on the grill. A few of his neighbors brought over cookies and cupcakes. They have their summer home in Dunstable MA where most of their family is located. Don and Dottie were blessed with a new great granddaughter Camille, on

December 3rd, just missing his birthday. They have 6 Children, 12 grands and 5 greats.

Carol (French) Miller, (December 6th) and Jerry Greska, (June 30th) celebrated their joint 80th birthdays by going on a fantastic trip. They flew into New Orleans on September 17th, spent some time the next day touring the City, which was really fun. That afternoon, Carol and Jerry, embarked on the "American Queen Steamboat Company" /Paddle-wheeler. They cruised on the "Mighty Mississippi River" the following six days. Ports of call were Natchez and Vicksburg MS ending in Memphis TN. Carol and Jerry really enjoyed the National Park in Vicksburg, learning about the Civil War "Siege of Vicksburg" and having an interesting tour guide take them through the sequence of events. They also had fun touring some historical homes in Natchez. Carol said the restorations were amazing. The River was so low at that time, that they were unable to dock at one of the scheduled locations, but they ended the cruise in Memphis. They went to "Graceland", where they toured the home of Elvis Presley and saw his cars and airplanes. Jerry was hoping to find Elvis still alive, but said he did not put in an appearance. Carol said it was yet another fantastic fun trip. The Saturday after Thanksgiving, her family gave her an 80th Birthday celebration at her home in Hudson NH. Attending were her son David, daughters, Beth, Lisa and Laurie along with the nine grands. They all brought dinner, had a great lasagna and a wonderful Chocolate Birthday Cake. Carol's brother Doug, her nephew Ian, Ian's wife, Katie King French and their new baby, her great-niece Elizabeth French, 6 weeks old, also celebrated with them. A great run for both Jerry and Carol.

These are the last of our 80th Birthday Celebrations for 2017. As

far as I know, there will be twelve, for 2018.

Memories of our grammar school dances~~~ Westland School, Judy (Fisher) Chandonnet remembers having dances once a month on Friday nights, for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Carol (French) Miller recalls making tuna fish sandwiches, with Mr. Wiggin standing over her. Dottie (Tassios) Zahos remembers the Boys on one side of the small auditorium and the Girls on the other side. Eileen (Harrington) Collomb commented that the girls were very ready to ask the boys for a dance. I remember polkas, waltzes, foxtrots and the jitterbug. The girls got all dressed up in their Sunday best and the boys wore a suit or a jacket and tie. Prue (Pouliot) McBride said she loved to dance the polkas. Judy, Dottie and Prue all said, after the dance they would walk down to Skip's for a coke, etc. My mom or dad would pick me up afterwards, as did other parents, because it was too far to walk home. At the Quessy School, Lenny Leedberg remembers dances in a very large hallway, for seventh and eighth grades and mentioned that they only had them once in a while. His partner and teacher was Pat (Sorbo) Carlson, now deceased. Lenny remembers skating behind Ann (Dale) Davis's house with Pat, trying to dance on skates. Wendell Luke said the "Long Hall" that Lenny talks about was the hallway that ran along full length of the Quessy School, on both floors, with a wide staircase in both ends. It is where they also ate lunch. The lunch was delivered over to Quessy from the McFarlin School and Wendell's mom served it. Speaking of McFarlin, Ron Taylor said they did have dances, maybe held at the high school. His mom made him his first green plaid sports jacket, he wore tan slacks to go with the green. Dona (Provencal) Gavin remembers an eighth grade graduation dance combined with the

Princeton Street School at the Quessy School?? Her mom made her a beautiful blue dress with sequins on the bodice. Dona said she danced with Billy Vennard and knew him from Sunday School. Gertrude (Smith) Allaby and GiGi didn't think they had dances at the Princeton Street School. Betty (Morrison) Butler recalls there was a dance contest, maybe at the North Town Hall. A couple would have to dance the longest without touching their heel to the floor. Betty said she and Freddie Mosley won first prize. The prize was a ceramic Beagle Dog. Betty got the prize, but didn't think Freddie got anything. Fred said that it was not true. He said that he had the honor to dance with a beautiful girl, 'Betty'. He also said Betty had the pick of the "Crop" for this special Dance, but that she accepted his invitation. Fred said he had the rare opportunity to dance the night away with the Belle of the Ball. He said it was the DANCE OF THE CENTURY and Betty said those were happy days, we were all lucky kids. Freddie remembers Betty being his favorite Drum Majorette. Talked to Sandy (Ricciardi '57) Kilburn she said that they never had dances at the Princeton Street School. However, at the North Town Hall, they did have some dance contests. She recalls that she and Archie Provencal ('57) won the Jitterbug contest.

I also remember the Square Dances~~~ I loved to square dance; there were eight dancers (four couples) and we all joined hands. I have memories of "do-si-do," "promenade," and "allemande." Gertrude also remembers square dancing. Judy said it was part of our music program. Carol (Abrahamson) Bovill recalls that she and Lenny were partners. Wendell remembers participating in a square dance competition, with the other grammar schools. He said the trickiest square dance was the "Texas Star". Larry Litchfield recalls the

square dances. The caller, saying allemande right, allemande left, circle and pass on. GiGi remembers square dancing in music class with Miss Littlehale, our music director and that we went on to a talent show. Eileen recalls that we placed highly and that she was on the team for the Westland School and remembers "duck for the oysters, dive for the clams!" Danny remembers having a square dance competition with all the grammar schools and that Princeton Street School won. Then Danny said they went on the Community Auditions TV Talent Show in Boston, at WBZ, Channel 4. Princeton Street School came in second. Not bad for a small school. The winners went on The Arthur Godfrey show, New York City. GiGi said that Betty's mom was often involved and thinks Dona's mom also made skirts. The Square Dancers from the Princeton Street School were: Betty Anne Illian, Betty (Morrison) Butler, Marguerite Larkin, GiGi (Gertrude Long) Kelleher, Willie Hall (deceased), ??? Illian, Danny Pushee and Raymond Courchaine. Dona writes that she remembers competing in Boston, said she must have been a substitute. As Dottie said, "those were the days my friend. We thought they would never end."~~~This was truly a fun project. I want to thank everyone who helped put the puzzle together. Special thanks to, Dona, GiGi, Betty, and Danny. I cannot believe that Dona knew all the names from the Princeton Street School. Wow! Good job!! Danny Pushee submitted all three photos. If you have a story to tell from your grammar schools or photos, please send them to me!

On-a-sad-note~~~

We extend our deepest sympathy to Betty (Morrison) Butler of Branson, MO., and all her family for the loss of her dear sister Barbara (Morrison) Annis on October 13th at the age of 83.



Class of 1955: L to R: Linda Patton, Quilt Appraiser Brenda Grampsas at the Jacksonville FL Quilt Show



Class of 1955: Betty (Morrison) Butler on the right in San Diego



Class of 1955: Princeton Street School Square Dancers: Betty Anne Illian, Betty (Morrison) Butler, Marguerite Larkin, GiGi (Gertrude Long) Kelleher, Willie Hall, Danny Pushee, Raymond Courchaine

Beatrice (Avila '53) Donnelly, of Chelmsford, phoned me to say that Elaine (Avila '54) McClarity, of Palatine IL, passed away on September 27th, she was 81. Elaine and I go way back to our High School Days. She lived across the street with her parents and grandparents, brother George Avila ('52), and her cousin Dotty (Becker '54) Polling. We were connected by our Aunt Helen by marriage, I guess that made us step cousins. I remember gathering in front of her house in the mornings to walk to the bus stop. On the way, Bea would join us. The bus stop was at the corner of Old Westford Road and North Road, where the Zaher's vegetable stand was located. There was no McCarthy School or Drum Hill Rotary then. Elaine met the love of her life, George McClarity, when I was a senior. They were married January 9th 1955. The reception was held at the Stony Brook Club. Then they moved into a cottage on our farm, for a couple of years. My mom and dad called it the honeymoon cottage. George died in 2015, and her son Scott predeceased her. Elaine's daughter Stacy lived close by along with the grands. I will miss you Elaine, we sure had fun phone visits along with being good email buddies.

On behalf of our class, I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Sandy (Ricciardi '57) and Wayne Kilburn ('57) for the loss of their dear daughter Kimberly (Kilburn'79) Monroe on October 20th at the age of 56, after a long battle with cancer. May grief pass and memories last forever.

Around the world~~~  
It all started out with a two-week cruise on the Mediterranean Sea in October. Betty (Morrison) Butler and three other girls had this trip planned many months before embarking on the Ship. They spent

three glorious days in Israel, along with touring the city of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. She said it was very beautiful. Tropical, mountains and desert, along with well-kept (and very well guarded) roads and buildings. Other ports of call were Rome, Malta an Island south of Italy, Athens Greece, Crete and Mykonos, Islands in Greece. Then in November, Betty and her friends went on a month long trip. They left for San Diego on November 17th spent the day touring before catching a twelve-hour flight to Tokyo, Japan the next day. They embarked on the Diamond Princess on the 19th. Sailing at 5:00 for the first port of call in Japan was Shimizu, for a full day of touring. Sailing again at 4:00 for three full days of cruising, before arriving in Hong Kong, China for another full day of sightseeing. Then a day out at sea and arriving in Nha Trang, Vietnam at 9:00am and departing at 9:00pm, for Phu My, Vietnam at 7:00am for a full day. Another full day at sea, before the next port, Singapore, an island city-state in Asia. Could not get to Bali because of volcanic activity. They had four days at sea cruising to Darwin, Australia's Northern Territory. Then they enjoyed five more days at sea, taking in all the shows, just plain having fun and relaxing, before arriving in Sydney, Australia, their last port of call on December 12th. After much sightseeing, they returned to San Diego, then home. What a fantastic voyage.

Out-n-About~~~  
In October, there were terrible wildfires in Napa Valley, CA. I emailed Randy Hoyle to see if he was safe. He wrote back to say, that they live in South Napa, which was completely safe from the fires. They could see the fires in the hills near them. Randy said it was very sad to see homes go up in flames. The air was very bad and to go outside, they were required to wear a facemask.

This past September, Billy Vennard of Columbia MD, flew up to Boston and met his brother Peter Vennard ('58) and his wife Cathy. Then they all flew out to Northern Ireland to visit with Peter and Cathy's daughter Caitlin and her husband Cormac. Billy said Cormac gave them a wonderful tour of Northern Ireland then they all went over to Scotland, for more sightseeing. He said Scotland is very beautiful and spent a lot of time in the Inner Hebrides Isles on the west coast of Scotland. The fantastic two weeks flew by and they were very lucky not to have had any rain.

Linda Patton of Tallahassee FL traveled with a group of quilters, on a bus headed east to Jacksonville, for Quilt Fest 2017. I got in touch with my neighbor Cindy who is a quilter and asked if she was going. She said yes. Then I asked her to meet up with Linda and she did. They had a grand time. The photo was taken on September 23rd with Brenda Grampsas, a certified quilt appraiser. Linda brought along with her a Bowtie quilt made by an unknown maternal relative, to find out what Brenda could tell her. Brenda said it was made between 1925 and 1935, was hand pieced and hand quilted and is an unusual variation of the traditional bowtie pattern.

Around September 12th, Carol (Abrahamson) Bovill's birthday, she and her companion Lee (Woody) Woodworth, of Center Harbor, NH traveled to Boston to attend Lee's Reunion. The next day they drove down the South Shore and from there went to Newport RI, to view the mansions. This trip was a little different, for they usually went to Cape Cod for her birthday.

After closing their restaurant "Sawyers" in late September, Larry and Pati Litchfield, of Laconia, NH spent a few days at in the White Mountains, staying at the Mountain

View Grand Hotel. They had great weather that afforded them to sit on the veranda to view the beautiful Presidential Range, including Mt Washington. On the way home, they went to Polly's Pancake Parlor for yummy pancakes and maple syrup, at Sugar Hill, NH. Then in October, they traveled to Vermont and southern Canada. On December 1st, they were at a party at Gene '56 and Margie (Larkin) Gilet's home on the big lake.

Just had to share, in late October Eileen (Harrington) Collomb's younger brother Bob ('62) Harrington and his wife Lynn flew in from Oregon to spend a couple of weeks, for more celebrating of Eileen's 80th. Her younger brother John Harrington ('66) and his wife KiKi live north of St Augustine. Eileen had a fantastic time, touring the Old City and enjoyed dining with them in the many restaurants. Now that the cooler weather has arrived, Eileen is enjoying the links once again with her golf friends. After playing, they usually go to lunch.

In October Bob and Beverly Armitage, of FT Myers, FL embarked on their 60th cruise, in Boston. They had a wonderful time on Royal Caribbean's Serenade of the Seas, a seven-day, New England/ Canada fall foliage cruise. Ports of call were Portland and Bar Harbor ME, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Saint John, New Brunswick. While in Portland, they took a side trip down to Kennebunkport. The "northern" cruise was followed by four days in Disney. After catching their breath, they embarked on yet another seven-day cruise in the Caribbean.

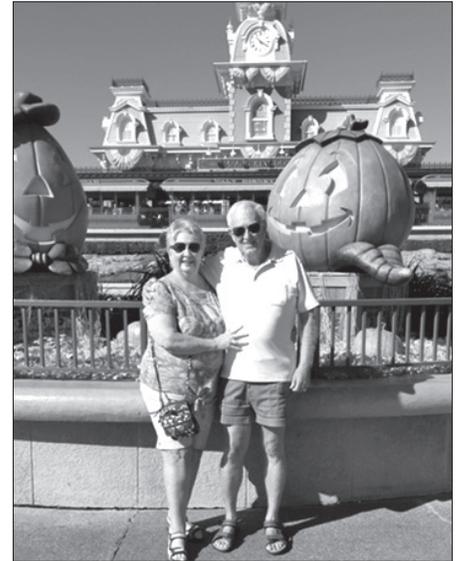
#### Around-n-About~~~

The week of hurricane Irma, Dottie (Tassios) Zahos and her husband Chris, of Westford, went on a fantastic Old New England Tours,

trip for three days. The deluxe luxury motor coach departed for New Paltz, New York. The destination was Mohonk Mountain House, a Victorian Castle Resort, nestled in the Hudson Valley on the east and great views on the west of the Catskills Mountains. The bus made a stop at a walking bridge over the Hudson River for those who like to make that adventure. Arriving just short of the hotel, everyone had to be taken by other transport, as the road was much too narrow for the bus to make it up the winding hill to the hotel. Dottie and Chris enjoyed buffet breakfast and lunch. Dinners were farm to table gourmet meals. Activities were three concerts a day, Midday tea on the veranda, horse and buggy rides thru the mountains, hiking trails, 117 gazebos to relax and enjoy the views. Dottie enjoyed the swimming pool, with relaxing music and the luxury of being waited on.

In October, Ann (Dale) Davis called Dottie and said why don't we drive up to Kittery, ME to visit with Judy (Bomil) Killeen. It was a perfect fall day. They had lunch at Bob's Clam Hut, in Kittery. Then they went back to Judy's for coffee etc. Before heading back home, they drove around checking out the sights and also stopped at the Stonewall Kitchen in York, ME. About a week later Dottie went on a fantastic Westford Senior day trip, picking up the tour bus at the American Legion Hall in Forge Village. From there they traveled out to Stockbridge, MA in the Berkshires, where they toured the Norman Rockwell Museum. Then they had lunch at the Red Lion Inn, before the long drive back to Forge Village. Both trips had beautiful New England Fall weather.

In October, Richard and Priscilla Burt went on yet another fantastic get away. Richard writes, "This time to Santa Fe, NM a six-day odyssey.



Class of 1955: L to R: Beverly and Bob Armitage at Disney



Class of 1955: L to R: Beverly and Bob Armitage at Kennebunkport, ME



Class of 1955: Carol (Abrahamsom) Bovill and Larry Litchfield - a chance meeting in Concord NH

It is New Mexico's Capital and sits in the Sanger de Cristo foothills. It's 6,151 above sea level, making it higher in altitude than Denver. Santa Fe is very dry which is why it is free of insects that need the presence of water to reproduce. It has a high cost of living—right behind Boston. And yet, New Mexico is a very poor state. The city is the second oldest in the US behind St Augustine, which was founded in

1565. In 1598, it was a Spanish Settlement, and became the capital in 1610. New Mexico became a State in 1848 and 1853, surviving two wars. Founded by Spaniards, Santa Fe is laid out as most all cities built in the West by settlers—a central square with buildings built around the square one of which was probably military. Unlike Albuquerque, Santa Fe's buildings rarely exceed two stories. They are mostly Adobe style and built of wood, reinforcing skin and mud. Santa Fe is an artist's haven. There are 250 art galleries and an equal number of restaurants. Before I forget (Richard writes) Santa Fe is smaller than the city of Lowell, although it is the State Capital. There are museums all over the place. The most notable occur on a piece of land about a mile outside the city. Called Museum Hill, it houses seven museums and a restaurant so you can spend a whole day and probably not experience all of them. The most notable museum not on Museum Hill is the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. She is considered the "Mother of American modernism, New Mexico landscapes and more." One very interesting museum we visited at the suggestion of our son Rick ('91), of Littleton CO was the New Mexico Military Museum. It has a large collection of artifacts, stories, photos, etc. of the Bataan Death March, by the Imperial Japanese Army on the main Philippine Island of Luzon during World War 11. There were more New Mexico men on this march than there were from all the other states. Food was great (No Frijoles for this traveler). Roast elk, Idaho trout were more to my liking. We left on the 6th day of our trip and drove by the start of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. It is a yearly festival of Hot Air Balloons. There are well over 500 Balloons each year. A great spectacle— Cheers, Richard."

Tid-bits~~~

Received a nice note from Bill and Beverly Gould, of Erie CO who said to say hello to everyone. He said "Pray! We don't get old." Gertrude (Smith) Allaby is keeping busy at the Senior Center in North Chelmsford. It is so convenient for her; she can walk over from her apartment at the Delaney Terrace and has met a lot new friends. Talked to Earl Guilmette who reports that he's doing well. Went to his daughter Earlene's for Thanksgiving. About half of the family was there. Had a nice phone visit with Edrene (Gunther) Lobas, of Harwich MA. Her family rented a huge house in Raleigh NC for Christmas and New Year's. It was a wonderful family reunion, with Edrene's five children, seven grands and two greats. Also attending were their wives and husbands. Nice email note from Gertrude (GiGi Long) Kelleher, of Wilmington DE who spent a nice Thanksgiving at her son Dennis and wife Michelle's home in Middleton, DE with their family and some of hers, grandmother and parents. Dona (Provencal) Gavin of Cape Elizabeth, ME, had a total of twenty-one for Thanksgiving. Which included her family and brother Archie Provencal ('57). Dona said a wonderful time was had by all. Labor Day week, Tom and Barbara Bovill, spent a glorious time at their cottage at Silver Lake, NH. While there, they drove around the Big Lake (Winnepesaukee) and stopped by to visit with Carol and Lee. She was working in their flowerbed. To celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on September 30th, they spent a few days on Cape Cod. In October they travelled to Vermont for some leaf peeping. In early December they went up to the lake to close up for the winter and while there had lunch with Carol and Lee at the Common Man. It was good to talk to Judy (Fisher) Chandonnet of Freedom NH in December. She and

Louis had a fantastic summer at their summer home in Sago, ME. They never really close it up as they love to go in the winter. In August, Prue (Pouliot) and her husband Mike McBride traveled up from Cordova TN to Ocean Park ME to spend a couple of weeks. While there, Judy and Prue had many visits and lunches. Ron Taylor said to say hello to everyone. He and Judy (Harrington '60) Leary were doing the Christmas and New Year stuff with family. David Blackadar, of Marshall TX said all was quiet in the Lone Star State and he sends his best to everyone. Richard Burtt called David to wish him a Merry Christmas. In mid-December, Bob and Gay McEvoy enjoyed a wonderful day in Boston, with their son and daughter-in-law. They attended the Boston Pops and afterwards enjoyed dinner at a beautiful restaurant. I had a fun phone visit with Billy Vennard, regarding his collection of comic books. Told me to tell Lenny Leedberg, that it was and is a sad story. When he went into the Army, his grandmother was cleaning out stuff in his bedroom and out went with the comic books. Lenny, now we know the rest of the story. What a bummer as Billy would say. Talked to Lenny on a freezing cold December day, he was doing well and waiting for spring. Larry and Pati Litchfield bumped into Carol Bovill and Lee, on December the 5th at Panera's in Concord. What are the chances that could ever happen again, one in a million?! A quick Tid-bit from Dan Pushee, he and Bonnie were blessed on December 15th with a new great granddaughter. A very Merry Christmas present.

New Digs~~~

Grace Elaine (Dusseault) and her husband Bob Mongeau have moved from Naples FL to Alpharetta GA to be near some of her children. "Butch" (as some of you may

remember) has 6 children, 11 Grands and 1 great grandson.

Contacts~~~

Please make a note, Chuck and I have cancelled our Land Line (904) 461-4963. Call me on our cell number (508) 864-7282 or email me anytime you have some news you would like to share with your classmates, make changes, or just chitchat.

Till-Next-Time~~~

Have a very Blessed Easter, Happy Spring and Summer! Be safe, well and happy!!! – - Marie~~~

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Happy 2018! We will have graduated from CHS 61 years ago in June. Hard to believe! 2017 was not a good year for some of us. We lost two more of our classmates, Kenny "Pete" Kemp and Jessie (MacKenzie) Moore. Francine (Sullivan) Garrity lost her husband Tom. Wayne and I lost our beautiful daughter Kim after a 13-month battle with cancer.

Our ladies Breakfast Club continues on the second Saturday of every month. In October, Connie (Grondine) Mullen was here from



Class of 1957: 60th Reunion at the Radisson in September 2017

Front L to R: Kathy (Kulski) Martin, Kay (Morrow) Stidsen, Annmarie (Schlstedt) Winkowski, Gerry (Keddie) Flory, Joyce (Dirrubo) Ham, Sandy (Ricciardi) Kilburn, Beth (Simpson), McHugh, Maureen (Curran) Aspell, Joan (Bujnowski) Paley  
Middle L to R: Bob Bennett, Helen (Poppewell) Hanafin, Dick Gauthier  
Back L to R: Bob Prescott, Ron Aubrey, Wayne Kilburn, Dick Lewis, Rich DeFreitas, Berta (Jones) Erickson, Nancy (Small) Cavanaugh

Florida and was able to join us. In November, Lillian (Gray) Roberts joined us for the first time.

In September, we had our 60th reunion at the Radisson hotel. It was very simple – come – order of the menu – visit with old friends, and get home before dark! Ron and Lettie Aubrey stayed overnight there and several classmates were able to meet them for breakfast the next. The following classmates attended the reunion: Ron and Lettie Aubrey, Bob and Mabel Bennett, Joan (Bujnowski) and Norm Paley, Maureen (Curran) Aspell, Rich and Pat DeFreitas, Joyce (Dirrubo) Ham, Dick Gauthier, Berta (Jones) Erickson, Gerry (Keddie) Flory, Wayne and Sandy (Ricciardi) Kilburn, Kathy (Kulski) and Billy Martin, Dick Lewis, Kay (Morrow) Stidsen, Bob and Marylou Prescott, Archie Provencal, Annmarie (Schlstedt) Winkowski, Beth (Simpson) McHugh, and Nancy (Small) and John Cavanaugh.

The highlight was dessert! Ron Aubrey makes the yummiest candy and he brought some for everyone, we sure enjoyed it!

In December, between Christmas and New Year's, we had a get

together luncheon at Princeton Station. Thirteen classmates attended. Ron and Lettie Aubrey from Maine, Berta (Jones) Erickson from Groton, Maureen (Curran) Aspell from Tewksbury, Annmarie (Schlstedt) Aspell from Nashua, Dick Gauthier from Dunstable, and the hometown gang – Beth (Simpson) McHugh, Nancy (Small) and John Cavanaugh, Joyce (Dirrubo) Ham, Archie Provencal, Kay (Morrow) Stidsen, and Wayne Kilburn. Ron, again, provided dessert to everyone's pleasure. I was unable to attend due to illness, but Ron was kind enough to send along to me my own box of candy!

Our next luncheon is tentatively set for April 19th.  
Pease send along your news! - Sandy

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Hi all, it's that time again.....I'm back! Hope you had a great holiday season and are "bear"ing up (ha ha) under this cold and wintery weather we are having. As I was reading over

my newsletter to proof it, I made a little adjustment! It is snowing like crazy right now!!! Before my adjustment, it was just FREEZING cold!!!

My family's holidays were, as usual, a little crazy! It's a little harder to get everyone together at the same time so we spread it out and do some one-on-one family times. Thanksgiving I do a brunch and we get most of them but with football games, road races, etc. it can be tricky. They all seem to enjoy the breakfast though and they try really hard to come here for that!!! Christmas..... that's another story but we seem to have worked it out! As long as they get their presents, they don't seem to mind dragging it out a bit.

We are beginning to make some plans for our 60th class reunion. We would love to hear any ideas you might have. Please call me (978) 256-6322 or email me at martha58chs@hotmail.com. We're hoping for a good turnout so we can all check out all our good-looking classmates!!

As you know by now I like to keep you posted on my sister Kathy! She is still holding her own. She simply amazes me.....still can't believe what she went through and SURVIVED!! She had a nice visit from her two granddaughters from Georgia. Erin and Kiley are two people who make her so very happy. They are so good with her.....they gave her a manicure and a pedicure so she's looking great!!! I truly wish that they lived closer to her as it makes it so happy to have them around! They are great girls who love their Nana very much!!

Hopefully the remainder of the winter won't bring us too much snow and cold. I especially don't like it if I have to drive in the snow and ice! Oh well, we do live in New England and I actually wouldn't want to live

anywhere else! I do love the changing seasons!

Till next time, stay healthy, keep safe and enjoy life!! AND, send me some more news! - ~Martha

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The Select Committee on Reunion Planning (anyone who volunteers) kicked off the planning for our 55th Reunion with a party at Bob and Pat Chevalier's beautiful home on Crystal Lake (it's still Crystal Lake to me) and has been holding monthly meetings since. Tentative date is August 11, 2018. If any classmate wants to get involved, let Hank



Class of 1963: L to R: Barbara (Kimball) and Bob Mackey, Dot Mackey ('37) with a "Valor Quilt" awarded to Bob to acknowledge his military service

Brown know. (hankbrownnh@metrocast.net) A number of our Committee are too delicate to remain in New England during the winter, but they all contribute ideas and opinions to we hardy souls that like the cold air (and lack of tourists).

There has been a lot of inter classmate communication with holiday greetings, but most are too busy to contribute to the Lion's Pride. However, Jim Parker has two items to report. One is his celebration of an anniversary, in his words: "Joanne and I celebrate our 49th wedding anniversary today, Dec. 22, 2017. She had me take out the trash this morning."

Another admirable item from Jim: "Joanne and I donated to the University of Massachusetts Minuteman Marching Band (426 members) new uniforms that they will wear in the "Tournament of Roses Parade" New Year's Day. UMass made a video to show the old (15 years) versus the new." You can see the video UMass made of the transformation at <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/8ArUS3bs5J>  
- Hank

From Dot Mackey  
On Sept. 22, 2017, Robert P. Mackey and his wife, Barbara (Kimball), both from the Class of 1963, attended

a luncheon at the Vets Cafe in Myrtle Beach, S.C. to honor local veterans for their service and sacrifice during combat while on duty in the Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan conflicts. A group of women formed a quilt society named "Quilts of Valor" and each lady had made an original quilt to be awarded to the local Veterans who served. Bob had been with a unit from the 31st Engineer Battalion (Combat) and had also received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. In the photo, holding the quilt presented to Bob Mackey are his wife, Barbara, Bob, and his mother, Dot Mackey, Class of 1937, who resides with them in South Carolina. Each quilt was made by a member of the Quilts of Valor society and each was a beautiful work of art.

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We've just been through the longest REALLY cold period of time I can remember since 1969! We were personally very lucky and didn't lose power or have any other dreadful effects. Super cold weather means that snow is light, so shoveling and blowing snow were not problems! We hope everyone else has had a reasonable winter and that your upcoming spring will be particularly lovely. Many members of our class have stayed around here, and some have moved to other parts of the country. One of our classmates who has taken a totally different route is Franklin Taylor. In this issue, we'll find out about his lifetime of what most of us would consider great adventure!

I had an opportunity to follow up on a Facebook post about Franklin's July 2017, sale of his boatyard in

Auckland, New Zealand. He has now joined the SeaBoats Team (Marine Brokers with a Global Approach – from their web site,) along with someone with whom he had worked in the past. I asked him if it would be OK to share his story with classmates, and he was very accommodating! He wrote so affectionately of his wife Debbie, whom he met while building a super yacht in 1986 in Auckland. They settled in Auckland in 1996 and had their lovely daughter Alana in 1997. Alana works for Trade Aid, helping third world people get fair value for their products. It's easy to see why he's so proud of her! Rich Molloy had asked Franklin if he was still playing the drums, and he wrote, "...the drums were put on hold after my 3-year stint in the US Army band in Italy '66-69. UMass Amherst took up too much time as I completed my Master's in teaching Anthropology. Still no free time as I was a lecturer on board a floating university for three years, which segued into a Merchant Master's License and a life on the high seas... Now that I've just retired, maybe it's time to have a play again." Franklin, as part of his newest job, (part of his retirement plan, obviously) wrote up a biographical piece for his company's web site. We will let him fill us in – in his own words: "For the past 40+ years I have been involved in many aspects of the international marine industry. My introduction to the marine industry started as a cadet on square rigged ships where, from 1974–77, I learned the arts of the traditional seaman sailing in the North Sea and the Mediterranean. From 1980 to 1996, I was involved in the international superyacht community, captaining numerous ocean going sailing and motor yachts travelling over 300,000 nautical miles cruising in the Eastern and South Pacific, the Australian Great Barrier Reef, Indian Ocean, Arabian and Red Sea, Mediterranean, Caribbean,



Class of 1964: L to R: Franklin Taylor, daughter Alana, wife Debbie

Baltic and North Seas. During that time, I also represented the owners in the construction of the 38m sailing yacht Aquel II and the 38m Christiansen motor yacht Fifty-One. I retired from the sea at the end of 1996 when I went to work with Geoff Fraser selling both power and sailing yachts in Auckland, New Zealand. After 2 years working at the brokerage, I received the opportunity to project manage the build of a 50m superyacht "Aria" at the Sensation Yachts ship yard in Auckland. That project evolved into New Zealand Yacht Projects Ltd., my company, specializing in superyacht construction project management, project assessment and client representation. For 10 years, I managed six 50m super yacht projects at the Sensation yard. In 2007, I received my accreditation as a marine surveyor from the International Institute of Marine Surveying in England and since then I have been conducting marine surveys on sail and power yachts under 500 gross tons. As a new member of the SeaBoats Brokerage team I will draw on my years of experience as a yacht captain, a construction project manager and a marine surveyor to assist in the search for the right vessel for clients."

A couple of successful mini-reunions happened last summer, so a bunch of us put WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018 at 11:00 at Kimball Farm in Westford on our calendar to do

it again! Come on over!! You can be surprised by who shows up.

Hope to see you then! Wishing you all a good end of winter and a happy spring! - Lynne

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2018 has arrived with an "Arctic Blast" across most of the United States. It's late afternoon January 1st, the sun is setting, and I am sitting here wrapped in a blanket browsing through my notes for this article.

I thought it might be fun to check some of the weather patterns and temperatures that greeted some of our classmates on the first day of 2018.

Doreen (Hadley) Andersen lives in Spokane WA. Spokane's local weather-forecaster expected temperature range between 16 - 25 degrees.

Classmate Mike Medin in Gurnee, IL should expect temperatures to range from 2 degrees to a minus 8.

Haven Morrison and fellow Georgians are feeling the chill of temperatures ranging from 18 - 29 degrees.

Here on the east coast, Wendy (Oliver) Wingate who lives in Hallowell ME is greeting the New Year with a chilly 7 degrees with an expected dip to minus 15 AND that is without a wind chill factor.

Now that most of us reading this are shivering and thinking about making a cup of tea, I'll move onto class news notes:

Happy Retirement to Bob Siebert. January 16th is his last official day as an officer with the Nashua NH Police Department. Bob has been a member of police force for more than four decades. Actually, Bob is not completely retiring he is going to join his wife Carol as a Justice of the Peace. Bob and Carol [Richardson '71] will be officiating at several weddings across New England this year.

On December 18th, Gerry (McKenna) Bourke, Alice (Long) Lospennato, Harleen (Nutter) Hennessey, Jacqi (Kelly) Barbera, Karen (Lundstedt) Roensch, Linda (Dirubbo) Brio and Sandi (Brouillette) Martinez met at Good Thymes in Lowell for a pre-holiday dinner. Gerry said it was a nice relaxing impromptu evening before all those last minute holiday preparations.

Gerry and I had breakfast together the next morning before she headed back to Ossipee to get ready for her daughter Alison's arrival on the 22nd. Alison lives in Houston and was heading to New Hampshire to spend Christmas with her mom. Gerry and Alison are off to Cancun in early February for a week of sunshine and sandy beaches.

Haven Morrison is moving to Branson, Missouri in a few weeks. Haven and Fay are looking forward to a new chapter in their lives. Branson offers a peaceful environment with family friendly entertainment venues that they plan to enjoy with their grandchildren.

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Class of 1965: Columbus Day outing at King Richard's Faire: The "Smith Grands" Front L to R: Lila and Isabella Smith. Back L to R: Aidan, Dylan, and Jake Smith



Class of 1965: Gateway to Amelia Island Ferry, Christmas Day 2017



Class of 1965: Dolly Duncklee ready for the Amelia Is. Ferry trip



Class of 1965: Marie (LaHaise) Duncklee, "Amelia Island, here we come"

The next news note is one I discovered January 2nd. Yes, it takes this Class Agent a handful of days to put together an article for Lion's Pride.

The day was absolutely bone chilling. Here in Westford Bob and I woke up to a minus 6 degrees with a wind chill that dropped temperatures toward a negative 20 degrees. As I watched the morning news on WBZ-TV, a familiar voice and face caught my attention; Russ Mann was being interviewed about the brutal cold's impact on students across the area! Russ teaches Spanish at Peabody (MA) Veterans Memorial High School. Russ told the reporter the subzero temperatures were definitely a challenge for everyone. Students were faced with waiting for buses and on this particular day, he planned to move his Spanish class to the school's library. Russ stated that his third floor classroom was quite cold and added that the administration was working to correct the heating problems.

That brings me to Camp Grandma & Grandpa happenings.

We had our last "down on the beach" time with our Londonderry trio in mid-September. It was a fairly warm afternoon so all three grands decided to take one last dip in Forge Pond before we packed away the rafts and sand toys.

Jake (5th grade) Lila (2nd grade) and Isabella (1st grade) are all in the same school this 2017 - 18 school year which is much easier for me. Every Thursday I pick them up and head to Spectrum Gymnastics Academy. Both girls are new students there. Jake will join them later this month or in February.

From September through mid-November, Jake played U - 12 soccer in a multi town league. It was his

first experience traveling and two weeks into the season, he declared it "AWESOME!"

Jake is back at Nashoba Valley for 3rd season of ski lessons.

All three participated in the PTA's Reflection in the Arts Program. Jake is in the intermediate grade Photography division and his sisters in primary grade Art Media. Jake, Lila, and Isabella received 1st place Ribbons of Excellence on the local level and their works have moved forward to the NH State Competition.

Our grandsons, Aidan (10th grade) and Dylan (5th grade) had a busy autumn. Aidan works part time as an usher at the Augusta Civic Center and fills in as a bus boy at the Downtown Diner in Augusta when needed. He is saving for Drivers Education and Driver Training.

Dylan swims in the recreational program at Augusta's YMCA and this fall decided he wanted to try Hip Hop Lessons.

Grandpa and I went to see some of Dylan's moves on New Year's Weekend.

David ('90) and the boys drove down on December 29th for a belated Christmas celebration here with us.

It was wonderful to have all five of the cousins together twice since Labor Day. Over Columbus Day Weekend, Bob & I took our three Londonderry NH grandchildren and met Uncle David, Aunt Melanie, and cousins Aidan & Dylan at King Richard's Faire in Carver, MA. It's a huge Renaissance Festival that is held every autumn. It features jousting exhibitions, live minstrel performances, tale tales and period myths, and a variety of period games in which visitors can participate.

It was a surprise to all the cousins and we had a great time celebrating of Aidan's 16th birthday. Grandpa managed to convince all five of our grandchildren to stand still in front of the dungeon long enough to snap a couple of pictures. I selected the best one to share with all of you.

Plans for Camp Grandma & Grandpa's upcoming "spring and summer adventures" are "on the table." We'd like to explore Sturbridge Village and Mystic Seaport. Recent gardening discussions talk of expansion of our vegetable garden to include more tomatoes and herbs.

All are welcome diversions for me this afternoon as I wrap myself in a blanket and wish for SPRING!!

Before I sign off, I promised our grandson Jake I would include something about one of his favorite people Marie (LaHaise '55) Dunklee. Jake and Marie have been email friends since the spring of 2016. Jake asked me one day who I was emailing and I told him a very special friend that I met many years ago at a Chelmsford Alumni gathering. Jake asked me if he could add a message to Marie and the two of them have formed a truly amazing cross-generational friendship. Jake and I have included the Christmas photos Marie sent him. Part of the Dunklee's Christmas Day tradition is to spend a portion of it on Amelia Island, which is a 138 mile round trip on the ferry. The three of them had a wonderful time on this year's beautiful Christmas Day.

Until next time, take care and keep in touch, Mary

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At an age when many of us are already enjoying retirement, Pat (Duffin) Conrad has begun a whole new life. Diagnosed 10 years ago with liver disease, for seven long years Pat waited patiently for a compatible liver for a transplant, wondering as the years passed if one would be found in time. Last winter she finally got the call she had been anxiously awaiting.

“Out of the blue we got a call from the surgeon that he had a liver that met my match, and did I want it,” Pat remembers. “I couldn’t answer him as I started sobbing. I gave the phone to my husband Dave, who told the doctor YES!

“That was 2 p.m. on January 6, 2017. At 9 p.m., I was on the operating table at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, getting my new liver from a donor in Pennsylvania. Surgery took four hours, and since then I have never felt better in my life. Everyone kept telling me it would be a year before I felt better, but I only needed five months. I just couldn’t wait a year! And if you know me, you’ll understand completely that statement.

“I’m very glad Chaz, our class agent, is writing this so that you will know there is always hope. And believe me, thoughts and prayers always help!”

Now that the danger has passed, the Class of ’66 wishes Pat a long, strong, and rewarding “second” life. Our reunion committee meetings and our reunions would not have been the same without her.

Meanwhile, classmate Faith Giavaris is in need of spinal surgery but due to a prior medical condition cannot use general anesthesia. She is, however, a suitable candidate for stem cell therapy treatments that are not covered by insurance. She is attempting to raise \$15,000 through a GoFundMe site, and if you would like to contribute, she would appreciate it immensely. The Class of ’66 has started the ball rolling with a \$25 contribution, and some other classmates have already made contributions of their own. If you would like to help, click on [www.gofundme.com/funding-for-faiths-back-surgery](http://www.gofundme.com/funding-for-faiths-back-surgery).

Maureen D. Murphy found a way to foil the cold, wet, and miserable spring (Spring? What spring?) weather we suffered through here in New England last year by taking a trip to Italy. Una grande piano! Why didn’t the rest of us think of that?

Dennis McHugh, our esteemed class president, and his wife, Susan, took a motor trip through the spectacular Canadian Rockies last spring.

The Class of 1966 mourns the recent passings of classmates Karen (Breen) DiPietro and Marjorie McDermott. Marjie led quite an accomplished life as a teacher, linguist, and accomplished singer with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus. - Chaz

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Note from Della: Attention all classmates: Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a story “WHO WANTS A HOT LUNCH TODAY?” written and submitted to us by Frank Marley, a classmate of ours. Hope you enjoy reading it.

The Class of 1967 celebrated its 50th reunion with events planned for the weekend of October 7, 2017. Members of the reunion committee were Joanne (McIntosh) Davidson, Eileen (Grunewald) Sousa, Debbie McSheehy, Paula (Norwood) Murphy, Joyce (Cassidy) Wholey, Tom Firth and Gene Fantozzi, and me. Roger Dean was a great help from his home in Virginia. Eileen Sousa did an impressive job on the invitations and a classmate directory that was given to each classmate at the reunion.

Our celebration began Friday evening with a “Meet and Greet” at the Hong & Kong Restaurant in Chelmsford. We estimated that 20-25 classmates might attend, only to be surprised that 58 attended! This was a great kick-start to our weekend.

On Saturday, October 8th, approximately 100 classmates gathered at the Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro, with guests of honor George Simonian, Ed Quinn and Angelo Taranto. It was truly an honor to host them as our guests, and each one spoke very eloquently. My favorite was when Ed Quinn looked out at all of us and said he feels like he’s at an AARP convention!

We had a dedication table created by Debbie McSheehy for those 43 classmates who have passed away, with each one displayed in a picture frame with his or her class picture against a maroon background. Joyce (Cassidy) Wholey gave the invocation before dinner, and Joanne (McIntosh) Davidson and Tom Firth were our speakers for the evening.



Class of 1967: Class Reunion: Top to bottom: Mary (Maynard) Wilson, Paula (Norwood) Murphy, Jim Meere, Roger Dean, Dan Lane, Pattie (Labrecque) Grenda, Cheryl (Dupee) Reimer, Dick Reimer, Gene Fantozzi, Bob McEnaney, Della (Wickens) Coffin, Judy (Ducharme) Sousa, Eileen (Grunewald) Sousa, "Mr. Lion", Joanne (McIntosh) Davidson, and Tom Firth.

We received a surprise gift sent from Tennessee by Mary (Golubisky) Muskett -- Godiva chocolate favors at each place setting. Thank you Mary! Joanne suggested our next get-together could be an informal 70th birthday party.

DJ Ed Dorazio, Jr., of Lasertracks Entertainment provided 60's music, and photographer Tom Souza of TJSouza Photography took some great photos, some of which are in this newsletter. Unfortunately, we did not get a picture of Doreen (Brouillette) Barkdoll and Bob Masson who also attended the reunion. If anyone is interested

in ordering photos, Tom can be reached at [tjsouzaphoto.com](http://tjsouzaphoto.com), or call him at 603-459-8683.

The following day, about 20 of us met at our former high school, now the McCarthy Junior High School, for a delicious breakfast ordered from the Chelmsford Diner. We had pancakes, scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage and bacon, coffee, juice, and Tom Firth brought fresh pastries from Heav'nly Donuts in Methuen; they were heavenly. We strolled the halls, surprised to see that some of the classrooms had the same identification on the doors as when we were there. Some of us remembered where his or her lockers were, some of us remembered trips to the office for wearing a skirt above the knee (we had to kneel down to see if the skirt touched the floor!), and Judy (Ducharme) Sousa actually remembered her locker combination. I was impressed! We ended the morning with a photo taken on the front stairway, just as in our yearbook.

We are looking forward to our next reunion and hope it is as memorable and successful as our 50th. Good wishes to all of you in 2018, for a happy, healthy year! - Della (Wickens) Coffin

From Dot (LeClair) Mackey (aunt of Christy Risska): Castulo Guerra, husband of Christy Risska, Class of 1967, plays The Bishop in the Latino Theater Company's production of THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE that is presented annually at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Los Angeles. The massive pageant uses some 150 artists: principals, Aztec dancers, a chorus, mariachis, and percussionists in a majestic ensemble of light and sound. The role of the Virgin is played/sang by renowned soprano Suzanna Guzman. Each December

12 since its birth in 1532, the myth is re-enacted, telling of the four apparitions of the Virgin of Guadalupe to a Nahuatl peasant known as Juan Diego. Two shows are performed each year and an average 3,500 to 4,000 people come to see it free of charge. The Bishop, played by Castulo Guerra, was instrumental in listening to the indigenous man and executing the Virgin's command: that he build a temple for her on the same hill where she appeared to Juan Diego.



Class of 1967: Castulo Guerra, as "The Bishop" in THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE

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Hello class of 1970!

2017 certainly has been a very busy year for me! Johnny and I are only a couple of months away from moving into our new home that we've been working on since May! We're very lucky we work so well together! He does the power tools and I paint! I feel so blessed to have such a wonderful husband, a super daughter, a loving sister/best friend and family. I also feel very fortunate to have been pretty healthy. Unfortunately, too many of our classmates are battling or have lost their battle to sickness. Sadly, Janice Liva lost her longtime battle to a rare disease. She was very accomplished and was always a pleasure to see. Jan leaves her husband, mom and siblings. Our sympathy goes out to them all.



Class of 1970: L to R: Carol (Glidden) DiMao, Karen (Abrahamson) Parson

I saw some of our classmates at the No. Chelmsford American Legion's annual block party in August. This is a really great time! The music, food and company were enjoyed by all! Paul Harrington came up from RI and was kind enough to send along a couple of photos that he took! As you can see, it was a beautiful day on Freeman Lake! Those attending from our class were Paul Harrington, Phil Hamilton, Doug Reed, Carol (Glidden) DiMao, Karen (Abrahamson) Parsons, Janice Liva and me, along with many from other classes. I hope more people come this year!

Please send along any news to me!  
Happy days, - Wendy Marshall-Hudzik



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Bob and I would like to give a shout out to Linda (Rogers) Barry for passing her Legal Nurse Consultant Certification Exam. Linda worked as an OR nurse for 30 years. She needed a career change but still wanted to utilize all of her nursing knowledge. After working as a Legal Nurse Consultant for the past 4 years, her personal goal was to take (and pass) the certification exam. Linda lives Plano TX with her husband of 34 years, Paul. They have three children, sons Michael (Plano TX) and Jason (Denver CO) and daughter Kristen (The Colon, TX).

We've had a couple of groups of classmates that shared their gatherings with us.

These lovely ladies get together every few months but gathered in Charleston, NC to celebrate their collective 60th birthdays.

It's not just the ladies of CHS who celebrated turning 60 and lifelong friendships. This group of gentlemen gathered in Chicago for a few days of frivolity while recreating the 1974 version of their friendship pyramid.

Please keep the photos and updates coming! - Bob and Sheila

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"Well we are all hitting 60 this year...which is good news for some! Scott Graham reports that we are now eligible to run races in a new age group. Scott is signed up for his 32nd consecutive Boston Marathon. Cornel Heitzman looks great and is still the chairman for the Albuquerque Police Department's 'Baker to Vegas' relay team. Baker to Vegas is a 120 mile, 20-stage relay run across the California-Nevada desert.

Many of the rest of us are celebrating grandchildren! Bill DeCarolis, Moira Prager, Diane (Barbuti) Rigers, Leslie (Maloomian) Morgan, Susan (Starkey) O'Keefe, report new grandchildren recently.

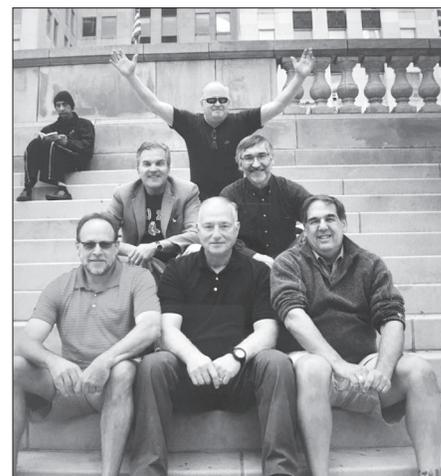
Rich McLarney is still skiing and riding the fat tire mountain bike. Mike Robinson rode in his 25th annual MS bike ride in September. David Gagnon reports all is well from Greensboro, NC. Karen "Kay" (Glidden) Haywood raised enough money to have Wreaths Across America deliver 1,618 Christmas wreaths to the town of Chelmsford over the 2017 holidays. Some of the wreaths were placed on The Veterans Memorial Park on North Road and the rest were individually placed on over 1,600 graves of those beloved veterans buried in Chelmsford.  
- Mike



Class of 1975: L to R: Cheryl (Kohl) McLarney, Sue Morash, Deb (Falcone) Szylyvian, Linda (Ashe) Moorloos, Marie (Harkins) Frank, Marybeth (Roark) Massimino, Karyn (James) Comeau, Sally (Wilson) Chagnon, Joanne (Fraser) Adamson. Missing: Andrea Varano



Class of 1975: Top to bottom: Marc LeClere, L to R: Doug Clough, Bill Peterson, Al Mauser, Bruce Costa, Peter Krane



Class of 1975: Back to front: Marc LeClere, L to R: Doug Clough, Bill Peterson, Al Mauser, Bruce Costa, Peter Krane

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Hi, I had the pleasure of meeting Heather Linstad ('85), who has been hired to spearhead the Capital Campaign for the Chelmsford High Alumni Association. We met to discuss how to promote interest and financial support to the drive. She will be running many fundraisers in the future. We discussed how each class could use social media to promote interest in and inform alumni about the Capital Campaign. Can you believe that if each alumni contributed \$50, the desired goal would be close at hand? If you would like to donate to the Endowment fund, please go to <http://chsalumni.org/lp-endowment-fund> Heather can be reached at [linstadh@alumni.org](mailto:linstadh@alumni.org). Look for the CHSAA float in the 2018 Chelmsford 4th of July parade! Mr. Simonian is so proud to have (what is believed to be) the first high school alumni association in the country. May we make it the best it can be. A lot of us have moved away, but Chelmsford memories last a lifetime!

I'm sad to report that Dan Wholey passed away after a battle with Leukemia. - Karen

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Congratulations to Peter Reynolds, who was honored with the Distinguish Eagle Scout Award this past November at a ceremony held at the Westin Copley Place. Peter is

founder of FableVision Studios and resides in Dedham, Mass.

Congratulations to Jeannie Farnham-Duval, third grade teacher at the New Searles Elementary School, in Nashua, NH, for being named WZID's November teacher of the month.

Congratulations to George O'Brien for being named the 2017 Top College Official of the Year. The award was presented by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston. George also officiated the Dartmouth vs Brown football game as part of the 2017 Fenway Gridiron Series. George resides in Litchfield, NH.

In June, I organized the 17th annual East/West golf tournament. A group of 20 classmates came to play at the Overlook CC, Hollis NH. This event has been taken place every year since 2001. The 2018 tourney is scheduled for June 15th. If anyone is interested in playing, send me an email.

In March, Dick McClure ('77), my son Thomas Donigan ('02), and I did the Bataan Memorial Death March. The Bataan Memorial Death March (26.2 Miles) is an annual commemoration of the Bataan Death March, which is attended by many of the survivors of the march, along with thousands of supporters from around the world. The march is held at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

During Thanksgiving weekend, a few classmates met up at Brickhouse Pizza. We are trying to make this an annual event for anyone that is in the area. This year nine classmates were able to attend, Steve Ash, Suzy Donigan, Stephen Baraldi, Carol Baraldi, Brian Mann, Ken D'Amato, Kerry Sullivan, and Jeannie Farnham-Duval, and Mike Donigan.

I ran the Thanks-for-Giving Road

Race, on Thanksgiving morning, along with Tom Curran, Brad Gilbreth and Suzy Donigan. - Mike

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### Celebrations, Milestones & Accomplishments:

Joan (Amirault) Murphy celebrated her 20th anniversary of teaching at Chelmsford High this past November. In her twenty years, Joan has taught the many aspects of Family & Consumer sciences, including: food & nutrition, clothing & textiles, interior design, consumer economics, and for the last 12 years child growth & development. Some of Joan's former students are now teachers in the Chelmsford Public School system.

Sherri (Freitas) Leatherman's son Thomas Leatherman married Beth Bartnik (from Eire PA) in December at the Atlantic Resort in Newport, RI. Tom's UNH friends joined Beth's Syracuse friends to celebrate along with their respective families. Mother of the groom looked stunning in her silver metallic gown! Tom and Beth recently purchased a home in East Boston and are working in downtown Boston. Sherri is bursting with love and pride!

Val Peterson and Mike Shupe were married on September 2nd at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Chelmsford, MA. Karen Guregian was the maid of honor. Mike's brother Jeff served as best man and his brother Andy was an usher. There were about 100 friends and family members in attendance. Mr.

and Mrs. Shupe honeymooned in Maine with their beautiful pup Inga.

Congratulations to all!!

**New Additions--**

Sharon Boisvert-Macentee is grandmother to Lily Faye Macentee who was born in September. Shirley (Curley) Monohon is a grandmother for the second time. Charles (Charlie) Benjamin Friolet was born in November. Paula (Wolf) Beckerman is a grandmother for the second time as well. Colton James Marshall Novak arrived on January 1st! What a nice way to ring in the New Year!

**Changes--**

Karen Levesque left K-12 education research at RTI International/MPR Associates to join Imagine Worldwide as the Senior Director of Measurement & Evaluation. Much success and fulfillment in your new role, Karen!

**Where in the World?--**

Helen Hamilton added another stamp in her well-worn passport. Helen traveled to India with her Northeastern University bff in late November. Helen provided an amazing travelogue on Facebook with running commentary and pictures so we had a tiny sense of her experience: a rickshaw ride in Delhi; cars, elephants and camels sharing the same road; Taj Mahal, The Water Palace. Helen reports the sights and sounds were fascinating.

Karen Levesque participated in the African Library Project 2017 that held its summit in Botswana in November. Kudos to making a difference in the lives of children worldwide.

Patty Pendergast-Tilley, her husband Doug were part of those residents who had to evacuate their home on the beautiful island of St. Croix ahead of the catastrophic damage



Class of 1978: L to R: Mike Donigan, Suzy Donigan, Tom Curran, Brad Gilbreth



Class of 1978: L to R: Brian Mann, Jeannie Farnhan-Duval, Gary Duval, Teresa Ash, Kerry Sullivan, Ken D'Amato, Steve Ash, Suzy Donigan, Mike Donigan



Class of 1978: L to R: Front Row: Gary Mann, Ken D'Amato, Dennis Ducharme  
Back Row: Suzy Donigan, Richard Girard, Mary-Ellen Prescott, Mike Boch, Brad Gilbreth, Kerry Sullivan, Brian Mann, Tim Schutt, Dave Berndt, Jim Buckley, John Greenwood, Steve Ash, Joe Sullivan, Rick Finnegan, Brian Mann, Jim Philippou, Joe Gamache and Mike Donigan

unleashed by Hurricane Maria. They set up temporary digs in Boston and did get to visit with friends during their displacement. They were able to get back to St Croix in early December, but their return was not without bumps and setbacks along the way. Patty reports that she is so grateful as her neighborhood is one of the few with power. She says the landscape is green but many roofs are just blue tarps.

Sharon Boisvert-Macentee enjoyed the sights, sounds and tastes of the Big Easy. Sharon enjoyed a few days in the great city of New Orleans and shared some great pictures on Facebook. *Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

From my inbox:

Lisa (Loya) Durant shares: Scott Durant ('85) and I have been bringing up our family in Central Maine, in the semi-rural town of China, where we moved in 2004. Scott is an educator in the same town, and I've been blessed to be (mostly) a homeschooling stay-at-home mom. We have six kids--five daughters ages 21, 20, 18, 14 and 11, and one boy, age 16. It has been a fun and challenging ride so far!! Two oldest attend Simmons College and Christendom College (VA), respectively. The middle two are trying out the local school, and the last two are still schooling at home. Oldest daughter works in a nursing home in Chelmsford, and in-laws are still there, so it's nice to retain a connection. Back in Maine, I'm a co-founder of a homeschool resource and learning center, still in the baby stages. I've also been able to do some tutoring to help out--I found I had to brush up on some algebra to stay fresh, so I've been recalling my high school math teachers and classes! No sons-in-law or grandchildren yet, it's a little too early. Except for a little arthritis, some extra pounds and gray hair, I still feel pretty young!! I really enjoy the class news! Peace and Love to all!

Dottie Bailey writes, youngest son, Zack married his high school sweetheart and concluded his career with the US Marines. He is starting college for electrical engineering. Zack and Kristen are residing in Florida. Oldest son Nate and his wife Sydney are expecting their 2nd child, another baby girl. She will join, big sister Paisley who is 18 months old. Nate and Sydney are in the Navy and stationed in Jacksonville FL. My financial analyst career came to an end in September 2017 after a total of 39 years with BAE Systems. I am now disabled, unfortunately. I reside in Manchester with the lovely Lucy, my cat companion and little terror. Life is good with the exception of being stir crazy.

Carl French reports: I moved to Maine the weekend I graduated from CHS because of my tremendous love for Maine. I accidently discovered EMS and Fire as a career and left college to pursue that. In 2015, I retired from Sanford ME Fire Rescue after 33 years as a Paramedic. However, I still work as a Paramedic for the quiet coastal communities of Kennebunkport and Wells, but I'm too old to be in burning buildings anymore. I have received some nice recognition over the years including Paramedic of the Year for Southern Maine and received the EMS Lifetime Achievement Award from the Governor in 2014. I recently retired from the Maine EMS Honor Guard after 22 years having started as a founding member. Over the years, on the side, I have been a fixed and rotary flight medic, a 911 Dispatcher, and a Tactical Medic with a regional SWAT team. I have also participated in several of the National EMS Memorial Bicycle Rides from Boston to Washington DC to recognize fallen EMS providers. I live in the Village of Alfred ME with my wife Judy and four cats in an 1850's farmhouse. We have three adult children, Daniel, Amy, and Bethany who are all married and live very close by. We

have four grandchildren, three boys and a girl. When not working, I have an amateur British car and Motorcycle restoration shop and have several MG's and Triumph cars and motorcycles. I also have restored my Grandfather's 1927 Old Town Canoe and am about to start a ground up restoration of a 1924 Old Town.

Skip Wilkins sends news from Prague: I've been working variously as jazz pianist, composer, arranger, teacher-professor, workshop-presenter, sometimes singer since I finished college. I've been touring regularly in Europe since 2007 and am often in Prague, in the Czech Republic, when I have a break in my teaching schedule at Lafayette College.

Recently, I've been especially busy with recordings. In the U.S., a week before Christmas I recorded with my son Daniel (tenor saxophone) in a quartet setting. That recording, tentatively titled "Someday," will likely be released in early 2019. I am here now in Prague and will be performing a bit, but the main activity is another recording, this one with a Czech ensemble. Tentatively titled "Na Morave (In Moravia)," I am expecting a 2020 CD release with European performances. I am waiting on another CD release with a different Czech ensemble, which also features my son Daniel. That one, titled "Czech Wishes," recorded during my 2016 sabbatical, will be released in June 2018 on New Port Line Records. So regarding recordings, I like to get things lined up. Stateside, I live at Deer Head Inn, a famous jazz club in Delaware Water Gap PA. I play there often if anyone wants to make a pilgrimage. Deer Head Inn is the oldest continuously operating jazz club in the U.S. Information regarding my performance schedule can be found at [www.skipwilkinsjazz.com](http://www.skipwilkinsjazz.com).

### Get Well Wishes:

Lori (LeLacheur) Constantine has been battling Myeloma. She was given the joyous news on December 19th that her cancer is in total remission. Jeffrey Falardeau suffered a stroke in early December. He is making great progress.

Lisa (Doherty) Ludwig is suffering from setbacks from her brain injury; her autonomic nervous system is not functioning properly. We wish all improved health and total recoveries!

### In Memoriam:

With sadness, I report that we have lost the following classmates, Terence (Terry) Keefe, Kimberly (Kilburn) Munroe and William (Bill) Watt. May they rest in peace.

Here's to a healthy and happy 2018 for all! Please keep those updates coming. Cheers! ~Denise

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Dear Classmates, we are deeply-saddened to pass along the news that we lost our classmate, Bob

Cunnington, on Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Bob - you will be missed, and we will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. - Jay

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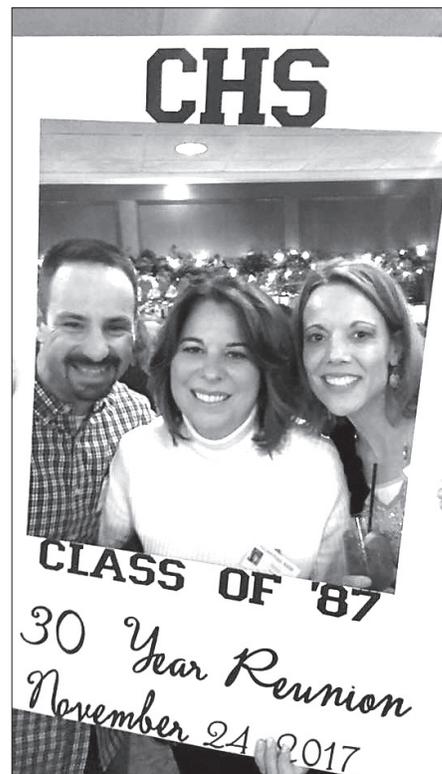
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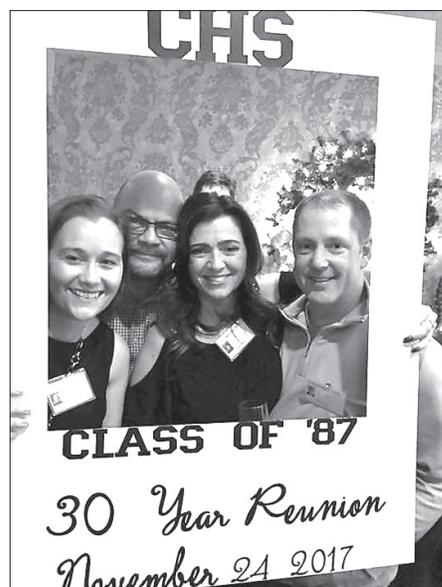
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The Class of 1987 celebrated 30 years since graduation with a night of dancing, fun and returning classmates from near and far. While we can't name all 150 who were in attendance, we want to recognize those who came from California (huge group of you left-coasters), Washington, Colorado, Florida,

Vermont, North Carolina, Virginia and other out-of-staters, for instance Sharon McHale, Amy Moran, Cori (Snow) Butler, and Abby (Bourne) Mann, all came from the West Coast to join in the festivities.



Class of 1987: L to R: Jeffrey Robinson, Jaime (Shulman) Humphrey, Kristen (Beyer) Schulz



Class of 1987: L to R: Cori (Snow) Butler, Jeff Egan, Abby (Bourne) Mann, Drew Green

It was also great to have many local people come for the first time or the first time in many years, making it a true reunion.

Huge thanks to Karen (Robillard) Lococo who chaired the reunion committee, along with Steven Gleason, Pam (Gilboard) Fleming, Linda (Armstrong) Fleegle, Jennifer Lindsey, Ellen (Hubers) Stone, Jennifer (Gillette) Paletta for their help in making this such a great night!

Facebook is a great way to keep us in touch in between reunions. Find us there at "Chelmsford High Class of 87 Reunion".

Susan (Larkin) McCarthy was overjoyed to announce the arrival of a grandson, Jack Walter Carey, born to her daughter Katie and son-in-law Thomas, on December 10, 2017.  
- Christine and Elisa



Class of 1987: Front: Amany (El Bayoumi) Fish, Sharon McHale, Eileen (Gardner) Sheehan, Regina Deluca. Back: Amy Moran, Michelle Ryder, Kristen (Beyer) Schulz



Class of 1987: Daphne (Dabekis) Kouloungis, Lori (Michneiwich) McGinty, Karen (Cotroneo) Heard, Marianne (Caless) Christiansen

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Lauren Young was the Deputy Digital Director for Doug Jones for Senate in Alabama and has stayed on to help Senator Jones during his transition and until his D.C. office is up and running. She will be with him until starting her next campaign job in January. -Katie

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We just confirmed the date and location of our 20th reunion. **SAVE THE DATE**  
CHS Class of 1998 20th Reunion  
Sat., November 24, 2018 7:00 PM  
Chelmsford Elks Lodge

Please look out for more details in early 2018. Please let me know if you questions. Thank you for your time and assistance. Sincerely, Jeff

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Brian Meenaghan '01, wife Lacey, and older daughter Annie welcome Stella Louise Meenaghan born 12/18/17. Stella was 7 lbs 2 oz. and 19.75 inches. The Meenaghans recently moved to Vienna, Virginia where Brian continues to work in commercial banking for BB&T Bank. - Chrissie



Class of 2001: Stella Louise Meenaghan, born December 18, 2017



Class of 2001: Brian, big sister Annie, and Lacey welcome Stella Louise

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John Traphagan - 1979  
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Kaitlyn Aronian - 2008

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

Dorothea (Brown) Gaudette	1939
Frederick J. Jamros	1942
William F. McHugh, Sr.	1942
Beatrice (DiRuzza) DeAmicis	1943
Claire (Burton) Dunning	1944
Raymond W. Judge	1944
Florence (Morrell) Burns	1947
Shirley V. (Reid) Luby	1947
Dorothy A. (Nystrom) Upton	1947
Barbara (Adams) Rooks	1948
Bessie S. (Blackie) Sadlier	1948
William "Billy" Hicks	1951
Thelma S. (Wallis) Morgan	1951
Elaine E. (Avila) McClarity	1954
Kenneth J. Kemp	1957
Patricia Ann (Westwood) Marchand	1957
Jessimine (MacKenzie)(Emerson) Moore	1957
Lorraine E. (Nelson) Miller	1958
Bruce E. Erikson	1964
David W. Lewis	1964
Jared S. Finnegan	1969
Stephen T. Marcaurelle	1969
Edward J. Withycombe, Jr.	1969
Janice B. Liva	1970
Bryant P. Desmarais	1971
Martin V. Ally	1975
Daniel J. Wholey	1977
Kimberly A. (Kilburn) Monroe	1979
William B. Watt	1979
Christina Barzyk	1980
Donna M. (Laurin) Luebbers	1980
George A. "Gary" Ripsom	1981
Robert D. Cunnington	1982
Maybelle "Meg" Conant	Teacher

## EDITOR'S NOTE

By Kris Pisarik • Class of 1977



CHS senior Lions in 1977 include, back row from left: Bill Amirault, Dan Wholey, Marty Krikorian; front row from left: Kris Pisarik, Mike McManamon and George Bowen.

On an extremely sad note, I attended a wake for one of my classmates and teammates from the Class of 1977 on Jan. 7. Danny Wholey, whom I hadn't seen for close to a decade when he attended the retirement party for my brother, Ken Duane, lost his battle to leukemia. Danny was a baseball teammate of mine not only at CHS, but also in Senior Little League and the Northeast League, a high school summer league team that was coached by my brother.

Danny was a handsome, popular kid in school, but what I'll never forget was his incredible talent on the baseball diamond. He was a great hitter with great speed. But what I'll never forget was how he roamed centerfield with grace of a swift deer. As one of our pitchers, I benefited firsthand from Danny's incredible talents. Seeing his steely-eyed glare – game face on – from the heart of our outfield, I knew my occasional miscues (a fat fastball down the middle) were in good hands. On many occasions, rocket shots that seemed destined to land deep in the gap and ultimately turn into homeruns were transformed into outs after Danny somehow once again outran the ball. He was amazing.

I miss those days, but Danny obviously touched many more lives than those of his baseball teammates. On a chilly January afternoon, hundreds of people snaked their way through a Fitchburg funeral home, the city where Dan had made his home the past few decades. It was a moving testament to someone loved by so many. Rest in peace, my friend.



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