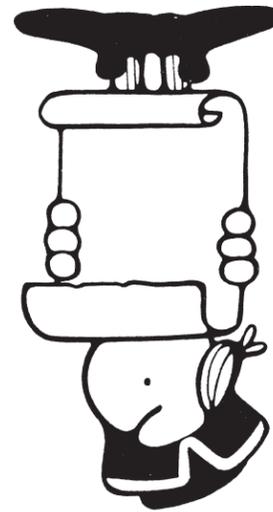




Patriot Hometown Happenings

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A Message from the President...



Greetings, Fellow Patriots!

As we look forward to spring and the graduation of the "millennial class," a summer slowdown isn't anywhere to be seen on this end of things. In fact, the Alumni Association is moving into high gear planning for the next six months. We have big ideas for the coming year, and we would love to have a lot of hands and ideas to take the association to the next level. Big ideas to big plans to big achievements. My challenge to you is to step your membership up to the next level of commitment.

Of course, we would love to see many faces at the meetings, but there are also so many other activities in which to take part. One of these, for instance, may be just the right thing to spark your interest:

- The alumni association strives to be at most evening events during the school year to promote the association and connect with the extracurricular life of the school. Maybe that's how you first connected with the association. We are always looking for volunteers to represent the association for a couple of hours at these events and to promote membership.
- Do you have artistic talents or publishing skills? Do you own a print shop or art studio? How about photography or video skills? We can certainly give you an opportunity to put them to work producing publicity materials for the association.
- We're looking for a reliable source of quality hats, shirts, and other items for association merchandise. If you own such a business, we'd love to send some your way! Or can you give us a connection? Let us know! We'd also like to see designs submitted for Alumni Association logos. How about getting those designs silk-screened or embroidered on the shirts or hats?
- If writing is your interest, you are more than welcome to submit materials for the newsletters. Let's add your creative touch to the letters; they don't have to be for news and updates only. What about those poems or short stories that you worked on so diligently while you were here? Dig them out, polish them up, and send them to us. Hey, they weren't bad – might as well get a little more recognition for all that inspiration! No? Better yet, put something together now to share a bit of your life since school with all of us.
- Are you a lawyer with accounting skills? We desperately need you to help us get established as a non-profit organization. This will allow our funds to go even further and gain a little more cost-free publicity.
- Do you have a flatbed trailer? How about a garage or barn that you could free up for a few weeks this fall? Have craft skills or carpentry expertise? Want to spend some real quality time with old friends for a few evenings or weekends this fall? Why? You know! Homecoming 2000 will be here before we know it! I know it's only spring, but now is the time to start planning, before the lazy days of summer vacation arrive. Wouldn't it be great to get an association float into the Homecoming parade? We won't know what the theme is until September, but we need to start working on the logistics now. Remember, there are only **two** more regular association meetings before Homecoming!

There's so much more! How would you like to see your alumni association grow? What do we need to do that we haven't yet done? Wouldn't you like to help make it happen? Please feel free to get in touch with us in any way. Call, write, or e-mail. Be sure to keep us up-to-date on your life and what you've been accomplishing recently. I look forward to hearing from you, and I hope to see you in April. As always, Patriotism prevails!

Yours in Service,

Alan W. Rudolph
President, VFAA

At the last meeting...

by Halle Dawson

With only eight members present, we managed to get much accomplished. We elected officers once again and discussed the possibly to changing certain offices to longer terms. Your new officers are:

Alan Rudolph '88 - President

Bill Adams '71 - Vice President

Brenna Smith-Grimm '89 - Treasurer

Marcia Stahurski-Starek '69
and **Missy Schabel '89** - Co-Secretaries

Halle Magpoc-Dawson '89 - Communications

We also chose some events (i.e. basketball games, VF craft fair, and parent nights) to attend to get our name recognized. We are looking for volunteers to sit at a table for the Spring Musical. Our goal is to increase our database to at least 2000 names. Currently we only have a little over 1000, so if you know someone who's not on the list let me know!

Also, the Alumni Association will be giving out a \$300 scholarship this spring. We are also trying to plan a Homecoming Dinner to raise funds next year's scholarship.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18. I hope to see you there!

Tuesday, October 17, 2000
Alumni Association Meeting - 7 pm at VF

Tuesday, July 18, 2000
Alumni Association Meeting - 7 pm at VF

Keith Brooks at 440-888-7761.

For more information, contact the President,

VF Adult Athletic Boosters Casual Reverse Raffle

Tuesday, June 3, 2000

Alumni Association Meeting - 7 pm at VF

Tuesday, April 18, 2000

like to make a prize donation.

Contact Mike Nekoloff at 440-842-4356 if you'd

10th Annual Formal Reverse Raffle

Saturday, April 15, 2000

Spring Musical, "Anything Goes" - Auditorium, 7 pm

Friday & Saturday, April 7 & 8, 2000

Some Important Dates to Remember...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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Class Notes



1967

David Sellman and his wife, Barbara moved to a new cottage type home community in Jamestown, North Carolina. He is a Plant Engineer for Gale & Lord Textile Industries and Barbara is a Payroll Clerk for Asheboro City Schools. Their son, Gregory, 24, graduated from North Carolina State University in 1998 with a BS Degree in Computer Engineering and is employed with IBM as a Computer Engineer/Scientist at Research Triangle Park in Raleigh, NC. Their son, Christopher, 21, graduated from North Carolina State in December 1999 with a BS degree in Accounting and is employed as an accountant with Smith and Kesler in Raleigh, NC. Classmates can email David at dsellman@northstate.net.

1969

Robert Steppke moved to the Las Vegas area in 1994 after completing graduate school at Texas A & M. He is currently the Supervisor of Real Property for the Clark County School District (the nation's 8th largest and fastest growing district). Robert is kept very busy since they build a new school about every 4 weeks!

1970

Mary Lynn (Rozman) Marsh works in Orthopedic Surgery. She has 2 kids and enjoys playing golf and traveling. Her fondest memory is not having to be responsible. Right now, Mary Lynn's goal is to finish building their house in Conway, SC and to get a dog.

1980

Dawn (Stevans) Piburn is currently employed as the Assistant Marketing Manager for thehut.com, a general merchandising site aimed at 18-24 year olds, which is perfect for her since she is a 20 year old trapped in a 38 year old body! Dawn has been married to Bruce for 8 years and they have two daughters, Lainie, 6.5 years and Maddy, 4 years. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1994 with a BA in Communications. They enjoy fishing, hunting and cheering on their beloved Green Bay Packers! Friends can email her at piburn@gbpackers.com.



1986

Suzanne (Swade) Carpino lives in Charlotte, NC with her husband, Michael. They were married on July 9, 1999. Suzanne is an Assistant Principal at a Charlotte Middle School and recently graduated with a Specialist Degree in School Administration. You can email her at SDncr@aol.com.

1989

Dan Zezena lives in Elyria with his wife of 3.5 years, Gina and their 20 month old daughter, Samantha. He is a Paramedic for the City of East Cleveland and also works for University Hospital's Pediatric Critical Care Air and Ground Transport. Dan teaches his own paramedic class at Cuyahoga Community College as well. Feel free to email him at medicdz@aol.com.

1994

John Iski recently graduated from West Virginia University in May 1999 with a BS in finance. He began a career with Northwestern Mutual Life specializing in insurance and investment planning. His office is in Morgantown, WV and is preparing to open a practice in the Parma/Parma Hts. area in the near future. You can email him at JohnIski@juno.com.

*Thank you for all your submissions.
Compiled by Halle Dawson.
I apologize for any errors.
To add your submission, email me at
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IT'S DUES TIME!!

\$5.00 for a year's dues or
\$50.00 for a lifetime membership.

If you don't have a membership card, then it's time to pay!
We are trying to arrange benefits for having paid memberships with area businesses and different VF events.

Please mail to your check or money order:

Brenna Smith-Grimm
1528 Brighton Way
Broadview Hts., OH 44147

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Year of Graduation _____

Email _____

FOUND

A girl's class ring from the Class of 1970 was found with the initials DES. If you lost your ring, please call Jim Varrone, Deputy Principal at 440-885-8411.

FOR SALE

Yearbooks for the Class of 1977 and 1980. Please call Halle at 440-582-3409 or email at halled@hotmail.com if you are interested.



Reunions, Reunions, Reunions!

To post your reunion information, please contact halled@hotmail.com or call 440-582-3409.



The **Class of 1965** has planned their 35th Year Reunion for June 30 - July 1, 2000. There are many exciting events including a tour of Valley Forge. Please contact Linda (Reik) Brown at (216) 251-4418 or Joe Dagata at (440) 526-9140 for more information. You can also check out their website at <http://school.cleveland.com/school/vfclassof65>.

The **Class of 1970** will be having their 30th reunion at the Radisson SW in Middleburg Hts. on Saturday, July 15, 2000. For ticket information, please call Reunions Unlimited at 1-800-859-5770.

The **Class of 1975** will not be having a 25th year reunion, but they are planning a 30th for 2005! For more information, please contact Mary Dobeck Kiczek at mkiczek@aol.com.

The **Class of 1979** had their 20th year reunion on August 14, 1999 at Windows on the River in the Flats. Plans are in the works for the 25th! They have a website set up to keep in touch were their classmates at vf79.com. Please feel free to visit it for class updates or to locate friends! For any additional information about the Class of 1979, you can email Lynne Thomay Tomola at ltomola@ttpartners.com.

The **Class of 1980** will be having their 20th Year Reunion on Saturday, November 25, 2000 at the New Orleans Party Center in Brecksville. It is being planned by Reunions Unlimited. For more information, you may contact Dolores (Henning) Martin at dolomart@aol.com or call 1-800-859-5770 for ticket information.

The **Class of 1990** will be having their 10th reunion at Carrie Cerino's in North Royalton on Saturday, November 25, 2000. For ticket information, please call Reunions Unlimited at 1-800-859-5770.

We want to hear from you!

Your classmates would like to know what is happening with you! It doesn't matter if you have a fancy job or a glamorous lifestyle. Any information about marriages, births, careers, etc. can be published in this newsletter. Also, you may write articles about past or future class reunions, an interesting alumnus, anything you wish that is related to Valley Forge High School. Feel free to include photos too!

Name _____ Maiden _____ Graduation Year _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Use this space provided to let us know what's happening: _____

Mail responses to: Halle Dawson, 9500 Madison Lane, North Royalton, OH 44133 or e-mail to halled@hotmail.com.