



Patriot Hometown Happenings

A Newsletter Designed Especially for Valley Forge High School Alumni
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Next Meeting

Wed, July 16, 2003 ~ 7 pm
Ground Round Parmatown

2003 Officers

President: Halle (Magpoc) Dawson - '89
Vice President: Russ Fischer - '70
Secretary: Linda (Reik) Brown - '65
Treasurer: Cathy (Anelli) Solomon - '73



President's Message

Congratulations
to the 2003 Hall of Fame Inductees!

Gene Zayac, '64
Carole Crowe, '65
Bob Klutterbuck, '68
Karen Mentzler, '69

Watch for photos and articles coming soon!



Halle

Vice President's Message

Just a reminder that we are looking for one representative from each class to act as a liaison with the Alumni Association so that we keep up on address changes and reunions. Contact any one on the board for more information.

Russ Fischer



2003 Alumni Association Scholarship Winner!

By Alan Rudolph, Scholarship Chairman

On May 21st, Halle Dawson and I were honored to attend the Golden Anniversary Scholarship Dinner for the Parma City Schools. For 50 years, graduating Seniors from all three high schools have been wowing their parents and educators with the amazing accomplishments of their high school years and future plans. The Parma Council of PTAs always organizes what is simply an enjoyable and proud event where those parents and educators honor Seniors who have proven themselves to be bright, studious, hard-working, athletic, artistic, caring, and generous with their time for other students and the community. Model students and citizens all!

The recipient of the 2003 Valley Forge Alumni Association Freedom Scholarship is Katherine Hastings. Halle and I were both very impressed with the accomplishments and maturity of this accomplished young woman. Katherine will be attending Baldwin-Wallace College in the fall and plans to study both biology and secondary education with an eye toward teaching biology at the high school level. While at Valley Forge, Katherine was in Orchestra and Choir, as well as the Baldwin-Wallace Youth Orchestra. She was generous of her time with other students, volunteering her time to work with children in Parma Safety Town and tutoring her peers as a member of National Honor Society, and is a member of Future Teachers of America. Most interesting, she is a member of the Ohio Rifle & Pistol Association and is a participant in High Power Riflery and Trap Shooting! While doing all of this and working part time, she still managed to finish 6th in her class of 362, achieved Highest Honors all four years, is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, and this year was honored as an All-American Scholar!

Katherine attended the dinner with her parents, older sister, and younger brother. They were all quite proud of Katherine and genuinely enjoyed themselves at the event. I must say that they're a very close-knit family that loves and



enjoys each other very much, and the positive effect it has had on Katherine's young life is quite evident

Incidentally, Katherine was the recipient not only of our scholarship, but she was also the recipient of the Tracy Schuenemann Memorial as well. Halle spent some extra time with Katherine and has said she was struck by how similar Katherine is to Tracy!

Our warmest and most sincere congratulations to Katherine, and we wish her all of the very best successes in the future!

Class Notes



1965

After 50+ years in Ohio, **Suzanne Grady** transferred to Florida about a month ago. Cleveland was having a snow storm, Florida was 82 degrees. So far, she loves it. She is still working for Wells Fargo. Last year, Suzanne had a total hip replacement. Now when she goes through metal detectors, she sets the alarms off!

George Clos is currently working for the State of Illinois. His son, Tim, is starting at Cleveland State in the fall and Andrea will be in the 10th grade at Valley Forge (where else?). His wife, Barbara is keeping us all in line an taking care of her two dogs, Pepper and Snowy. On May 16, 2003, George received a new addition to his family – his new 2003 Anniversary Harley Davidson Dyna Wide Glide. Let me know if there are any bikers from the Class of '65. Keep your motor running and see you in 2005!

1971

Ted Janosko is commanding the V Corps Artillery in Iraq as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His command consists of 3 Field Artillery Brigades (9 Battalions) and over 4000 soldiers. His wife of 24 years, Marilyn, is still in Heidelberg, Germany. Their daughter, Margo, graduated in May from Oklahoma State Univ., Magna Cum Laude.

1989

Stephanie Myers will be getting married on September 27 this year to Joe Goetz at St. Gabriel's Church in Mentor and looks forward to planning a family soon. She's been employed by Americair of Greater Cleveland since August 2003 as a Home Care Administrator.

Dawn (Owen) Gawell is currently working full time for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation as an Ultrasound Technologist. She's been married to her husband, Ed, for 3years and they just had their first baby on March 31, 2003, a baby boy! They also have 2 big dogs. Other than not sleeping for weeks, she's doing well!

Joanne (Parianos) Grillakis married Yianni in October 1999 and relocated to Massachusetts. She worked for Fidelity Investments in Boston as an analyst in Background Investigations until the stork came to visit. On February 2, 2002, they welcomed George Yianni into the world. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. She is currently enjoying her time at home with their son.

Sheryl (Safran) Hottell and husband, John, had a son, Trevor John, on June 8, 2002. They currently reside in Strongsville; Sheryl works for the Cleveland Clinic.

Todd Thompsen is still working on the Creative Development Team at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. He recently wrote, directed, and produced a short film called "Time & Again" which stars Academy Award nominee, Seymour Cassel. He was also cast in another episode of the TV series, "Dawson's Creek."



Mark Urbanowicz currently resides in Fairview and after 2 ½ years of dating will be marrying Carolyn Ginley of Rocky River on September 27, 2003.

Allison Friedrichsen was born March 4, 2003 - weighed 8lbs 11oz, 21" long - to **Missy Schabel Friedrichsen** and husband, Mike. They also have a son, Timothy, 7, step-daughter, Cammie, 6 yrs old. Mike is manager of Patio Enclosures in Brook Park, Ohio. Melissa is the Office Manager for an accounting firm in Lakewood, Ohio. Always look forward to hearing from former classmates: mfried2417@aol.com.



Thanks to Lydia Grafinger, Class of '62 and author of our school song, for taking pictures during our tour at the last meeting! See the website for the rest of them!
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\$5.00 per year due in September!
Donations cheerfully accepted anytime!
Lifetime membership \$50.00
Please get your dues in to keep this newsletter coming!

VF Sports Program Advertisements

Any alumni interested in advertising in the Fall and Winter Sports Program should contact Jim Demetriu at 440-842-5287 or jimmydees2001@yahoo.com. The ads cost between \$65 for a business card to \$400 for a full page ad. There are about 10,000 copies produced. Your ad will also appear in Normandy and Parma Senior's programs. If you need design work done, the print shop will be available for assistance. The proceeds from the programs go to the Athletic Departments for each school.

T-Shirts

VF Alumni T-Shirts are still available in sizes XL and XXL. Only \$15!. Call 440-582-3409 or email halled@hotmail.com for more information!





Reunions, Reunions, Reunions!



The Class of **1963** is planning their reunion for Saturday, October 25 at Carrie Cerino's, 8922 Ridge Rd. North Royalton. Drinks 6-7 PM (cash bar). Sit down dinner 7-8PM. Cost 40.00 per person-choices are Boston Strip Steak, Chicken Parmigiana or Boston Scrod. Money may be sent to Joan Barth 6970 Carriage Hill Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141. Checks made payable to Valley Forge Class of '63.

The Class of **1973** is planning their reunion for September 27, 2003 at St. Josephat's. Call Cathy (Anelli) Solomon for more details: Home 440-779-5049 or Cell 440-336-0681.

The Class of **1978** will not be having a 25 year reunion this year. They will be having a 30 year reunion in 2008. They will begin searching for classmates in 2006. Feel free to email Connie (Kurz) Ilko with any address changes at cmi13@aol.com or call 330-665-1102. **(Corrected email address...we apologize to Connie for any inconvenience)**

The Class of **1989**—Here's the time to have your say! 2004 reunion planning meeting will be on Wednesday, July 23rd at 7 pm at the Parmatown Ground Round. Please bring your ideas. Many decisions will be made!! Let Halle know if you will be attending: 440-582-3409 or halled@hotmail.com. Even if you are out of town, please let me know if you'd like to help!

The Class of **1993** is planning their reunion for November 29, 2003 at the Avalon Event Center. Contact Jena Suhadolnik at jena@netwalk.com or 614-794-5566 or George Schmatta at 216-905-3100.

The Class of **1994** is gathering information on missing persons for next year. Contact Stacy Brown at stacyb@calltheboss.biz or 216.889.9179.



Please send us any information about your reunion, missing persons, etc. Also, if you just had a reunion, please send us your database so we can add/update everyone so they receive this newsletter. Email Halle Dawson, halled@hotmail.com

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!

Name:	Maiden	Graduation Year
Address	City	State/Zip
Phone	Email Address	

Tell Us What's Going On!

Mail Responses to: Halle Dawson, 9500 Madison Lane, North Royalton, OH 44133 or email to halled@hotmail.com

Reflections

Highlighting Senior Citations from years gone by!

Send me a copy of your Senior Citations from your Senior year Battlecry. Linda Brown, 3418 West 127 St, Cleve. OH 44111. We can also include other memories here as well but we need you to supply the information!

Class of 1989

Best Athlete: Dan Walsh and Michelle Scotch
Best Looking: Nick Marcos and Lisa Zakis
Wittiest: Steve DelRio and Jennifer Tvorik
Class Couple: Bill Gross and Lisa DeMarco
Most Scholastically Inclined: Mark Hier and Marcy Pearsall

Biggest Flirt: Chuck Molina and Angela Juliano
Most Musically Inclined: Scott Gallagher and Laura Koepke
Most Congenial: Joe Furia and Jennifer Tvorik
Most Spirited: Scott Yi and Jennifer Tvorik
Best Dressed: Nick Marcos and Cora DiDomenico
Most Ambitious: Mark Hier and Jennifer Tvorik
Best Dramatist: Chuck Molina and Brenda Gregory
Weirdest Clothes: Ron Skingle and Kelly Mitermiller
Most Artistically Inclined: Scott Boulton and Margret Riechel

Bring back memories? Where are they now?

**Send us your memorabilia and we'll post it here!
This is the last of the Senior Issue of the Battlecries
from the past that we have!**



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Please visit and give us your feedback. We would like to give each class their own page. Please visit the Class of '65's page to see a sample of what can be done.

People are emailing me wondering why there isn't anything there for their class. We need YOU to supply the information. The class of '65 is there because that's MY class and I had the information.

So start searching your attics and closets for that old scrapbook or box of memories and share with all of us! Email me today so we can include your email address in the Email Directory!

New Email Address: ldbrown@core.com

Linda

Linda (Reik) Brown, Class of 1965
VF Alumni Association Secretary and Webmaster

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