



Patriot Hometown Happenings

Fall 2003

A Newsletter Designed Especially for Valley Forge High School Alumni

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President's Message

Greetings Patriots!

The Valley Forge Alumni Association, Inc. is really moving. We are now recognized as a true organization in the State of Ohio, but we are still trying to obtain 501(c) non-profit tax id status. We will let you know as soon as this happens! Many thanks go out to Tony DeMarco with the Parma Alumni Council for all his time and effort.



One of my main focuses this year is to locate at least one reunion contact per class. I've talked to many of you so far but still have some vacancies. Please take a look at the list I've compiled and let me know if you have any to add or change. Ultimately, I would like the reunion contacts to attend one meeting, most likely the spring one, to discuss upcoming reunions, planning details, the association's involvement, etc. We are trying to act as one collective group to get better rates at hotels, caterers, dj's and all the other details for reunions. The alumni association is also trying to collect class monies to hold in a trust fund so classmates do not have to pay taxes on that money, have it tied up in probate, have significant others claim that money is theirs, or any other unfortunate circumstance. We will be discussing these details at the upcoming fall meeting.

Many hours are spent at information tables in the fall, usually at football games, craft fairs, school events, etc. If anyone is interested in helping out at these activities, please let me know. The database is increasing, not quite doubled yet, so any opportunity to get the word out about the alumni association still exists.

I hope to see a recording breaking turnout at the Fall meeting on Tuesday, October 21st at VF, usually room 108 – but willing to move to the cafeteria or newly renovated auditorium to accompany the crowd!!



Many smiles,

Halle

Halle Magpoc-Dawson '89
President

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2003 ~ 7 pm
Valley Forge
Come see some of the changes!

Group Photo

Newest Hall of Fame Members

Eugene Zayac '64
Karen Metzler '69
Carol Cooper-Crowe '65
Robert Clutterbuck '68

Congratulations!

A message from Karen Metzler '69

A newly-elected Hall of Fame Member

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your honoring me at the Class of 2003 Commencement Exercises on June 7th. As always, I extend my gratitude for the public education that the Parma City School gave me. I will always cherish the support, acceptance, and memories extended through having lived in our community, as well. See you all again in 2009!

Happy Retirement! Gene Zayac '65 and Karen Shawan '69 decided to end their teaching careers at Valley Forge this year. Good luck to you both!



Class Notes



REUNION CONTACTS

1964

Georganne Robertson is moving after 32 years in her home. All four children have graduated from college and are gainfully employed. She'll always have great memories of her high school years at Valley Forge High School. Go Patriots!

Jill (Daney) Arnold and husband, Tom ('65) welcomed their second granddaughter on May 10, 2003 – Ellie Shannon Radabaugh. Their first granddaughter, Marin Elizabeth Radabaugh was born on October 5, 2001.

1973

George Loper has been married for 28 years to Lisa Wotsch from Lakewood High School. They have two children, ages 25 and 23. He is a Consultant for Bowling Green State University Online Bachelor of Science Degree in Technology Program. He is also the Owner of Cosmos Coffeeshops in Bowling Green, Ohio. George was a drummer in the rock band Summit. They played at the Senior dance and around the area. The other members were Kenny Romines, Gregg Leiby, and Louie, his little brother. Going to Forge was fun, especially when it was time to roll Parma with toilet paper! Feel free to drop him a line at gloper@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

1981

Lori (Sprungle) McCarthy graduated from Kent State in August 2003 with a Masters of Education in Rehabilitation Counseling. She lives in Middleburg Hts with her husband of 17 years, Bob and their three sons, Robert Jr., age 11, Christopher, age 9 and Sean, age 5.

1989

Jill (Jacobson) McGarr welcomed baby #2 in January. Daniel John was born on January 31, 2003. He joins big sister, Allison who will be 4 in September. She loves him to pieces!

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!



- 1963 Joan Barth
- 1964 Lydia Bozeman, Linda Weiler-Thompson
- 1965 Linda Reik-Brown, Joe Dagata, Carole Rzepkowski-Gellner
- 1966
- 1967
- 1968
- 1969
- 1970
- 1971
- 1972 Bob Mandilakis
- 1973 Cathy Anelli-Solomon
- 1974 Carl Schanz
- 1975 Mary Dobeck-Kiczek
- 1976
- 1977
- 1978 Connie Ilko
- 1979 Tim Dobeck, Larry Napoli
- 1980 Dolores Martin
- 1981 Anne Bucholz-Pierce, Kathy Wasovich-Gregerich
- 1982 Marilee Dillon-Macaski, Ann Dobeck ??
- 1983 Duane Funk
- 1984
- 1985 Ken Pietrzycki
- 1986
- 1987
- 1988 Susan Filipow-Brunecz, Laurie Cavney-Kolenz
- 1989 Halle Magpoc-Dawson, Brenna Smith-Grimm
- 1990
- 1991 Scott Stitt
- 1992 Janet McGee-Messinger
- 1993 George Schmatta, Jena Suhadolnik
- 1994 Stacy Brown
- 1995
- 1996
- 1997
- 1998
- 1999
- 2000
- 2001
- 2002
- 2003

Fall Membership Drive

This is the only time of the year we collect membership dues. We are in desperate need of these funds to support the newsletter mailings, scholarships, activities, etc. Memberships are \$5.00 per year or \$50.00 for a lifetime.

Please send to Graduation
 Cathy Anelli-Solomon Year:
 28501 Willett
 North Olmsted, OH 44070 _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____



Reunions, Reunions, Reunions!



The Class of **1963** is planning their reunion for Saturday, Oct, 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 **1964** will be having their reunion on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004 at St. Josephat's in Parma. Please contact Lydia Bozeman at 330-836-7298 or Linda Weiler-Thompson at 440-885-2588 for more information.

The Class of **1965** is starting planning meetings for 2005. There has been much discussion about combining reunions with the classes of '66 and '67. Contact Linda Reik Brown at ldbrown@core.com or 216-889-9179.

The Class of **1979** will be having their 25th year reunion in 2004. Watch for details in next newsletter! Please contact Tim Dobeck at tdobeck@cox.net or 440-886-3483.

Attention Class of **1989** – Mark your calendars now! If you haven't already heard, the 15 year reunion will be Saturday, July 24, 2004 at St. Josephat's on State Rd. in Parma! There will be some type of casual get together on Friday, July 23. If you aren't getting the email updates, please email me (Halle) at halled@hotmail.com. Postcards will be going out around Thanksgiving, so if you have moved recently, please let me know. It helps keep costs down for the reunion!

Class of **1993** will be having their 10 year reunion on November 29, 2003 at the Avalon Event Center in North Royalton. 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 216.889.9179 or stcy528@yahoo.com.

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. If you are planning on moving, please keep the alumni association up to date. It saves on mailing costs, as well as making sure you are included in future reunions. Plus you'll receive this awesome newsletter. Thanks!

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! We would love to include your class!

Class of '89

Best Looking - Andy Marton & Tina Vichosky, Class Couple - Kevin Wilson & Tina Duganiero, Most Musically Inclined - John Izzo & Kristin Spiegelberg and Kate Anderson, Best Actor/Actress - Pat Russell & Laura Kardar, Best Sense of Humor - Jim Genda & Monica Billick, Most Athletic - Brett Brown & Robin DeZuba, Most Sophisticated - Kristin Spiegelberg & Vince Yee, Most Creative - Tim Schuette & Arlene Vitkovic, Friendliest Personality - Andrea Furio & Keith Kulwicki, Most Ambitious - Neal Mitra & Erin Murphy, Most Intelligent - Neal Mitra & Karyn Niedetzki, Most Vocationally Inclined - Ken Juszczuk & Claudine Champegny, Most Spirited - Joe Mellott & Shannon Day, Biggest Flirt - Pat Akos & Arlene Vitkovic, Best Dressed - Vince Yee & Tina Vichosky, Craziest Clothes - Chip Lovasy & Arlene Vitkovic, Most Likely to Succeed - Neal Mitra & Ingrid Wagner, Most Artistic - Mark Laski & Chris Athens

Check Out Our Website!

www.vfalumni.org

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!

Linda (Reik) Brown, Class of 1965

Email: ldbrown@core.com

VF Alumni Association Secretary and Webmaster

Found

Class Ring from 1986

If you'd like more information, please contact Cathy Solomon at 440-779-5049 or 440-283-6690.

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7 pm At Valley Forge



Address Correction Requested

TO: