



Patriot Hometown Happenings



A Newsletter Designed Especially for Valley Forge High School Alumni
Winter/Spring 2004

Greetings Patriots!

Spring has arrived, a time for new growth and blossoms. The Valley Forge Alumni Association will also be taking part in this process! After many months of depleted funds and building new bridges, we hope to take this organization to a new level. Here are a few ideas of how will be doing this:

First, our 501(c) tax exemption papers are pending finally. Therefore, the alumni association will run strictly by donation. We will NOT be collecting dues any longer, so we desperately need your help to get this organization running. Please spread the word about the alumni association and any monetary donations over \$50 will be mailed a receipt for tax purposes.

Second, we are encouraging our reunion contacts and past Hall of Fame members to help us out with your ideas and needs. This group is already somewhat dedicated to the school, and I hope each of you can get involved in some manner such as attending meetings or fundraiser activities.

Also, the VFAA will be donating another \$300 scholarship this May to a 2004 graduate. This is our fourth scholarship recipient. The funds collected through donations and activities will be put towards this scholarship, as well as operating

expenses. We hope to add another scholarship next year or at least increase the amount of this one.

I would like to personally thank all the people who have helped bring the alumni association to where it is today. I hope you continue to work with me and watch our seeds grow into beautiful flowers of many generations.

Many smiles,

Halle Magpoc-Dawson '89
VFAA President



*Some Things Never Change
.....Like the Band Room!*



Next Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2004
7 pm
Valley Forge

2003-4 Officers

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



Class Notes



Marlayna (Miller) Jeanclerc and her husband, Dave welcomed their son, Ethan David, on February 24, 2003. He was 8 lbs., 3 oz. and 22 inches. Marlayna is Vice President and Manager of Corporate Trust at National City, and Dave is a Senior Software Programmer at JPMorgan Chase. They met while attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Angela (Myers) Vannucci and her husband, John welcomed their son, Sam (Samuel John) on November 4. This is the first addition to our family and they are just thrilled! Sam weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. and was 21 inches long. They are all doing great because Sam is just a wonderful baby!



Larry Sullin and his wife, April had their first child, Alex, on December 17, 2002. He started a new career as a special agent (Criminal Investigator) with the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement in April 2002. Subsequently, they relocated to upstate New York.

Lori (Wilbur) Malko and husband, Steve are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Kyle Anthony, on September 14, 2003. Their first son, Brandon Joseph, was born on December 11, 2001. Steve and Lori are still police officers in Montgomery County, Maryland – “The Sniper Area.”



Kristin (Spiegelberg) LaGuardia and husband, Greg, are proud to announce the birth of Bryan Thomas on March 4, 2004. Bryan's big sister, Emma, will be four years old in May.

1965

Diane (Strmiska) Gunderman welcomed their first grandchild, Connor Thomas Wagner, born on July 22, 2003. She's lived in Florida for 25 years and still loves it. Her and her husband are building a home on a canal and looking forward to living on water soon. Diane is currently employed as a microbiologist.

1972

Marty (Nelson) Davis wants to let my classmates know my email address is misprinted in the reunion book. The correct email address is ahtna1991@yahoo.com. Drop me a line!

Rick Schulz and the 1972 State Wrestling Champs met on Johnson's Island in Marblehead, Ohio on September 27 for a cookout. Both Coach Steve Rudo and Pat Semary were in attendance. A good time was had by all.

1973

Debbie (Fundzak) Altemus is proud of her two sons. Cory Altemus, Class of 2002, performs with the Parma Symphonic Orchestra and Ben, Class of 2005 is an actor in Valley Forge's schools plays.

1986

Sue (Swade) Carpino and her husband, Michael, are the proud parents of triplet boys. Michael, Ryan, and Anthony were born on November 2, 2003 and are healthy and doing well. They reside in Charlotte, North Carolina and both work for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

1988

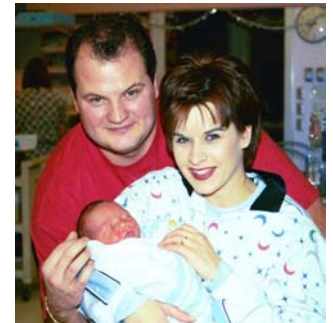
Rebekah (Barniak) Marks moved to Wisconsin where she married her husband in October 1989. She was an audit secretary for a couple of years prior to having children. She taught aerobics for a few years at VicTanny/Bally's and the YMCA. Since February 1993, Rebekah has been a stay-at-home mom. They have 5 children. Daniel (2/93), Madeline (9/94), Alison (6/96), Erika (9/98) and Joseph (3/02). She's always been very involved with her local church. Her hobbies include scrapbooking, reading, and taking a light jog/walk when she can.

1989

Halle (Magpoc) Dawson left her 14 year career at Kinko's to embark in a new journey as a teacher. She was an English as a Second Language Tutor for Brecksville-Broadview Hts. Middle School before accepting a long term substitute position at Parma Senior High School. Although she'll be a Redman for a little while, she'll still stay true to the Patriots!

1989/1991

Bo Lynch ('89) and **Nicole Morris Lynch** ('91) were married June 8, 1996. Bo and Niki welcomed their daughter, Maci on January 7, 2003. They reside in Parma.



1992

Cathy (Legan) Fallert and husband, Ray welcomed daughter #2 on October 27, 2003. Ranel Ann tipped the scales at 8 lbs., 7 oz. She will be a welcome playmate to big sister, Alicia, who will be 2 in January.





Reunions, Reunions, Reunions!



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 **1969** will be celebrating on Saturday, June 19, 2004 at Brookridge Party Center. Contact Kitty Lazar at klazar@legalplans.com or Tom Sahl - 440-845-0929 or tomcam805@hotmail.com

1974 Carl Schanz - 216-267-0056

The Class of **1979** will be having their 25th year reunion in 2004 around Homecoming. Watch for details in next newsletter! Please contact Tim Dobeck at tdo-beck@cox.net or 440-886-3483 or Lynne Thomay - 440-888-2625

Class of **1984** will party on Saturday, July 24, 2004 at Dave & Busters, a Golf/Family Picnic on July 25th.

Contact Lisa Park - 330-972-7633 or lepark@uakron.edu or their class website: <http://www.geocities/vfhs1984/reunion.html>

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! If you aren't getting the email updates, please email me (Halle) at halled@hotmail.com. If you have moved recently, please let me know. It helps keep costs down for the reunion!

The Class of **1994** will be having their 10-year reunion the weekend of September 17th starting with a football game Friday night, a casual night at the Blue Moose Eatery in Parma on the 18th and ending with an informal family day at the zoo on Sunday, the 19th. Please contact Lani Snider for more information at snider7055@hotmail.com or 330-225-2208.

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.

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!

There were no "Reflections" items submitted for this issue.



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!



E-Mail Directory

Our email directory continues to grow at a rapid rate and we are having growing pains! Continue to watch and see how we grow and make sure you don't miss your classmates who are listed!

If you aren't listed yet, please be patient as we work out the kinks!

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



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Found! Found - Class Ring from 1986

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

