



Patriot Hometown Happenings

A Newsletter Designed Especially for Valley Forge High School Alumni



Fall, 2004

From The President

Greeting Patriots!

Yet another school year is upon us and with this brings many changes. Your Valley Forge Alumni Association is among those changes. We have tackled and achieved many goals over the last year. Let me recap those for you:

Last year we wanted to double our database of over slightly over 1000 names. We now have slightly over 5000!

Once again, I can't stress enough how very important it is to let us know when you move so we can keep accurate records and find you when it comes time for your reunion.

Another goal was to obtain non-profit tax exempt status, which I'm very happy to say, finally happened! This will help out the organization in various ways. Because of this, we will no longer be collecting dues. The VFAA will strictly run by donations only. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Our treasurer will also send out receipts for donations under \$50 for your tax purposes.

This past year we also raised our scholarship award from \$300 to \$500! This was announced at the annual geranium scholarship dinner. Once again we will try to increase this amount or perhaps give out two \$500 scholarships. We need your help to do this though!!

As always, the VFAA tries to attend as many events as possible. You might find us at Open House, Football Games, Craft Fairs, Community Events and more. So, if you see us, stop by the table and say hello!

This upcoming year we not only want to attend these events and increase our scholarship award, but would like to update the Hall of Fame board at the entrance of the school, along with inducting 2 new members to the Hall of Fame. We will also be publishing our newsletter at twice a year.

Remember the VFAA is always willing to hear from you. Any comments, suggestions or criticisms are welcome. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 19 at VF. I hope to see some new faces there!

Many smiles,

Halle Magpoc-Dawson '89

Meeting Dates

Meetings are the held the third Tuesdays of October, January, April and July.

2004-2005

October 19, January 18,
April 19 and July 19



2004-5 Officers

President

Halle (Magpoc) Dawson - '89

Vice President

Russ Fischer - '70

Secretary

Linda (Reik) Brown - '65

Treasurer

Cathy (Anelli) Solomon - '73



Treasurer's Report

Class Monies On Hand
As of 7/24/04

Class of '69	\$1,403.03
Class of '73	270.00
Class of '90	220.00
Class of '92	195.00
Class of '95	350.00
Class of '98	500.00
Class of '99	1,150.00
Class of '00	500.00
Class of '01	500.00
Class of '02	500.00
Class of '03	537.00

Class Notes



Class of 1989 - 15 Year Reunion

by Halle Magpoc-Dawson

Despite low attendance for many reasons, new homes, new babies, new jobs, I believe everyone had a magnificent time. Our reunion was held on Saturday, July 24th at St. Andrew Banquet Hall in Parma. The evening began with cocktails followed by dinner, raffle drawing and dancing. We were blessed to have Mr. Laurenzi, our principal, Mrs. Toomey, our business teacher, and Mrs. Ruhrkraut, our English teacher with us to spend the evening. Some traveled from Florida, West Virginia and Maryland to name a few. Many memories were shared and new ones were created! The evening continued at the Lamplighter Lounge (Yes, it's still there for you out-of-towners) on Pearl Road. Hopefully in another five years, attendance will be better. We are thinking about a behind the fence party at Jacobs Field and/or a family picnic. Any ideas are always welcome. Let us know what your crowd wants to do! Email me at halled@hotmail.com.

Reunion Contacts

We are still looking for reunion contacts for the following classes. If you can help us out, please let us know!

1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1976, 1977,
1986, 1987, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998,
1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003



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!

We are pleased to share the Class of 1994's Senior Citations!

Valedictorian: Vijay Patel

Salutarian: Mindy Launsbach

Class Colors: Midnight Blue & Silver

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Song: I Wanna Go Back by Eddie Money

Class Motto: I always knew I would laugh looking back on the times that I have cried, but I never knew I would cry looking back on the times I have laughed.

Most Athletic: Greg Harubin, Ann Marie Martin

Best Dramatist: Brian Paul, Becky Riffle

Most Likely to Never Grow Up:

Tom Canitia, Wendy Semon

Best Sense of Humor: Jeff Bartunek, Dana Benson

Most Musically Inclined: Jim Koch, Amanda Gesaman

Most Conservative: Mike Echlinger, Jackie Paval

Most School Spirit: Jim Moncol, Lani Sarges

Most Likely to Succeed: Vijay Patel, Jennifer Jasko

Most Artistic: Dan Grantham, Jennifer Hayes

Most Congenial: Tony Karam, Lani Sarges

Class Couple: R.J. Fontilla and Ruth Thomay

Best Dresser: Ryan Dolan, Amy Bodenschatz

Best Looking: Greg Harubin, Heather Majchrycz

Varsity Football Schedule

AUG 28 Holy Name-Brooklyn Athletic Field 7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER:

3 Normandy Byers 7:00 pm

10 Padua Byers 7:00 pm

17 Midpark Byers 7:00 pm

24 North Ridgeville N Ridgeville 7:00 pm

OCTOBER:

1 Elyria Ely Stadium 7:00 pm

HOMECOMING:

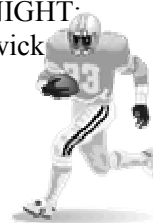
8 Strongsville Byers 7:00 pm

15 Medina Medina 7:00 pm

SENIOR NIGHT:

22 Brunswick Byers 7:00 pm

29 Parma Byers 7:00 pm





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** has started planning their 40th Reunion for 2005. Contact Linda Reik Brown at ldbrown@core.com or 216-889-9179 or Joe Dagata at 440-526-9140. The next Committee Meeting will be 9/15/04 at Joe's house. Call for directions.

The Class of **1974** will hold their reunion on Saturday, September 11 at the Terrace Club at Jacobs Field. An informal event will take place on Friday, September 10 at Tony K's in Berea. Please call Carl Schanz at 216-267-0056 for more information.

The Class of **1975** is planning their 30th Reunion for next year. Contact Mary Dobeck-Kiczek at valleyforgemary@yahoo.com. They are also building a website at www.freewebs.com/valleyforge.

An informal reunion for the Class of **1979** will happen on Friday, October 8 at the VF Homecoming

game at Byers Field. After the game, the gang will meet at the Fox and the Hound or Quotes II. Please contact Lynne Thomay at 440-888-2625 or Tim Dobeck at 440-886-3483 or for more information.

The Class of **1980** is gathering volunteers to work on a 25th reunion for next year. If interested, email Dolores Henning-Martin at dolomart@aol.com

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.

Check the website for the latest reunion information!
www.vfalumni.org



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!

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

Reunion Report:

The Class of 1969

Our 35th reunion was Saturday June 19, 2004. We celebrated at Brookridge Party Center in Brooklyn, Ohio. Music was provided by DJ Richard Lapinta. Our long distance traveler was Janet Carver Steinmetzer. She came in from Paris, France! Although attendance was only around 140, there were still some new classmates who had never attended a reunion until this year.

Hopefully, with the internet helping to improve communications with class of 1969 alumni, attendance will approach the 200 mark for our 40th reunion in 2009. Please if you know the whereabouts of any '69 alumni, contact Halle at halled@hotmail.com or Tom Sahl at tomcam805@hotmail.com. This will enable us to expand our database and shrink that nasty awol list. For a copy of the awol list write to Tom at the above address or call 440-390-0484 and leave a message.

Check Out Our Website!

www.vfalumni.org

If you haven't visited the website for a while, now is the time. We have made a lot of updates and changes. The email directory continues to stump this html-challenged programmer! For the time being we have set up a group at yahoo for email purposes.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/patriots65>

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
Secretary and Webmaster

Found!

Found - Class Ring from 1986

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



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!



Next Meeting
Tuesday
October 19, 2004
7 pm At Valley Forge

Class of 1994 Motto

I always knew I would laugh
looking back on the times that I
have cried, but I never knew I would
cry looking back on the times I have
laughed.

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