



# Patriot Hometown Happenings



A Newsletter Designed Especially for Valley Forge High School Alumni

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## From The President

In case you haven't heard, I'm in for another year! In the winter I claimed I wouldn't take any nominations for President, but I did and here I am again. I, along with many others, have worked too hard to get the VF AA to where it is today. I just can't give it up! However, this will be my final year as I must pursue my master's degree very soon.

The VF AA is moving and recently participated in the Memorial Day parade. A big thank you to Rick Freshour '75, who let us use his classic car. Besides Rick and the officers, Carol Cooper-Crowe, '65 and Hall of Fame member,



participated also. During the parade, we passed out flyers for our June 10<sup>th</sup> fundraiser. The flyers didn't seem to help much, but the alumni association gained a lot of exposure.

Although I really wanted to get 100 people for our fundraiser at Quotes II on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, we did get nearly half that amount and raised \$538 with admission and a 50/50 raffle. This money will help fund a scholarship in

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July 19, 2005

7:00 pm

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Parma Heights

the spring. I believe the Class of '73 had the most representation. We will set up another one in the fall/winter in case you didn't make this outing. Let's see what class can get the most members to attend. As usual, we always accept a tax deductible donation at any time.

It's summertime, which means time for reunions. So far, the Class of '65 had a fantastic reunion the first weekend in July, and we know that the classes of '75, '80 and '95 will also be having reunions this year. What are the rest of the classes doing? Please make sure to fill us in. The VF main office, our website, and myself always get inquiries about various classes. Please let us know so we can help spread the word for you!

I hope everyone has a great summer. It already going by quick! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at Mama Mia's (corner of Pleasant Valley and York) at 7 pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Many smiles,  
Halle (Magpoc) Dawson '89



## Scholarship Winner

Alan Rudolph, Scholarship Chairman, reported on our winner this year: Our recipient this year is Melissa Haller. She will be studying early childhood

education at Baldwin-Wallace. She works about 20 hours a week at East Park Retirement Community and was still involved in many school activities, such as Drama Club, the Senior Advisory Board, and National Honor Society. She carried Highest Honors all

## 2005-6 Officers

### President

Halle (Magpoc) Dawson - '89

### Vice President

Russ Fischer - '70

### Secretary

Alan Rudolph - '88

### Treasurer

Cathy (Anelli) Solomon - '73

## Committees

### Publication/Communication

Linda (Reik) Brown - '65

### Hall of Fame

Bob Baisch - '65

Mark Overbaugh - '73

### Scholarship

Alan Rudolph - '88

**Membership** - Needed

**Nominating** - Needed

**Audit** - Needed



Melissa Haller, 2005 Scholarship Recipient, is pictured in the center with Alan Rudolph '88, Scholarship Chairman, and President, Halle Magpoc-Dawson '89

four years. Ours was not the only scholarship she received. She also received a scholarship covering her first year at BW from the Dean's office. At the time of the banquet, her grandfather also told me she was likely to get a scholarship from the American Legion.

## Class Notes

Send us your information and let us know how you or your family is doing. Need to share a special accomplishment or event? This is the place!



### 1989

Halle (Magpoc) Dawson is thrilled to announce that she will be teaching 8th grade English at Hillside Middle School come August. Halle was a long term substitute in the same position after the regular teacher retired in December 2004. She really enjoys working with this age group and can't wait for the school year to start. Could it be that her 16 year career at Kinko's be over? Stay tuned!! Her son, Timmy (age 4) also keeps her busy with tee-ball, swimming lessons and many trips to the library.

### 1990

Traci Amato Frigic currently lives in Parma with her husband Brian of six years and their daughter Gina who is 3 years old. She has her Associates Degree in Business Management and currently works part time for a Title Insurance company in Independence. Please feel free to email her at [gigif331@yahoo.com](mailto:gigif331@yahoo.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, submissions are always welcome about past or future reunions, and interesting alumnus, or 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](mailto:halled@hotmail.com).

## Treasurer's Report

Cathy Anielli Solomon Class of '73

Checking Account: \$2,211.10  
June Fundraiser: \$538.00

We are a non-profit organization and we exist only by donations. As you plan your reunions, call me or Halle for our tax ID #.

### Money In Trust for Class Reunions:

Class of '64	702.93	Class of '98	500.00
Class of '69	1403.03	Class of '99	1150.00
Class of '73	270.00	Class of '00	500.00
Class of '86	34.98	Class of '01	500.00
Class of '89	589.00	Class of '02	500.00
Class of '90	220.00	Class of '03	537.00
Class of '92	195.00	Class of '04	2277.25
Class of '94	304.33	Class of '05	Not Yet



## How Can You Help ?

- **Buy advertising:** For \$25/yr, we will place your business card in our newsletters and all pamphlets we hand out at the class reunions, VF events and community events.
- **Donate Funds for Scholarships:** We awarded \$500 scholarships in the past. We hope to do this again this spring with an eye towards increasing the amount or the number of scholarships awarded in the future.
- **Fundraising:** Suggest fundraising strategies and/or be ready to jump in and help implement one.
- **Attend Meetings:** Help us make decisions that will shape the future of the Association as well as socialize with other alumni.



## Reunions, Reunions, Reunions!



**The Class of 1975** is planning their 30th Reunion for October 8th at the Cleveland Zoo Rain Forest. Contact Mary Dobeck-Kiczek at valleyforgemary@yahoo.com or visit their website at www.freewebs.com/valleyforge.

**The Class of 1976** is gathering volunteers to work on a 30th reunion next year. For information visit <http://www.geocities.com/vfpatriots76/>  
Also, get in touch on the e-mail group at Yahoo: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/patriots76>

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

**The Class of 1985** will be getting together at Dave & Buster's in Westlake on Saturday, September 3rd.

Please contact Jen Hoskin Grosel at 216.486.6839 or visit their website at [www.valleyforge1985.com](http://www.valleyforge1985.com).

**The Class of 1995's** reunion is the planning stages. Feel free to contact Jamie Harubin at 440.668.1375 or [jamieharubin@aol.com](mailto:jamieharubin@aol.com) for more information

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 when our treasury permits again. Meanwhile it is available online at our website: [www.vfalumni.org](http://www.vfalumni.org)

Email Halle Dawson, [halled@hotmail.com](mailto:halled@hotmail.com) if you are planning on moving. Please keep the alumni association up to date.

## 2 Class Rings Found! 1970 and 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 XXL only.

Only \$15!

Call 440-582-3409 or email [halled@hotmail.com](mailto:halled@hotmail.com) for more information!



## Reunion Report

The Class of '65 celebrated their 40th Reunion on July 1, 2 and 3, 2005. It was a tremendous success. Friday night was their traditional Welcome Cocktail Party at the Holiday Inn Independence. We were happy to see members of the Classes of '64 and '66 join us for the festivities!

Saturday morning there was a golf outing at Mallard Creek Golf Club with 5 foursomes "battling" it out on the links. Well, maybe battle is a little strong for these guys! But they had a great time!!

The main event was Saturday evening at the American Legion Hall on York Road (you know the one...with the tank out front!) with dinner at 6 pm. Our special guests were Mr. Laurenzi, Mr. Mindek and Ms Kopen. The best surprise of the evening was that after dinner part of the 2005-2006 Valley Forge Patriots Marching Band marched in! They played a couple of songs, our Alma Mater and the "fight" song. As a

tribute to our class they had resurrected the "Spirit of '76" costumes we used to use as well as one of the old uniforms our band wore in the 60's. We were very honored to have Lydia Grafinger Bozeman ('64) present as a representative of the Alumni Association. And Ms Eubanks, current Band Director, was pleased to introduce the band to her as the writer of our (their!) Alma Mater lyrics.

Our DJ spun just the right tunes and we all ended up dancing to Celebration, the Beatles, YMCA, the Twist and the Stroll!

We donated a total of \$455.00 to this year's Alumni Association Scholarship Winner, Melissa Haller, and wish her well as she moves on to college this fall..

Sunday morning a group met at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant on Brookpark for a Farewell Brunch and rehashed the whole weekend for three hours!!! What a wonderful ending to a absolutely wonderful weekend!!

Discussions have already started for 2010!!



## Check Out Our Website!

[www.vfalumni.org](http://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 us! For the time being we have set up a group at yahoo for email purposes.

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

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, '65  
Email: [Linda@lindabrownonline.com](mailto:Linda@lindabrownonline.com)  
Chairman of Publicity/Communication Committee



## Support Your Association Here!!

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*Linda D. Brown*

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**Reunion Planning/Consulting**

Desktop Publishing, Web Site Design, Graphic Design, Notary Public,  
Organizational Services, Seminar, Conference, Meeting Planning

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## What's YOUR Excuse?

If you aren't going to your reunion, you need a good excuse and a note from your Mom. The following reasons have been tried and are unacceptable.

**Excuse #1:** I'm overweight.

**Rebuttal:** You're not alone. We ALL are!

**Excuse #2:** I'm a different person than I was in high school

**Rebuttal:** Lucky for you, we ALL are. Let's face it: we could only have improved.

**Excuse #3:** I don't look as good as I'd like. I (choose one or more) am bald, have wrinkles, saddlebags, grey hair and no one will recognize me.

**Rebuttal:** Guess what! You won't recognize anyone else, either. Using the reunion committee as a representative sample, our whole class looks like a "before" photo in a plastic surgery ad.

**Excuse #4 :** I'm not successful. I'm not (choose one or more) a lawyer, a doctor or rich.

**Rebuttal:** You'll be pleasantly surprised to find how much everyone has matured. We may be plump and wrinkled (see Excuse #3) but we're not stupid. Money is not success.

**Excuse #5 :** I was not in a popular clique in school

**Rebuttal:** Now that we're old and smart, those cliques have dissolved just like the superficialities they were based on. The only cliques you'll notice at the reunion will be the sound of your joints as you walk around.

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