



# Patriot Hometown Happenings



A Newsletter Designed Especially for Valley Forge High School Alumni

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## *From The President*

Hayrides. Scarecrows. Pumpkins. Quotes II Fundraiser! It's time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Valley Forge Alumni Association Fundraiser at Quotes II. Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and join us in the festivities. The money raised will help a 2006 VF graduate with his or her college expenses. Everyone knows the cost of living keeps going up, but did you know that some college graduates are leaving school with a \$40,000 debt! Now is your time to help us ease the burden of some student, or maybe even two, next spring.

Besides trying to sell tickets for the fundraiser, the VFAA has been busy helping classes with their reunions. Russ and I spent a Saturday evening in July at the Class of '85s reunion at Dave and Buster's. It seemed to be a smashing success. (see article on page ???) We also have the Classes of '80 and '95 coming up next month.

Our webmaster, Linda, has been busy trying to move our

organization along with updating our webpage and trying to figure how to add an online directory. This would be done through a subscription similar to classmates.com. She's really done an outstanding job trying to accomplish this. Thank you Linda.

I hope you can join us for our meeting on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> so you can hear about all the exciting upcoming changes for your alumni association.

Many smiles,  
Halle Magpoc-Dawson '89  
President



## *Looking For Memorabilia!*

The Alumni Association will be creating a permanent display in Valley Forge for memorabilia. Check your closets and attics for anything that might be appropriate. We already have the very first Battlecry to be published from 1962! Get in touch with me or Halle if you have something appropriate you would like to donate!

Linda (Reik) Brown, '65 ~ 216-889-9179

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**Membership** - Needed

**Nominating** - Needed

**Audit** - Needed



### *Membership Committee*

- Update directory as needed
- Help maintain accurate records of Hall of Fame Inductees and Scholarship Recipients

### *Nominating Committee*

- Present a slate candidates for the election of officers at annual meeting
- Run voting process; Destroy all ballots after election
- Make recommendations for filling board vacancies at other times.

### *Audit Committee*

- Review past year's bank transaction entries including class disbursements, withdrawals, and deposits.

## 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!

### Class of 1989

Robb Metyk was married to Christina Vlasaty on October 1, 2005. They both met while working for Key-Bank.

## We Want to Hear From You!

Your classmates would like to know what is happening with you! Any information about marriages, births, careers, etc. can be published in this newsletter. 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) or [patriots@vfalumni.org](mailto:patriots@vfalumni.org).

# Fun-D-Raiser!

**FRI, NOVEMBER 18**

Quotes II Bar & Grill  
6855 Ridge Rd, Parma  
6 - 9 pm  
\$20.00 donation

All you can eat Wings, Pasta & Hot Dog Buffet, Draft Beer, Well Drinks and Wine, French Fry and Vegetable Stir Fry.

For more information or tickets, contact Halle: [halled@hotmail.com](mailto:halled@hotmail.com) or 440-582-3409, Russ: [photoruss@aol.com](mailto:photoruss@aol.com), Cathy: 440-779-5049 or Linda: 216-889-9179 or [ldbrown@core.com](mailto:ldbrown@core.com).

Tickets will be available at the door.



## Treasurer's Report

Cathy Anelli Solomon Class of '73

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 #.

7-1-05 To 9-30-05

Checking Account Balance	1211.10
No Income	
No Expenses	
Balance:	1211.10
Less money going into trust	(1142.80)
Final Balance	68.30

### Money In Trust for Class Reunions:

Class of '64	702.93	Class of '98	500.00
Class of '65	3,000.00	Class of '99	1150.00
Class of '69	1403.03	Class of '00	500.00
Class of '73	270.00	Class of '01	500.00
Class of '86	34.98	Class of '02	500.00
Class of '89	589.60	Class of '03	537.00
Class of '90	220.00	Class of '04	2277.25
Class of '92	195.00	Class of '05	Not Yet
Class of '94	304.33		



## 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 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's** 25th reunion is Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005 from 6 – midnight at the Paradise Party Center in Parma. Email Dolores Henning-Martin at [dolomart@aol.com](mailto:dolomart@aol.com).

**The Class of 1995's** 10th reunion is planned for Saturday, November 19th at Birchwood Party Center, Walton Hills, 6-11:30 pm. \$50 per person includes DJ and open bar. Still looking for missing classmates. Feel free to contact Jamie Harubin at 440.668.1375 or [jami-harubin@aol.com](mailto:jami-harubin@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!



## Heritage

"The Archive" was the name selected by votes cast by the Junior Class (Class of '63) on May 3, 1962 for Valley Forge High School's yearbook. "The Heritage" was the runner-up and now the name for this column where we will explore the history of our school and school district.

### Student Government Set For 1962-63 Year

Organization of a Student Council was among the very first tasks undertaken by the Valley Forge freshmen and sophomore classes. Elected as Chairman for the organizational year was Georganne Amon. Other officers are Assistant-Chairman, Gary Mayer; Secretary, Carol Cooper; and Treasurer, Don Haberkost.

Some activities which the newly formed Student Council has participated in are the L.E.L. Student Council Conference in October at Lakewood, and L.E.L. Visitation Day this past April. The Canteen Committee and the Student Council sponsored a CARE Canteen on February 10, 1962. This dance raised \$162.55 which was sent to needy countries throughout the world. Recently enough money was collected in the homerooms to purchase seventy-five geraniums which will be planted at the entrances to the school. These activities and others were supervised by Mr. Grodhaus, Student Council Advisor.

The week of May 21 through May 24, 1962 saw an all school campaign for next year's Student Council President. Candidates were Dan Amon, and Bob Natherson. The week's campaign culminated in an assembly on Thursday, May 24, 1962. On Friday, May 25, 1962, following presentation of the candidates platforms at the Thursday assembly, the elections were held.

Excerpt from the first "Battlecry" - May, 1962



First Students Council officers at Valley Forge. Left to right: Carol Cooper, Secretary; Georganne Amon, Chairman; Don Haberkost, Treasurer. Not pictured: Gary Mayer, Vice-Chairman.

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*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 directory will be available soon. For the time being we have set up a group at yahoo for email purposes.

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



**Support Your  
Association Here!!**

*When You Need It Done Right,  
Right Away, call The B.O.S.S.!*

*Linda D. Brown  
Class of '65*

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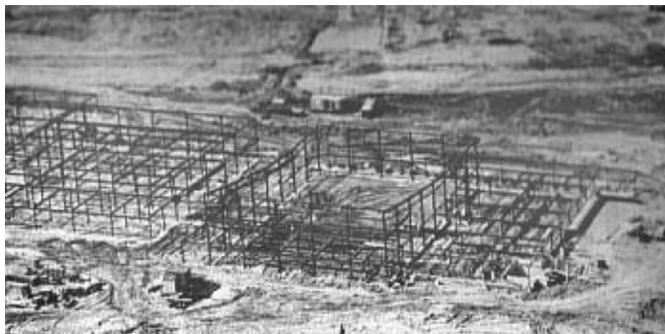
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*Next Meeting*  
**Tuesday, October 18, 2005**  
**7 pm**  
**Valley Forge High School**  
**Parma Heights**



"Recognize this place? This is what our school looked like a little more than a year ago (1961). It is the framework of the gymnasium and eastern end of the building. It wasn't a tall photographer who took the picture, it's an aerial view."

*Donate your old Yearbook  
to the Alumni Association*

**Support our college scholarship program!**

If you have yearbooks you no longer want and are still in a "healthy" condition, please consider donating them to this project. Yearbooks will be sold as is. We will advise here and at our website when we have any available for sale.

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