



Patriot Hometown Happenings



A Newsletter Designed Especially for Valley Forge High School Alumni

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From The President

It sure is great to see spring approaching even if it is kind of cold yet. Those tulip bulbs and other spring bloomers are starting to peek out!

And as spring approaches our thoughts also turn to proms, graduations and reunions. We are gearing up for all these spring activities. We are still looking for prom memorabilia to display in our display case at school.

Future displays are in the planning stages and suggestions are always welcome.

Alan Rudolph has been hard at work on our scholarship award coming soon. More information about the winner of this year's award will be coming in the next issue of our news-

letter.

We are also looking towards the various parades and community events coming this summer. Come and join us—you are always welcome to march with us!!! It would really be great if we could create a permanent float that we could bring to all the parades and everyone would come to know it is us!

Get on our email list so we can keep you updated as plans progress. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vfalumni/> and sign up. You need a Yahoo account and ID but it is free.

Stay in touch and keep us informed as to your reunions and family milestones. Share with your VF family!

Love, Luck & Laughter!
Linda Reik-Brown
Class of '65

2005-6 Officers

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Linda Reik-Brown—'65

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Hall of Fame

Bob Baisch - '65

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Scholarship

Alan Rudolph - '88

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!

Looking For Memorabilia!

The next time you are at the school, check out the new display of memorabilia. Thanks to Mary Lou Chappel-Hentges ('65) and Bill Raymond ('65) for their design work. Thanks also to Dennis Foster and Jim Charvat for the donation of a letter sweater, football and wrestling jacket (also '65).

It is in the front hallway with the Hall of Fame near the auditorium. Check your closets and attics for anything that might be appropriate.

We are now on the hunt for prom memories from any year for a new display next month.

Linda Reik-Brown, '65 ~ 216-889-9179
Or email: patriots@vfallumni.org

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: Linda Reik-Brown, 3418 West 127 St, Cleveland OH 44111 or email to patriots@vfallumni.org.

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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 for our tax ID #....(440) 779-5049

1/14/06 to 3/15/06

Beginning Balance	16,614.05
Income	5.00
Expenses	88.00
Ending Balance:	16,531.05
(Money in Trust for Class Reunions:	14,384.12)

Shop at Gordon's Food Service and tell them you support Valley Forge Alumni Association.

We will get a quarterly rebate!



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 '66 is planning a 40th Reunion for this fall. Anyone interested in participating should contact Jim Wohl, 440-845-4238 or Cheryl Coppella - c_coppella@yahoo.com.

The Class of '76 is holding its 30th Reunion on Saturday, July 1, 2006 at Carrie Cerino's in North Royalton. Also, there will be a casual gathering on Friday, June 30 at Tony K's in Berea. The VF classes of '74, '75 and '77 are welcome at the Friday night get-together.

There will be a family picnic in the Metroparks on Sunday, July 2.

For information and to make your reservation, visit the website at www.geocities.com/vfpatriots76. Also, get in touch on the e-mail group at Yahoo: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/patriots76>.

The Class of '86 is planning a 20-year reunion for Labor Day weekend this year. They will attend the home football game on Friday Sept 1st and then celebrate their reunion

on Saturday, Sept 2, 2006.

Please send the association any information about your reunion, missing persons, etc. Also, if you just had a reunion, please send us your database so we can update the master database.

And tell us how your reunion went! We would love to publish it here! Email Linda Brown, patriots@vfalumni.org or mail to 3418 West 127 St, Cleveland OH 44111.



T-Shirts

VF Alumni T-Shirts are still available in XXL only. Only \$15!

Call 440-582-3409 or email halled@hotmail.com for more information!



2 Class Rings Found! 1970 and 1986

If you'd like more information, please contact Russ Fischer @ photoruss1@aol.com

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.

"Archive" Selected For Yearbook

It's official, we'll call the Valley Forge Yearbook **THE ARCHIVE**.

Tabulation of ballots cast by the Junior Class on Thursday, May 3, 1962 revealed the choice, with **THE HERITAGE** as runner-up.

Actual production and distribution of **THE ARCHIVE** won't begin until next year, but selection of an editorial staff to work under direction of Miss Korba, of the English Department, has already begun.

Mrs. Szmagala, German teacher, will supervise the business staff, which will handle advertising, sales and distribution.



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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 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>



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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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Reunion Planning/Consulting

Desktop Publishing, Web Site Design, Graphic Design, Notary Public,
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Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2006
7 pm

Location: Somer's Restaurant
6405 Pearl Road
Parma Heights
(Refreshments Will Be Provided)

Future meetings: July 18 and Oct 17



*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.

Contact Linda—patriots@vfalumni.org or 216-889-9179, Russ—photoruss@aol.com, or Cathy at 440-779-5049.

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