



Patriot Hometown Happenings



A Newsletter Designed Especially for Valley Forge High School Alumni

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From The President

Happy New Year Fellow Alumni!
 The start of a new year always brings changes. For the Valley Forge Alumni Association, 2006 will be filled with many. Sad to say, but in November, the day of our Quotes II Fundraiser, I ended my term as President. With a new job, new addition to the family due in June, and preparations for a new home, my obligations in life were changing. Linda, our webmaster, graciously stepped in the role. In just a short time, she has already made many changes. One of these being the Hall of Fame showcase at the main entrance of VF, which is something I always just talked about. I guarantee that Linda will have many more exciting events and changes coming our way. You should hear what she plans for her reunions!



I've enjoyed my time leading the VFAA over the past few years, and I look forward to continued involvement. Thank you for the support you've given me.

Many smiles, Halle

The Changing of the Guard

Some things never change....and everything changes. Have you ever thought that way? At the same time?? I sure have. And so it goes with VFAA as I step in and try to fill the shoes so capably filled by Halle Dawson for a number of years.

Thank you, Halle, for your hard work and dedication for quite some time. I can only hope I will do as well!

And obviously I will be needing some help! I have been doing the newsletter and website mainly now for some time. If you can help in either of those areas, please get in touch with me. Also, please note the committees in the box to the right that are unfilled and call if you would like to know more about them. Help!!

As we continue to grow, I will be looking to all of you for guidance, moral support, suggestions, gentle criticism and help. Together we will succeed in making this association the BEST!!

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Looking For Memorabilia!

The Alumni Association has started creating a permanent display in Valley Forge for memorabilia along with the Hall of Fame. Check your closets and attics for anything that might be appropriate. We already have the very first Battlecry from 1962! Check out the changes next time you are in the building.

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

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



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!



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Changing of the Guard...

At our meeting on Jan 17th, we have a number of important issues to discuss. It will be time to form a Nominating Committee so we are prepared for elections in April. Terms of office are from July 1 to June 30. I am only "Acting" President until elections in April and finishing the term until June 30.

We will be getting our Hall of Fame nominations together so we can vote on them in April. And I am sure Alan will have information regarding our Scholarship Award this year.

Ours plans for our online classmates directory have slowed down a little due to the changes in our current Board of Trustees. The database is ready. We now need to implement the programming to put it on the internet. **It would sure be great if one of your computer gurus would step up and give us a hand with this project!**

Hard copy subscriptions to our newsletter are available for \$6.50 for 4 issues. This money will make the subscriptions self sustaining; a form is on page 4. Only old issues will be archived at our website.

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Linda Reik-Brown
Class of '65

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your donation to our PayPal I.D.:
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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

10-1-05 To 1-1-06

Beginning Balance	12,766.72
Income	3,901.13
Expenses	53.80
Ending Balance:	16,614.05

(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!

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@vfalumni.org.

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 holding its 30th Reunion on Saturday, July 1, 2005 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>



Please send the association any information about your reunion, miss-

ing 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@vfallumni.org or mail to 3418 West 127 St, Cleveland OH 44111.

2 Class Rings Found! 1970 and 1986

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

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!



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.

Charter Presented At Valley Forge's First Assembly



Charter presented at VFHS's first all-student assembly.

Valley Forge High School was officially chartered by the State of Ohio at our school's first assembly held in the Valley Forge High School Auditorium on May 4, 1962. Presenting the charter on behalf of the State of Ohio to Principal David M. Smith was Mr. Paul W. Briggs, Superintendent of Parma Public Schools.

Lending patriotic overtones to the chartering of this school, named for one of the great events in the history of our country, was the presentation of the Freedom Shrine, "a ready-made rebuttal to Communism." Mr. Henry C. VanderWiel, President of the Midpark Exchange Club, which donated the shrine, was a guest speaker.

Mr. Norman W. Shibley, member of the Board of Education, and the Hon. Paul W. Cassidy, Mayor of Parma Heights, expressed their individual pride in this school and stressed the responsibility of each student to take full advantage of its excellent facilities. Mayor Cassidy then presented to the school, a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol.

Students responded as the band played the new fight song and joined to sing the Alma Mater. Words to the Alma Mater were written by Lydia Grafinger, Class of 1964.

Master of Ceremonies for the program was Rich Krivo, 1963 Class President. Krivo began the assembly by introducing officers of the sophomore and junior classes and officers of the Student Council.

Gary Mayer, Vice Chairman of the Student Council, opened the program with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The choir sang several appropriate numbers, including "Paul Revere's Ride."



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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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Right Away, call The B.O.S.S.!*

*Linda D. Brown
Class of '65*

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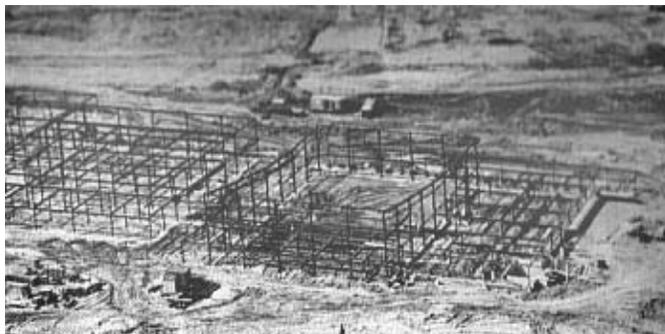
Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2005

7 pm

Valley Forge Cafeteria

Future meetings: April 18, July 18, Oct 17



"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.

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

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