



# Patriot Hometown Happenings



A Newsletter Designed Especially for Valley Forge High School Alumni

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## From The President

Welcome to the newest members of the Valley Forge Alumni Association—congratulations to the class of 2006!!

As the 2006 school year came to a close, the Alumni Association was only just beginning to heat up. Here's what's been going on in the last couple of months:

We have established an Alumni Association office on the premises of the school. It is in the same location as the Paperback Bookstore off the original library in the 60's. Déjà vu for some of us!! It will be open specific hours and manned by volunteer alumni of VF. At the same time we started this project, Maria Vourliotis ('96) was presented with the project of disposing of some office furniture and equipment for her employer! Timing is everything! Thank you, thank you, thank you, Maria!

In the meantime we are getting ready for our fundraiser (see below). Please support us and Valley Forge so we can grow and increase our benefit to the school.

We have established some new committees—see the panel to the right. We have joined the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce and look forward to working within the community more. We will be participating in the ACT (Active Communities Together) Community Fair at Greenbriar on September 17th.

We will be holding the next Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on September 15th at the VF/Normandy Football game.

Lots more excitement is coming in the school year ahead. Stay tuned and join us in the fun!

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



Paperback Bookstore in 1962...adjacent to the original library

## 2005-6 Officers

### President

Linda Reik-Brown - '65

### 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

#### Scholarship

Alan Rudolph - '88

#### Membership

Terry Wandt - '63

#### Database

Stacy Brown - '94

#### Webmaster

Lorraine Sonnenberg-Newsome

**Nominating** - Needed

**Audit** - Needed

**Reunions** - Needed

**Historian** - Needed



#### Nominating Committee

Present a slate candidates for the election of officers at annual meeting; Runs voting process; Destroys 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.

#### Reunion Committee

Oversees contact with class officers; Provides reunion-planning packet and guidance as requested; Attends senior checkout to provide VFA info and meets with senior class officers; Works with Treasurer disbursing funds/forms

#### Historian

Maintains history of school, maintains newsletter files, collects memorabilia for display purposes, designs and maintains memorabilia displays.

## Alumni Association Fundraiser for Scholarships

Sat., July 22, 2007 ~ 6 to 8 pm  
at Ohio's 2nd Largest Outdoor Bar!



Raffles, games and good food! \$20.00 per person

For tickets, call.....Blue Moose Eatery ~ 5513 Pearl Road, Parma  
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## Class Notes

### 1988

My name is Karin Bonfili (Swade), class of 1988. I reside in Huntersville, North Carolina. I am married to Bert Bonfili who work for Joe Gibbs Racing. I currently own my own business called KMB of NC, INC. As a registered Nurse Anesthetist, I provide Anesthesia to Plastic Surgery offices on a daily basis. Bert and I have a daughter named "Mia" who turned 1 years old last week. Please contact me at: [kar\\_mia@yahoo.com](mailto:kar_mia@yahoo.com).

### 1989

Greetings from Halle Magpoc-Dawson! Here's the first picture of Miranda Rose. Literally about an hour old! She was born on Friday, June 16 at 8:13 am weighing in at 7 pounds, 7 ounces...19 1/2 inches long. I'm doing fine, but itching to do more than probably what I'm suppose to. Timmy, Ron and Athena are adjusting fine also.



## 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](mailto:patriots@vfalumni.org).

## Check Out Our Website!

[www.vfalumni.org](http://www.vfalumni.org)

## Looking For Memorabilia!

We are on the hunt for memorabilia that would be appropriate for the fall for our next display. We have to thank Skip Musheno ('65) who has donated The Game Ball when we won the L.E.L. Championship in 1964!! We are looking for a way to display it that would really keep it safe too!

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

### Now accepting donations online at PayPal!

Log in to your PayPal account and send your donation to our PayPal I.D.: [patriots@vfalumni.org](mailto:patriots@vfalumni.org)...[www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)



## 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 reunion, call me for our tax ID #....(440) 779-5049. Other classes have entrusted us with over \$14,000 in reunion money for future reunions.

Call me if you have any questions or concerns.

## Gardening Anyone?

The Courtyards at VF are in dire need of help. There just isn't enough manpower to get the job done beyond mowing the grass.

Here is somewhere we can make a difference without needing a lot of money. So in conjunction with Jim Wohl ('66) we are going to bring the courtyard back to life. Jim is an expert organic gardener and his knowledge of native plant life and insects is amazing.

We will be contacting the Science Department to involve the students also. Jim can be quite an asset to that department!

So get in touch with us if this is something you might like to do. Jim has started tending to the current need and needs our assistance to bring it up to snuff before we can begin the transition. School is not open on the weekends and only up until about 3 pm weekdays during the summer months.

## 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!

**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](mailto:c_coppella@yahoo.com). Visit their Yahoo email list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vf66/>.

**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 [ww.geocities.com / vfpatriots76](http://ww.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. Visit their website at [www.vf1986.com](http://www.vf1986.com).

**The Class of '96** is planning their 10-year reunion for this fall. Contact the association for more information...[patriots@vfalumni.org](mailto:patriots@vfalumni.org). Visit their email list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vfalumni1996>.

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](mailto:patriots@vfalumni.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](mailto:photoruss1@aol.com)

## T-Shirts

VF Alumni T-Shirts are still available in XXL only. Only \$15! Call 216-889-9179 or email [patriots@vfalumni.org](mailto:patriots@vfalumni.org) for more information!



## Handbooks To Be Distributed

Next year will be the first time in the short history of Valley Forge that a student handbook will be available to new students. The handbook will be a pocket sized booklet containing such pertinent information about Valley Forge as its alma mater, facts about the athletic program, library conduct, grade requirements, etc. The handbook is designed to help new students find and utilize important facilities and programs of our school.

Conceived as a Student Council project, the handbook was written by a student committee headed by Mike Yurcheshen. The other members of the nine student committee are, Jeanette Ruth, Pat Fenda, Sue Pecora, Georganne Amon, Jim Pettito, Jim Jankura, Gary Michalek, and Gary Gumz. Mr. Grodhaus acted as committee advisor.

## First Play Draws Huge Crowds

Me, Myself and I, the premier dramatic production at Valley Forge, played Friday evening, April 27, 1962, to a near capacity audience in VFHS auditorium.

Written by Dana Thomas, the three act comedy, which drew its cast from the entire student body, scored another first by staging the first production in the still uncompleted auditorium stage.

Dramatic Coach, Mr. Potokar, directed the student cast which included: Judy Pilskaln, Ed Folsom, Barb Weihmiller, Sue Schumann, Bob Baker, Gail Andrews, Sue Wolff, Dan Tobik, Donna Runkle, Dave Hartman, and Marion Sorge.

Settings and technical direction were by Mr. Specht, Chairman of the Art Department, and a student crew, which included: Carolyn Blaine, Carol Hotaling, Drew Boresa, Wayne Lakacsko, and Jane Uher. Student sound engineers were Bert Hockenberry and Rich Stahurski who worked under the direction of Mr. Kirby, AVA Director.

First dramatic at VFHS, Me, Myself and I. (Top row, left to right) Sue Schumann, Dave Hartman, Barb Weihmiller, Judy Pilskaln and Marion Sorge. (Bottom row, left to right) Gail Andrews, Dan Tobik, Sue Wolf, Ed Folsom, Sharon Houck and Bob Buker. Not pictured: Donna Rae Runkle.



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*Next Meeting*

Tuesday, July 18, 2006  
7 pm

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

Future meetings: Oct 17 and Jan 16

*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](mailto:patriots@vfalumni.org) or 216-889-9179,  
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- Wednesdays—Country Night
- Thursdays—Bike Night!



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*Linda D. Brown  
Class of '65*

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