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From The President

Hope the holidays were good to you! We have been blessed with great winter weather so far...the bottom is bound to fall out any day now and cover us in white!!

There are a lot of projects ahead of us in the next few months. So volunteer and get involved! There are lots of things to do that don't take a lot of time. You know the old saying: "many hands make work light" (or something like that!). And we will be electing new officers in April.

But it is that time of the year to start planning our annual fundraiser for scholarships, the next hall of fame induction, the next memorabilia display, the next scholarship selection process, and any other new project that comes to mind!

We have a number of extra yearbooks now available for sale. We will be keeping one of each in our reference library that will only be viewed in our office. However, a computer and a

scanner will enable anyone to come in and get the information from the old yearbooks that they need. Just call us or email to set up a time to meet! And bring your own disk to take home!

Our next meeting is January 16th at 7 pm in our office. Come join us and see what is going on!! We will also be electing new officers in April so consider getting involved and having some fun with us!

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



Is There or Isn't There?

The debate continues....is there or isn't there a time capsule buried within the confines of Valley Forge High School. The question comes up, debates ensue: Where was it? Has it been dug up? Where is it then? What was in it? No matter who you talk to, you get a different answer! So we will leave this question open here forever until we find out the answer! (I have it on good authority that the same questions are unanswered at Parma!)

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Audit Committee

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



Donate Your old Yearbook to the Alumni Association

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.

One of each year will also be reserved for reference only for classes to use in the Alumni office as needed. You can come in and scan information and pictures for your reunion use.

ONE OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING USED YEAR-BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE FOR \$40 PLUS SHIPPING:

1963	1970	1975	1980
1964	1971	1976	1981
1965	1972	1977	1982
1966	1973	1978	
1967 (2)	1974	1979	

THE FOLLOWING USED YEARBOOKS ARE IN OUR REFERENCE LIBRARY: 1963 to 2001 (except 1992, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006).

These are available for reference only in our office. A computer and scanner is available if you wish to take information from them home. Bring your own disk!! Call Linda at 216-889-9179 for more information.



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 with an eye towards increasing the amount or 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.



Treasurer's Report

Cathy Anelli-Solomon Class of '73

We are a non-profit organization and exist only by donations and fundraisers. As you plan your reunion, call me for our tax ID number and IRS instructions.

7/1/06 to 8/31/06

Beginning Balance	16,043.74
Income	356.50
Expenses	915.00
Money in Trust	14,384.12
Ending Balance	15,485.24



Looking For Memorabilia!

We are always on the hunt for memorabilia for our next display. Currently the display houses the many years of our beloved *Archive* in anticipation of the next one!!

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.

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.



A one kilogram packet of sugar will have about 5 million grains of sugar.

Reunions!

The Class of 1977 will be holding our 30 year reunion on July 27, 2007 at Carrie Cerino's. A planning group is being formed to assist with that event. Anyone interested in participating in the planning process can contact Mark Horvath at horvath.mark33 @hotmail.com. We will provide updates for the reunion on the VF Alumni web site beginning by the end of March 2007.

The Class of 1978 is starting the search for classmates early due the loss of their database. Their 30th year reunion will be in 2008. Please get in touch with Connie Ilko at cmi13@aol.com if you are from that class to be sure you get put on the list!

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.



Help Needed!!

Still looking for someone with database experience to help us set up our online database. We have plenty of novices working on this thing but we need a guru to put it all together and make it happen!

Pleassssssse! There must be someone out of us 33,000 alumni who can handle this!!

Linda 216-889-9179

2 Class Rings Found! 1970 and 1986

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

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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.



Valley Forge High School Hall of Fame

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution to our school, our community or our world? Nominate them for this honor and tell us about their post high school accomplishments in Academics, Athletics, Career, Cultural/Performing Arts or other endeavor.

You will find the form online at www.vfalumni.org

How's THIS for nostalgia? Anybody else remember these awful gym suits?!!



Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 7 pm

VF Alumni Association Office

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