

"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 appropriately names our alumni newsletter.

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Heritage

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From The President

As usual, the beautiful summer months are flying by WAY too quick. I think everyone will agree it has been a particularly lovely summer in Cleveland this year so far!

Congratulations to Alexander Lubera from the Class of '07 who was our Freedom Scholarship winner this year. See Alan's article on page two about this wonderful representative of the Patriots. And Alexander's father, Kenneth, is a VF graduate from 1986!

There are a lot of events coming up and lots of ways to get involved in the association. Our Wetlands Project continues to expand; be sure to take a peek if you are ever in the building.

The Parma Hts Weekend in the Commons will be the first weekend in August. We will be there on Sunday with our booth and Patriot Hoop Toss.

The community carnival will be at Greenbriar again this year on September 9th. It was really awesome last year and we look forward to being part of it again.



And so the project continues. Major digging went on in May and there have been great strides ever since. We wish to publicly thank Marco's Pizza, PJay's Pizza and Marc's Inc. for donating pizza and drinks for our hard workers!

Last but not least is our fundraiser. We have just started planning it so just be aware it is coming this winter. I think it will be an awesome event to continue year after year. It's commmmiiiiinnnnnggggg!

Love, Luck & Laughter!

Linda Reik-Brown
Class of '65



Is There or Isn't There? We've got an answer!

The debate has gone on for years at this point about time capsules various classes have burned and we are starting to get answers! While browsing a yearbook from 1994, we came across a picture and article about the time capsule they buried!! It is a picture of Jeffrey Henrikson, Justin Josie and Mike Brunst. It doesn't say where it is buried, but the picture looks like the large courtyard. Our digging the wetlands project has not turned up anything unusual so far so we can only assume it is still there! We will be contacting them!

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

VF Alumni Association Freedom Scholarship \$750

By Alan Rudolph '89

2007 Recipient: Alexander Scott Lubera

For the 2006-2007 school year, the Valley Forge Alumni Association elected Alexander Lubera as their recipient of the Freedom Scholarship. As with all previous recipients, Alexander carried an excellent academic record for all four years of high school and was a member of both National Honor Society and Renaissance. He maintained his 3.8 GPA while balancing a demanding schedule of employment, sports, extra-curricular activities, and volunteer work.

Alexander was involved in cross-country, swimming, tennis, and ski club, but also engaged his artistic talents through piano lessons and Art Ambassadors. Alexander is an accomplished artist and is proficient in French. He intends to combine his passions in his choice of collegiate studies by undertaking a double major of fashion design and international studies. Alexander will attend Kent State University.

Alexander's proud parents are Kenneth and Sara Lubera. Kenneth is also a graduate of Valley Forge, Class of 1986.

For the first time ever, this year our recipient was the person that submitted what the association collectively considered to be the highest-rated essay. Because of the complex evaluation and selection process established by the council (described below), that may not always be the case, but it was this year! You can read Alexander's essay attached. More about the required essay is provided below.

Parma Council of PTAs Scholarship Program and Selection Process

The Parma Council of PTAs scholarship program is the largest in the state of Ohio. Scholarships are awarded by the Ohio PTA, the Parma Council itself, the Parma City School District, the Parma Education Association, and the PTAs and school-affiliated organizations of each senior high school, middle school, and elementary school in the district. There are also many scholarships and grants awarded by numerous community organizations.

Accordingly, the scholarship selection process is quite complex. Every applicant for each organization's scholarship(s) must be evaluated objectively by each organization according to several merits using a rating system established by the Council, including class rank and GPA, employment history, in-school and out-of-school activities, school service, non-school service, awards. Each applicant is also evaluated more subjectively on the basis of a writing sample. Each organization may also have additional requirements that must be met and which are explained as a part of the appli-



cation process.

When all applicants have been evaluated for all scholarships which an organization may offer, the rankings are provided to the Council selection process. The Council's process evaluates all the many candidates for all the various scholarships according to an overall rating and selection system, and works to ensure an appropriate distribution of scholarships.

When that process is complete, each organization is informed of who the recipients are for each of their scholarships. Recipients are then notified during Winner's Circle, an annual event held at each high school on a single day in late April. The scholarships are then presented to the recipients at the annual scholarship dinner in mid-May.

Valley Forge Alumni Association Freedom Scholarship

In the case of the Valley Forge Alumni Association Freedom scholarship, we also require each applicant to submit an essay describing why they are proud to be a Valley Forge graduate. That component must be submitted to qualify, and receives a heavy weighting score as part of the overall evaluation process.

The objective score for each qualifying applicant is tabulated by the chair of the scholarship program. The writing sample is also scored using a simple three-point system according to whether the sample is complete and included (one point), well-written (additional point), and whether it answers the assigned objective (third point).

The rating of the essays is an open evaluation process in which all alumni may participate. Essays are posted electronically via the association website and a simple rank-voting process is used to allow all members a chance to assign prioritized votes to the essays they rate most highly. This process allows members to assign a votes to multiple essays, rather than having to choose a single "best" essay. All submitted votes are tabulated by the chair and added to the overall evaluation of each applicant.

Through the generosity of our members, the amount of the scholarship was this year raised to \$750 for the first time, from the \$500 level where it had been for the past several years.

The Parma Council of PTAs Annual Scholarship Dinner

The annual dinner is held each year on the third Wednesday of May. This year the dinner was at St. Paul Hellenic Banquet Center in North Royalton. Over 130 scholarships totaling nearly \$110,000 were awarded during the three hour event. As usual, it was an evening of immense pride on the part of the students, parents, teachers, and organization staffs in the achievements of all of the truly fine students that have grown into marvelous young adults with very individual, interesting, and bright futures.

Reunions!

The Class of 1977 is pleased to announce their 30 year reunion will be held on Friday July 27, 2007. The event will be held at Carrie Cerino's banquet facility on Ridge Road in North Royalton, Ohio starting at 7:00 PM. The evening will include hors d oeuvres' and dessert tables as well as a cash bar. A DJ will be playing the tunes we all grew up on as well as current requests.

To secure your reservation for the reunion, class mates are requested to send a check for \$50 per person made out to "Class of 1977 Reunion/Mark Horvath" and sent to 4709 Pebble Beach Way, Eagan MN 55123. WE HAVE EXTENDED THE TIME PERIOD TO SUBMIT PAYMENTS UNTIL JULY 15TH. PLEASE SEND PAYMENT ASAP TO GURANTEE A RESERVATION FOR YOU. Your check will be your receipt. Payment must be made in advance and will not be accepted at the door.

Class members are asked to send updated contact information (address, e-mail and phone number) to Claire Rozman at rozman8400@comcast.net . Anyone interested in helping locate class mates should also contact Claire Rozman. Any additional questions can be sent to horvath.mark33@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing everyone on July 27, 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!

2 Class Rings Found!

1970 and 1986

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

Class Notes!

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.

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The Class of 1987 is celebrating it's 20th Reunion with Dinner and Dancing on Sat, Sept. 22 at 100th Bomber Group and enjoying the VF football game at Byers Field on Friday night. Please visit their website for the exact details: www.valleyforge1987.com.

The Class of 1997 is holding their 10th Year reunion on Saturday, November 24th at Dave and Buster's in Westlake, 6:00 pm until midnight! If there's any questions from anyone, please contact Alex Johnson @ (440) 724-5116 or ajohnson@parmahtscity.com. If anyone would like to contribute to our class reunion, please have them write a check out to VFHS, Class of 1997 and contact Alex Johnson at ajohnson@parmahtscity.com.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, July 17, 2007 ~ 7 pm
Denny's Restaurant, Parmatown

Tuesday, Oct 16, 2007 ~ 7 pm
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