

"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.

Ours Is A.....

# Heritage

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## From The President

As a new school year has begun, we can't help but reflect on the years we spent as students at Valley Forge.

It is with great pride that I announce the new members to the VF Hall of Fame: Lydia Grafinger-Bozeman '64, Tim Dobeck '79 and Steele Nowlin '67. We inducted them at the Class of 2007 Commencement in June. You will find more information on all of these special people inside.

We are very proud to watch our Wetlands Project continuing to grow and become the outdoor classroom we planned it to be. Once more the association owes it's thanks to Jim Wohl '66 for spearheading this project. At this point it is worth stopping at the school just to see it!

We welcome the newest students to Valley Forge. The Class of 2011 is off and running and we wish them the best as they begin their life at VF.

And another new beginning always follows an ending. We wish Steele Nowlin the best of luck in his retirement. We appreciate the support he has always given us as the administrator at VF but also the additional excitement that held for us, honoring him as a VF alumni. His dedication to VF and the VF Alumni Association will always be remembered. We just look forward to getting another active member for the association (after he gets rested up!).

We welcome Janine Andrzejewski as the new principal at Valley Forge. As Deputy Principal we had the pleasure to work with her and get to know her. We wish her the best in her new position and look forward to a long and productive association. We also welcome Debby Lindak who is the new Deputy Principal—we look forward to working with her and getting to know her just as we did Janine. Welcome aboard to you both!

Linda Reik-Brown '65  
President



GO PATRIOTS!

## From The Principal

It is with great pride that I write to you as the new principal of Valley Forge. While I am not a Patriot alumni, I feel as though Valley Forge is my home. You all should be extremely proud to be a part of the Forge Family.

While our population has changed with more diversity amongst our students then ever, the one thing that has remained the

same is the caring and giving nature of our students, staff, parents, and community.

I encourage you to get involved with your alumni association, attend Forge events, and look for ways to give back to a school that has always given so much to it's students and community. Go Blue, Go White!

Janine Andrzejewski  
Principal

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Needed

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Needed

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Mary Lou Chappell-Hentges '65

### Audit Committee

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

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## June Hall of Fame Inductees

During the 45th Commencement of Valley Forge on June 2, 2007, we congratulated the Class of 2007 on their accomplishments and also honored three alums for THEIR accomplishments by inducting them into the Valley Forge Hall of Fame. Our thanks go to Bob Baisch '65 who has been chairing this committee and conducting our inductions for his dedication to VF for many years and now for his work with the association.

Back in 1961 when Valley Forge opened, several decisions had to be made. First off, name the school, a mascot (Patriot), colors (Blue & White). Mr. Tom Dunford's English class was assigned to come up with an alma mater. There was a clear choice as the words written by Lydia Grafinger were selected as our alma mater. We have one of the most beautiful and meaningful alma maters of any school. Because of her contribution to Valley Forge High School of its Alma Mater, we welcome **Lydia Grafinger-Bozeman** into the Valley Forge Hall of Fame. There is no other person in the history of Valley Forge who has their name in every yearbook since its beginning!

**Tim Dobeck** is a proud graduate of the Class of 1979. Tim graduated from Cleveland State University and in 1986 received his Juris Doctorate Degree from Cleveland Marshall College of Law. For eleven years he was Assistant Cuya-

hoga County Prosecutor and tried over 100 cases. He is presently Law Director and Prosecutor for the city of Parma and does his job so well that he ran unopposed in the November election. Prior to being Law Director he served two terms on the Parma City Council. Mr. Dobeck is a partner in the law firm Boyko & Dobeck where he specializes in estate planning and probate law. Tim is a life-long resident of Parma along with his wife Rochelle and children, Claire and Tim.

Last but certainly not least, we are pleased to welcome **Steele Nowlin**, retiring principal of VF and proud member of the Class of 1967, into the Valley Forge Hall of Fame. He went off to Kent State University, graduated, and returned to Parma Schools in 1971 as a science teacher. He became an administrator and in 1999 he returned to Valley Forge as our principal. His dedication to students in his 36 years in education has been an inspiration to all of us. Your influence, ideals and philosophies have played a key role in making Valley Forge the school it is today. We thank you for your leadership, your guidance and your support of the Alumni Association. Because of you and your staff, Valley Forge is rated as "Excellent" by the State of Ohio.

*Thanks to all three of you  
from your Valley Forge family!*

## Do you remember....

There was another place we went to on Friday and Saturday nights other than Manners on Pearl Road in Parma; where we could drive through and see if our friends were there and where we could also get burgers, fries and shakes. Do you remember Bearden's? The original is still around at 19985 Lake Road in Rocky River!

Bearden's actually opened in 1934 as the Jackson Limited. It was owner Charlie Jackson's second drive-in. "Limited" referred to the model train circling above the dining room. The restaurant closed in 1943, but was leased and reopened in 1944 by Bill Orange. Bill Orange is the brother of J.B. Orange, the originator of Orange Line Publishing Co who produced one the country's first suburban telephone directories; his first book serviced Rocky River..

Ross Bearden bought the building in 1948. Three more were opened in the 50's: Rocky River Dr in Cleveland, Warren Road in Lakewood and our beloved Pearl Road lo-

cation. After it was closed for a while, it reopened as Fast Eddie's—some of you younger alumni maybe remember that better!

The 1950s were the heyday of the drive-in restaurant theme and Bearden's was no exception. Staying open until 2 or 3 in the morning on Friday and Saturday nights and having police direct traffic and provide parking lot security was the norm. To this day, we still hear stories of high school romances, first dates and hot cars. The popularity of the drive-in theme waned in the early 1960s and soon "Curb Service" was a thing of the past.

They still serve the best Bearden Burger—you will find a coupon for a free one at their website:

<http://www.beardens-cleveland.com>

AND the train is still there.



## Reunions!

*The Class of 1978* is starting the search for classmates for their 30th year reunion will be in 2008. Please get in touch with Connie Ilko at [cmi13@aol.com](mailto:cmi13@aol.com) if you are from that class to be sure you get put on the list!

*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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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@vfallumni.org](mailto:patriots@vfallumni.org) or mail to 3418 West 127 St, Cleveland, OH 44111.

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

VF Adult Athletic Boosters presents

## A Nite at the Races

Saturday, 11/3 ~ 6 pm to Midnight

UAW Hall at Hummel & Engle Rds.

\$20.00 per person includes dinner, sideboards, 12 races, beer and wash. Catered by Stancato's.

Call VF at 440-885-2330—Coaches have tickets!

## 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

## Parma Heights Food Pantry

We are a nonprofit, local, charitable organization committed to providing food for those in need... residents of Parma Heights or members of a church in Parma Heights. Call for our guidelines.

*We are here to help!*

Greenbriar Commons (Arabica Building)

6285 Pearl Rd, #3000

**440.842.6491**

Monday: 9 am to Noon

Wednesday: 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Thursday: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

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*Valley Forge*

## *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](http://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.

## Attitude Adjustment!

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work. - *Thomas Edison*

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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 16, 2007 ~ 7 pm  
VF Alumni Association Office

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## How Can You Help ?

- **Donate Funds for Scholarships:** We awarded \$500 scholarships in the past. We want to increase the amount or number of scholarships.
- **Fundraising:** Suggest fundraising strategies and/or be ready to jump in and help or implement one.
- **Attend Meetings:** Help us make decisions that will shape the future of the Association as well as socialize with other alumni.

When You Need It Done Right, Right Away, call The B.O.S.S.! *Linda D. Brown*

*Class of '65*



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