

"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

January is soaring by us and the school year is half over! We welcome all who are visiting our website for the first time and encourage you to join us and get involved with our excitement.

A personal thank you to all who expressed their condolences on the passing of my mother. I appreciate your understanding as I was not able to conduct association business as I would have liked to for a few weeks. As I get back in the swing of things there are only a few items to discuss.

First of all, as the January meeting did not happen, I am calling a February meeting for Tuesday, February 19 at 7 pm in our

office at VF. Please try to join us and help us with our decision-making. We only meet quarterly so making a commitment to help us out does not take a lot of time.

It is time to start actively searching for a slate of nominations for elections in April. Also, we need to also find someone to take the reins as a Fundraising Chairman as soon as possible. If we are to continue to grow, we must find a way to raise money for our programs.

See you soon!

Linda Reik-Brown '65
Association President

GO PATRIOTS!



Help Needed!!

It's time to add a new position to our board...that being Fundraising Chairman. Our income from class dues allows us to continue our Hall of Fame and Scholarship programs plus a little advertising. We need to make some serious money so we can send out this newsletter to everyone and continue to grow more programs.

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!!

Our Nominating Committee will be looking for Patriots who want to share their expertise with the association as elections are in April. How about the rest of you? Are you going to continue to let the Class of '65 continue to run things?

Linda 216-889-9179

2007-8 Officers

President

Linda Reik-Brown '65

Vice President

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Committees

Publication/Communication

Linda Reik-Brown '65

Hall of Fame

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Membership

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Database

Halle Magpoc-Dawson '89

Webmaster

Lorraine Sonnenberg-Newsome '70

Nominating

Mary Lou Chappell-Hentges '65

Audit

Needed

Reunions

Needed

Historian/Displays

Mary Lou Chappell-Hentges '65

Audit Committee

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



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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.

The Vicek Family (Terri '88, Robyn, '90, and Retired Teacher Bob) welcomed Giuliana Vicek Hulesch November 24, 2007 as the first addition to the Vicek Clan since 1972 when Robyn was born. She is the first-born daughter of Terri and Ed Hulesch who reside in Sullivan, Ohio. The picture shows "GV" held by her proud Grampy Bob Vicek.



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.

10/1/07 to 12/31/07

Beginning Operating Balance	1,444.57
Income	2,039.91
Expenses	140.00
Ending Operating Balance	3,344.48
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Reunion Money in Trust	24,523.82

Next Meeting

Tuesday, Feb 19, 2008 ~ 7 pm
VF Alumni Association Office

KEEP IN TOUCH!! Don't forget to join our Yahoo email list—<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vfallumni/>. It's private and you must identify yourself before being allowed to join. Be sure and set your membership options to daily digest so you only get one email per day with all the day's messages in it. Otherwise you may get too much mail at times. You can also set it to "no email" if you only want to read the messages by visiting the site. Only the moderator will have access to your email address. You must have a Yahoo ID to join, but it's FREE!

Calendar of Events

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| Tuesday, Feb 19 | General Membership Meeting—7 pm—Association office at VF |
| Tuesday, Apr 15 | General Membership Meeting—7 pm—Association office at VF
Election of Officers |
| Mon, May 26 | Parma Heights Memorial Day Parade |
| Fri, June 6 | Senior Checkout |
| Sat, June 7 | 2008 Commencement and Hall of Fame Induction |
| Fri, July 4 | Parma 4th of July Parade |
| Tues, July 15 | General Membership Meeting—Denny's Parmatown, Dinner 6 pm, Meeting 7 pm |

Reunions!

The Class of 1976 will celebrate their 50th birthdays in style on August 9, 2008 at Tony K's in Berea. You can visit their website at <http://clik.to/vfhs1976> or email Laura Laclede—laura@laclede.net for more information.

The Class of 1978 will hold their 30th Class Reunion on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at St. Joseph's Family Center in Akron. An informal gathering is tentatively being planned for Friday night. Mark your calendar and get in touch with Connie Ilko at cmi13@aol.com or call her (330.665.1102).

The Class of 1998 is planning their 10 Year Class Reunion for Saturday, November 29, 2008. Please forward contact information to the reunion committee at vfhs.1998@gmail.com. Your reunion committee is Beth Kazol (Koch), Christine Froelich (Gregorio), Meagan Hayes, Dawn Kencson, and Lisa Dietz (Pritchard).

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 or mail to 3418 West 127 St, Cleveland, OH 44111.

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.



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
A member of the Cleveland Food Bank

Valley Forge

ALMA MATER

Ours is a heritage,
Living from age to age.
Help us thy honor bear.
Through all the years.

The blue and white will be,
Our bond of loyalty.
Always we cherish thee
Valley Forge High.

Lydia Grafinger '64

FIGHT SONG

Onward to vict'ry,
Move on to the fight.
Show them the spirit
Of the blue and the white.

Come on and cheer for the
Patriots.
Our colors hold high.
Vict'ry for Valley Forge
Is our battle cry....!

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.

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.

Gee, does anything look familiar in this picture? Is the Class of '65 the only class from Valley Forge?



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VF Alumni Association Newsletter Order Form 1 Year (4 Issues) \$6.50

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uneducated,
an A is just
three sticks.
~A.A. Milne

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