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EDITOR'S NOTE

Kris Pisarik '77)

GRADUATION MARKS END OF AN ERA FOR THIS CHS FAMILY

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CHELMSFORD — Thousands of graduates walked across stages in stadiums and auditoriums all over Greater Lowell to receive their high-school diplomas in the past two months.

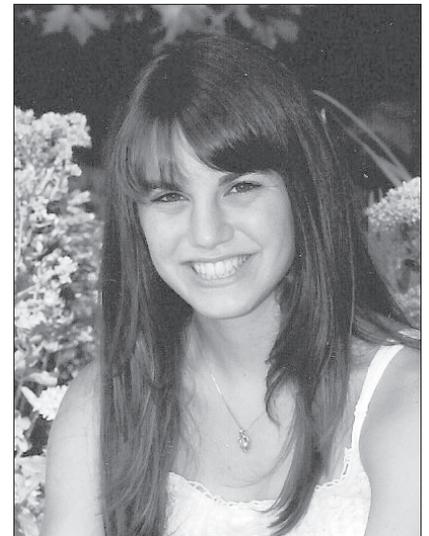
That scene, which was repeated numerous times all across the Merrimack Valley, must have been a proud milestone for these young adults.

For some of the region's bigger families, the Pisariks of Chelmsford among them, it was also the end of an era.

When my youngest daughter Jennie hit the stage at Simonian Alumni Stadium June 1, she was the last of my four daughters to graduate from the same high school as their dad.

While Jennie and other local grads are parting with some great teachers and friends made over the past 13 or so years, the ceremony was bittersweet for parents like myself.

While many of us probably couldn't wait to leave high school all those years ago, it's hard to let go of that connection to our own kids' school. Maybe their growing up and moving on reminds us of just how old we are.



Jennie Pisarik, '13

But we are also leaving behind some great memories.

I've had a blast watching my girls absorb all Chelmsford High had to offer, from helping to produce the school yearbook, to academic celebrations to running on the cross country and track teams.

Looking back, I probably didn't take full advantage of everything my school had to offer. Hopefully, your kids, like mine, did. Their ups have far outweighed the downs.

And these days, schools like Chelmsford High are offering more than ever to keep kids engaged. There are clubs for everyone, and every interest, from Live Smart to 24-Hour Relay to Mock Trial, to mention just a handful.

High school is supposed to be challenging, but it's also supposed to be fun.

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To this parent, there's no greater sound than a child's laughter.

Hearing Jennie laugh hysterically or seeing her beautiful smile widen when she is surrounded by her closest friends and teammates — great kids like Kristen Young, Ally Turner and Lauren Ciccarelli, to name a few — is just one testament to the joy her CHS years have brought. It also won her the "Best Smile" superlative in her yearbook.

Hopefully that smile will help her make new friends when she enrolls this fall in UMass Lowell's exercise physiology program.

Wherever your kids are bound, the transition no doubt brings a mix of emotions for kids and parents alike: pride, excitement, uncertainty — even financial worry.

But their success comes with another price — in this case, a piece of our hearts that are left behind.

Some of you will cling to memories of watching your son or daughter's school record-setting performance on a field of play. Others might relish that graduation-night valedictory or salutatory address.

For others, it will be the people who made their school a special place.

For the Pisariks, and Jennie in particular, that would be caring teachers like Jennifer Griffey, Jennifer McManus, Jon Morris, Mike O'Keefe and Andy Pasquale. And coaches like Jack Lang and Brian Crane — people who poured their hearts and souls into helping my kids, and all kids, do their best.

And that's what it's all about.

So when the Class of 2013 recessed from Simonian Stadium on graduation night, so, too, did our time in this great school community.

We will miss it dearly, but thanks for the memories.

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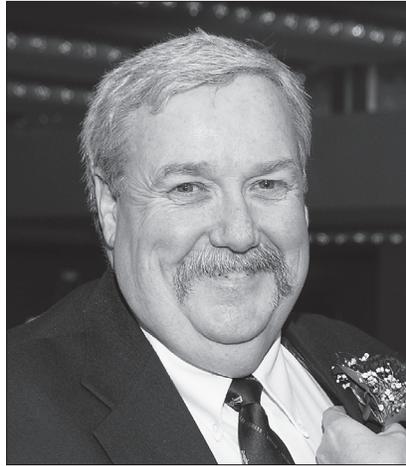
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❖ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ❖

Terry McSheehy ('64)



I look forward to the summer and the good weather. I am looking forward especially to the Fourth of July when we get to see so many of our members at the Common during the town's celebration.

CHSAA continues to receive support and energy from the membership in all ways and forms. Remember, as I say very often, this is your Alumni Association and you can participate in it in many ways. Don't think that you wouldn't be able to work on a committee or on the Board of Directors. We are all just CHS graduates trying to do our best to help all CHS graduates. Call George Simonian or me and tell us you would like to help in some way and believe me, we can and will find a way for you to help. The more people we get involved the more we reduce the burdens we place on a few. We're looking for people to serve on the Membership Committee or the Scholarship Committee. If you would like to help with either of these endeavors, please call.

We celebrated our 23rd Hall of Fame inductions on March 23rd at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua NH. Again we had nine outstanding candidates join the Hall. I continue to be amazed at the accomplishments of Chelmsford High graduates every year, and this year was no exception. Remember we attempt to reward people based on the totality of the person, not just a single segment.

The Web Site (www.chsalumni.org) continues to be updated and improved for your use. We are still intent on having the capability of posting the Lion's Pride on the web site. We have attained the ability to allow members to join and/or renew memberships on the site as well. We have a square where by we can accept credit cards payments and we also have a PayPal account for security during on-line sign-ups. Check out the merchandise available for direct purchase from the CHSAA on-line store.

I am asking all members and any non-members who read this to tell us at the CHSAA how we can better serve you. We are seeing a disturbing lack of renewals from our membership and are trying to understand why. If we could retain only 50% of those who drop out we could raise our membership significantly and make for a much more solvent and viable organization. So please let us know. You can contact any member of the Board of Directors or send an e-mail to George Simonian or me. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

As always it is my privilege and honor to be your President, and I hope to produce further growth in the operation of and the membership of the CHSAA.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you at the Common on the third and fourth of July. ❖

❧ REUNIONS ❧

Class of 1953

60th Reunion

Sunday, October 6, 2013, 11:30a - 4:30p
Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro, MA
-Reception and socializing with hors d'oeuvres, cash bar
-Brunch/Lunch
-Program
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Class of 1963

50th Anniversary Celebration

August 9-11, 2013
The weekend will include various events.
For more information - Please contact Hank
Brown at hankbrownnh@metrocast.net

Class of 1983

30th Reunion

Friday, November 29th 2013, 6:30pm
Longmeadow Golf Club
165 Havilah St. Lowell, MA 01852-3244
For more information, please contact Lynn Gervais
Smith at gervaissmith@verizon.net.

Class of 1993

20th Reunion

Saturday, August 10, 2013, 7:00 -11:30 pm
Lowell Beer Works
203 Cabot Street, Lowell, MA 01854
Tickets are \$25 and available for purchase at
chslions1993.brownpapertickets.com <http://
chslions1993.brownpapertickets.com>
Contact class agent Tracy Sullivan with any questions
via email at chslions1993@gmail.com.
Classmates are also welcome to join our Facebook
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CHSLiions1993/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CHSLiions1993/) to connect with other alumni.

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Class of 2003

10th Reunion

November 30, 2013
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CHELMSFORD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

❖ PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ❖

Charles Caliri ('90)

Wow, it felt like just yesterday that I was writing this little piece in January. Who would have thought that June would be upon us so quickly. Amazing!

I know that this is the place where I am supposed to provide an update on the high school, but I would be remiss if I didn't thank that CHS Alumni Association for all that you do in support of our students at the high school. I had never participated in a CHSAA Scholarship night so I really didn't know what to expect. When I saw the program for the first time, and flipped through dozens of pages of scholarships awarded by the CHSAA, I was absolutely blown away. In a conversation with George [Mr. Simonian] he reminded me that the CHSAA gives out over \$50K in scholarships to our CHS graduates. Even though I graduated from this school, the sense of community and togetherness never ceases to amaze me. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

As I shared that evening in an address to the students -

Tonight is a celebration of you - Your accomplishments, your successes, and your future. This is what unites us, all of us, to the Alumni Association. This organization is and will be your



Photo Courtesy of the Lovell Sun

organization. It's comprised of hundreds of alumni that tonight are going to give out over \$50K in scholarships. They...We...are investing in you and your future.

Here are some other memorable items from the spring

- Three of our 18 commended students from the National Merit Scholarship Contest were official recipients of additional awards through the program. One student received a Siemens scholarship (valued at \$1000/year for four years); another received an official citation for National Hispanic Recognition; while a third was named a National Merit Finalist (valued at \$2500). The recognition is staggering. Nationally, about half of 1% get recognized with financial awards; CHS had approximately 1%, nearly double the national average.

- The Theatre Guild had a terrific spring. First, of the 118 schools

who competed in the Massachusetts Education Theatre Guild festival, Chelmsford earned its place as one of 14 schools to compete in the finals at the John Hancock Theatre in Boston with their original adaptation of Bram Stoker's Dracula, "Sarut du Morte." Three students received awards for their performances. Second, the Theatre Guild performed "Phantom of the Opera" last month. It was an unbelievable performance. It was nominated for 16 TAMY nominations, and 5 awards, including one for Best Musical Director.

- Our DECA students participated in regional and state competitions this spring, earning numerous accolades including 16 State Finalists and 9 qualifiers for the national competition held in Anaheim, CA. Of our 9 finalists, 8 students earned Certificates of Excellence at the national level.
- In recognition of our accomplishments in music education, Chelmsford Public Schools was named by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation (NAMM) as one of the Best Communities for Music Education (BCME). Across the country, this places Chelmsford as one of 307 school districts nationwide. What

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *Continued...*

a tribute to our students, staff, and community for support of music.

- We held our 17th annual Mock Car Crash for our 11th and 12th graders. In addition to the core group of faculty members who coordinate this event, it would not be possible without the support of the Chelmsford Coalition for LiveSmart, the Chelmsford Police Department, the Chelmsford Fire Department, Trinity Ambulance, Dolan's Funeral Home, and Lowell General Hospital. What an unbelievable, powerful event. Our hope in doing this each year is that we help students to realize that one seemingly tiny decision can have extreme consequences.

- In recognition of Chelmsford High School's commitment to the education of its students and access to extracurricular and co-curricular activities, Chelmsford High School was named to Newsweek's "America's Best High Schools" list. The list is comprised of the top 2,000 high schools in the country based on the ability of schools to produce the highest percentage of college ready students. Check out the whole article by following the link below:

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/features/2013/americas-best-high-schools.html>

Some Quick Hitters...

- CHS Mock Trial team qualified for the "sweet 16" again this year. Lost a heartbreaker to Marblehead.
- CHS Science Team finished 3rd in the West Suburban Science Leagues, and 4th in the State Science Olympiad. Both of these were highest finishes for this club.
- CHS students participated in approximately 400 AP tests this past spring.
- Of the 100 schools who participated, CHS earned its way into the sweet 16 on WGBH quiz show.
- Congratulations to the CHS Marching Band for its April trip to Disney World, and the performance of selections from "Fantasmic" during the Princess Parade through the Magic Kingdom. 🎭



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CHS STUDENT PROFILE

By Debbie Haywood ('74)

DANIEL NOLAN

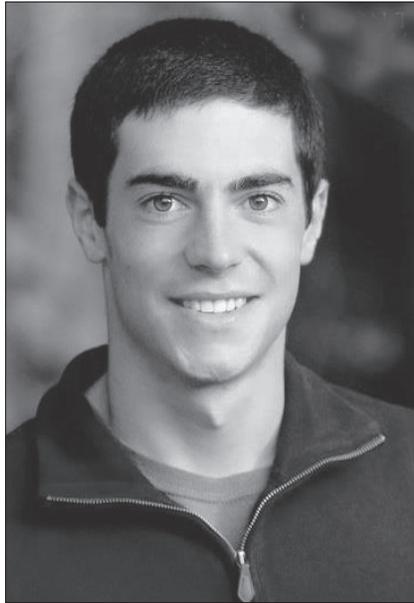
Daniel Nolan is a fine example of the well-rounded and high-caliber of students at Chelmsford High School. Dan, son of Pam and David Nolan, is a very active member of not only CHS but of the community as a whole.

When asked how Chelmsford High School has helped him, Dan reflected on many aspects of his education.

“CHS is filled with great teachers, administrators and coaches who care so much about the student body,” he said. “I believe with the endless help of the faculty, I have learned so much more than what is taught in the text books. CHS has helped me become a successful person, not just a successful student, for which I am so grateful.”

Dan is involved in a wide variety of activities at CHS and is active in most. He truly earned his recent title of “Mr. CHS” at the annual competition of the same name. This was also very evident this past October when he was chosen Student of the Month of the Emerson House. Dan is an honors student and a member of the National Honor Society, where he serves as Chairman of Publicity. Dan was also inducted into the Spanish Honor Society. Dan’s extra curricular and community activities are very impressive. I have had the opportunity to work with Dan in both of these venues.

As vice president of the Chelmsford Youth Basketball League I have seen



Dan as a player, coach and referee. In all three of these activities he is always positive, reliable, dedicated and respectful. This was especially true as a referee. Many coaches commented on how fair he was with the players and always tolerant and patient with them.

Jon Silva’00, director of referees said, “It has been a pleasure to see Dan mature as both a basketball official and person over these last four years. He has developed confidence in himself and the job he is able to do on the basketball court. I have no doubt that the skills he has learned working as an official and mentoring younger officials will help him to succeed at Stonehill College.”

As advisors of Best Buddies, Mrs. Kathy Coughlin and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and watching Dan develop as a

member from his freshmen year to now. Best Buddies® is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Dan has been an amazing peer buddy embodying all of the qualities that the organization stresses. He is always empathetic, kind and caring while encouraging and rewarding age appropriate behavior.

Dan’s schedule didn’t allow him to be as active his senior year and his presence was certainly missed.

Kathy Coughlin commented, “Dan is an outstanding young man, full of energy and compassion. He is a wonderful role model for all our members.”

As a community member Dan has a wide array of activities, including volunteering with the Lowell Wish Project, Chelmsford Pop Warner’s PA announcer, working and participating in the annual 24-Hour Relay, acting as a team captain, the Lowell General Cancer Walk, Autism’s Haunt for a Cure and the annual What’s Cookin’ in the Commons event are just a sample of all he does. In addition to being involved in many activities, Dan is also a 3-sport athlete. He has found much success as a member of the Cross Country, Winter and Spring

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STUDENT PROFILE

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Track teams, serving as captain of all three. One of his favorite sports memories is winning the State Championship in Cross Country this past fall. He was elected by his peers as the Most Improved Cross Country Runner his junior year. Earlier this month he was named spring track MVP and won the John R. Carson Scholarship.

Coach Rob Russo said of Dan, "I have had a great time working with Dan. In the classroom and on the track, Dan has continually impressed me with his talents, work ethic and demeanor. A respectful sense of humor combined with an uncommon pragmatism has made Dan a huge success and a teacher's dream."

Dan has far too many accolades to list. Here are just a few of them: Merrimack Valley Conference and All-Star team for cross country, the John Carson Cross Country Award and the U.S. Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award. As Dan leaves CHS for Stonehill College he takes with him many successes and lots of good memories.

When asked what his favorite memory was he humbly answered, "I will always remember the amazing people of Chelmsford High School. I've had coaches and teachers who have changed my life and have friends who have made my four years here unforgettable!"

Dan has made many contributions while a student at CHS and will certainly be missed! Please join me in wishing Dan nothing but successes as he leaves CHS. 🍷

NEW MEMBERS

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE NEW/RENEWED CHSAA MEMBERS:

Leonard W Doolan, III is a new associate member. Leonard lives in Chelmsford with his wife, Joan. All of the Doolan's five children graduated from CHS.

Philip Riessle, CHS Class of 1963, lives in North Chelmsford. CHSAA thanks Philip for becoming a **lifetime** member.

Ronald Wikander, CHS Class of 1964, currently serves as an Anglican Priest. He lives in Georgia with his wife, Diane. CHSAA thanks Ronald for being a **lifetime** member.

Mary Irene (Vaillancourt) Smith, CHS Class of 1965, lives in Westford with her husband, Robert '65. Mary is retired and enjoys reading, gardening and spending time with her five grandchildren. CHSAA thanks Mary for being a **lifetime** member.

Neil MacLeod, CHS Class of 1966, is currently retired and living with his wife, Joan, in Gainesville, Florida. CHSAA thanks Neil for being a **lifetime** member.

Laurie Gullion, CHS Class of 1972, is a professor at the University of New Hampshire. She lives in Deerfield, NH with her husband, Bruce.

Kathleen (Zemaitis) Lamarre, CHS Class of 1974, teaches at Nashoba Valley Technical. CHSAA thanks Kathleen, a member of the Hall of Fame, for becoming a **lifetime** member.

Roberta "Robin" (Mercier) Abodeely, CHS Class of 1977, is a nurse living in Nashua, NH. CHSAA thanks Robin for being a **lifetime** member.

Janice (Mullen) Ryan, CHS Class of 1981, is employed as an accountant. Janice lives in Westford with her husband, Bill.

Charles Mitsakos, Jr., CHS Class of 1985, lives in Seattle. Charles is a vice-president with American Funds. CHSAA thanks Charles for becoming a **lifetime** member.

Joseph Eskenas, CHS Class of 1999, works as a quality control analyst and resides in Chelmsford.

Kerry (Johnson) Buckley, CHS Class of 2003 Class Agent, works as a accountant. Kerry lives in Chelmsford with her husband, Chris. 🍷

CHS ALUMNI PROFILE

By Sandie Johnson Taylor ('69)

PATRICIA WOJTAS ('70)

If you read the local newspapers, you have no doubt seen her picture. In the month of May alone she attended a Board of Selectmen meeting, a School Committee meeting, a Greener Chelmsford Initiative meeting, a CIVIC meeting, a Rotary meeting and a Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory meeting. She has participated in a Cool Running 5 K Race, represented the town at an Arbor Day event, at a Chelmsford Open Space Stewardship ceremony, and at a national Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony, to name a few. Passionate about and committed to the town of Chelmsford, Board of Selectmen member Pat Wojtas clearly models her philosophy that "a town is so much more than a place you live."

The third of seven children, Pat is the daughter of Chelmsford native Frank and Stacia Wojtas. As the 1970 CHS graduate reminisces about her school years, Pat recalls, "I always loved math and particularly remember my math classes with Jack Skelton and Jack Conrad. I was the manager of the girls' softball team (that means I kept track of the equipment and scoring duties), and was a member of the National Honor Society. I also played basketball and softball on town leagues."

Pat continued her education at UMASS Amherst, where she received a BA in Economics in 1974, a memorable year as it was the first year that women were able to join ROTC. "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do," Wojtas recalls. "I wanted to travel, and I knew that with ROTC, I would have a job when I graduated." Wojtas became the first woman in Massachusetts and the sixth in the nation to be commissioned to the United States Air Force through ROTC.



"The Air Force decided that I would make a good computer programmer, so I was stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Computer Programming Center for the Air Force." She received her MBA from the University of Central Oklahoma in 1984. Wojtas goes on to say, "I was in the Air National Guard for six years; my experience there has served me well since."

It was to her hometown of Chelmsford that she ultimately returned to establish Wojtas Consulting Service, which assists local businesses with their software needs. "I wanted to work for myself and felt that I could be more effective in Chelmsford. Because I knew more people here, I thought it would be easier to expand my business." In the past Pat has created a dispatching system for the Chelmsford Fire Department and has served as a consultant for a national software firm.

When asked about her political involvement, Pat responds, "I was always interested in politics, but it took me a while to become involved." Wojtas remembers being the only student in one of her middle school classes who knew

the names of the town officials. She was also interested in the criteria for making decisions as well as how decisions are made and who makes them. In 2005 Wojtas learned a great deal about town politics as a member of the Charter Review Committee. That same year she worked as a Town Meeting Rep and from 2004 to 2007, she sat on the Board of Library Trustees.

In 2007 she was elected to the Board of Selectmen, serving one term. In November of 2010, after Sean Scanlon left the board, she was elected to serve the remainder of his term. In April 2012 Wojtas was re-elected to the Board of Selectmen and currently serves on the board along with George Dixon, Jr., Janet Askenburg, James M. Lane, Jr., and Matt Hanson. Wojtas serves as liaison between the Selectmen and the Chelmsford Public Schools, the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Recycling Committee. She also represents Chelmsford on the Northern Middlesex Council on Governments and on the Merrimack Valley Regional Housing Consortium.

In January, Wojtas was invited to speak at Rotary about the Chelmsford Military Covenant, a nationwide initiative sponsored by the Pentagon, that she and then Selectman Sean Scanlon launched in 2009. The program encourages local communities to partner with nearby military bases to assist families of service members. Last year a representative from the Pentagon contacted the town of Chelmsford "wanting to feature Chelmsford's success with the Military Covenant in their brochure. We provided photos, testimonials, and other information about our efforts. To thank

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CHELMSFORD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



MISSION STATEMENT

The Chelmsford High School Alumni Association is an independent organization committed to promoting fellowship with and among alumni and future graduates.

The Association, recognizing the rich legacy and the excellence in education of the Chelmsford Public Schools, is a committed partner with Chelmsford High School.

The Association seeks to offer programs and services to Chelmsford High School alumni and to foster support for the Chelmsford High School community by promoting alumni interest, engaging alumni to contribute their expertise, encouraging alumni and community involvement in student programs and services, and providing social, business and charitable opportunities.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision is to create a passion for the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association that will inspire loyalty and commitment to the organization, and permit alumni to see their involvement as meaningful and exhilarating through:

1. Developing the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association as a financially self-sufficient, cohesive, and energetic organization within the Chelmsford community;
2. Cultivation of students at Chelmsford High School to ensure participation in the Alumni Association following graduation;
3. Providing opportunities for the assembly of its members for the exchange of ideas and opportunities, and for the fostering of camaraderie;
4. Establishing an accessible place for its members to assemble and as a repository of historic memorabilia and records to house the offices of the Alumni Association.



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us for those efforts, and sharing our stories, a Pentagon representative came to an event in Chelmsford last April, and publicly acknowledged our program as one that other communities should emulate.”

In a December 2012 Chelmsford Independent article, Wojtas comments, “We had a great 2012 and are really looking forward to expanding our outreach and bringing more volunteers and businesses on board to support the military families in our community.”

School Committee member Al Thomas applauds Wojtas for “her active support of veterans” and goes on to say that “Pat Wojtas is a hard-working, dedicated member of the Board of Selectmen. She regularly attends School Committee meetings to stay informed, and she attends almost all community events.”

“Many good things are happening in Chelmsford,” Pat adds. She is excited that the proposal to add turf athletic fields to McCarthy Middle School and to CHS, was overwhelmingly approved at Town Meeting in early May. She also mentions the new club house at the Chelmsford Country Club, the underground placement of utility wires in the center around the common, the new DPW building on Alpha Road and the new fire headquarters to be completed by 2014.

“We have a good town, and we are always making it better,” praises Wojtas with pride. She goes on to talk about efforts to make Chelmsford Center more “walkable” and more of a destination with the Center for the Arts, the Winterfest, the Fourth of July Parade and the rail trail. As for Chelmsford Public Schools, Wojtas says, “You can’t get a better education or cultural experience anywhere.”

As a member of the Community Involvement and Volunteerism in Chelmsford (CIVIC) Committee, Pat is working to encourage greater

community participation. Part of CIVIC’S mission, which was established primarily by Selectman Matt Hanson, is to encourage youth to engage in civic activities by working with School Committee, PTO’s, and other organizations and groups in town.

“There is so much talent and diversity among Chelmsford residents, I would like to see more people run for office, or apply for appointed positions, or join a committee, or volunteer in some capacity.” Pat believes that encouraging volunteerism in the schools is a giant step towards that goal.

Passionate about preserving the earth for future generations, Pat recycles everything that she can and encourages others to do the same. On Earth Day 2009 Wojtas, along with Eric Dahlberg, established the Greener Chelmsford Initiative, which recognizes Chelmsford businesses that have taken steps to preserve the environment. “One of the first businesses to receive the award was Harrington Wine and Liquors. In addition to the usual environmental activities such as recycling and reusing, they have set up a method that allows them to use cold outside air to chill their refrigeration units during winter months, saving significant energy usage for a good part of the year.”

When not fulfilling her civic responsibilities, Pat, participates in several local road races each year, she enjoys reading, and has been working on her family tree in preparation for a family reunion. “I haven’t uncovered any surprising relatives yet,” she adds.

There is no question that Pat Wojtas has a long history of community involvement and participation both as an elected and appointed official, and as a volunteer. She is passionate about and dedicated to the town of Chelmsford; for her, Chelmsford certainly is “so much more than a place she lives.” 

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS REPORT

IN THE ARTS

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Happy Spring to all! Our students and faculty members in the Fine and Performing Arts Department have been busy over the past months, and I look forward to sharing all of our news with you.

Before I get into the specifics, I want to share information about an exciting achievement in our department. Chelmsford has recently been heralded for our support of Music Education programs, and has been designated as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in the United States by the NAMM Foundation! Chelmsford joins 307 districts across the country to receive the prestigious distinction this year.

In its 14th year, Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) affirms school districts that have demonstrated exceptional efforts toward maintaining music education as part of the schools' core curriculum.

The BCME survey requires districts to answer detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Institute for Educational Research and Public Service of Lawrence, Kansas, an affiliate of the University of Kansas.

As Chelmsford finalizes its 2013–2014 budgets, the announcement of this year's Best Communities for Music Education designation brings attention to the importance of keeping music education part of school's core education and music's vital role in student success in school.

The BCME designation is an important part of the NAMM Foundation's efforts to advocate for school-based music education. Numerous studies have demonstrated that learning to play music can boost other academic and social skills, such as math and learning to cooperate in a group. The NAMM-funded Cost of Music Education study found that a comprehensive K–12 music education program cost an average of \$187 per student per year in the sample district.

The Chelmsford Public School Music Programs play a vital role in our community and are attractive to families looking to move to a district that excels not only in math, reading, and science, but also in the Fine Arts. We are extremely proud of being recognized by NAMM as a Best Community for Music Education!

In theatre news, the CHS Theatre Department wowed crowds with two innovative productions of *Sarut de Mort* and *Phantom of the Opera*. For its METG Competition Play this year, Chelmsford presented *Sarut de Mort*, an original adaptation of Bram Stoker's *Dracula* written by local playwright and teacher Eloise Hoffman. The students of Chelmsford High School's Theater Guild were the proud recipients of many awards Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild Festival of One Acts competition, and the production advanced all the way to the Finals. One adjudicator wrote of the CHS Performance: "The overall concept and vision of this production was beyond phenomenal. The visual spectacle was fantastic, but also completely dignified and appropriate." (Below: Final Scene of *Sarut de Mort*)



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The Phantom of the Opera proved to be one of the biggest successes in the CHS' many years of outstanding musicals. It broke all attendance records with a sold-out show on its Saturday evening performance. "The Phantom of the Opera was a huge undertaking with quite a bit of spectacle at every aspect, CHS students, as always, met that challenge. We are truly excited and appreciative of the TAMYS for recognizing our students' great accomplishments," said Carl Rondina, the producer and musical director of CHS for 43 years.

The Chelmsford High School Fine and Performing Arts Department has been nominated for sixteen TAMY Awards. The TAMY Awards, an awards program sponsored by The Theater of the Mount, recognizes outstanding high school musicals.

Cast and Crew were recognized in the following categories:

Best Overall Production - The Phantom of the Opera
Best Lighting - Zachary Straeffer
Best Supporting Actor - Christopher Torres
Best Actress - Kaleigh Bumpus
Best Supporting Actress - Erica Lundin and Heather Conti-Clark
Best Featured Actor - Jeremy O'Donnell
Best Set Design
Best Props and Set Dressing
Best Playbill
Best Student Orchestra
Best Costumes
Best Stage Crew
Best Chorus
Best Musical Director - Mr. Carl Rondina
Best Director - Ms. Lauren Cochran

We are proud of all students involved in these excellent productions, as well as Director Lauren Cochran and Musical Director Carl Rondina. More information about the theater department's productions can be found at the Theater Guild's new Website, www.chelmsfordtheater.com.

CHS Art continues to offer every opportunity to our students. In honor of "Youth Art Month," the Chelmsford Public Library hosted the annual K-12 CPS Student Art Reception featuring excellent pieces from all levels of our art program with live music from CHS students. Kathy Cryan-Hicks of the CPL and Chelmsford Public Schools Fine Arts Department organized this event, and all K-12 art teachers contributed to the preparation and planning.

If you missed the CPL Exhibit, you can visit the CHS exhibit at the Westford Floral Arts Gallery during the month of

May, where over 30 CHS student artworks are featured; this was sponsored by Georgia Spanos, an exceptional Artist and member of the Chelmsford Art Society, who collaborated with the Chelmsford High School Art Teachers to create this unique opportunity for the high school students.

...But there's more! This spring, 2 CHS Juniors were accepted to participate in the Art All-State Program. Each year, the Worcester Art Museum sponsors a prestigious workshop-based weekend for top junior high school artists. These juniors have been recognized and nominated by their teachers as the most promising and outstanding artists of their grade. Following nominations, the students are further screened through interviews and portfolios of their art, reviewed by art educators. (See picture of Lexi Blair's work)

Art All-State itself is an intense 2-day workshop where art students collaborate in groups and are



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overseen by professional artists from varied fields to create a room-size original environmental art piece. Throughout this process, students meet other gifted art students from around the state. While students collaborate, brainstorm, experiment, and construct their art, they gain knowledge, inspiration, and new conceptual ideas and have a lot of fun in the process. This year's Chelmsford Art All State Winners were students Lexi Blair and Shelley Carpenter.

This spring, four Chelmsford High School students received art awards for their work in the 2013 Massachusetts Wildlife Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest. This is quite an honor, as approximately 500 students across the Commonwealth participated in this program. The Junior Duck Stamp Program was launched in 1991 by the US Fish & Wildlife Service with the aim of increasing young people's awareness of the importance of preserving wetland habitats and the delights of wildlife. In 1992, the US Fish and Wildlife Service printed the first ever Junior Duck Stamp with the funds going towards scholarships and educational grants.

This year's Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest Winners from CHS include:

Kristina Gorski Grade 10 Tie for Second Place (High School Art Grades 10-12 Division) (See picture of Kristina Gorski's work)

Alyssa Genereux Grade 10 Tie for Third Place (High School Art Grades 10-12 Division)

Elizabeth Salomaa Grade 11 Honorable Mention (High School Art Grades 10-12 Division)

Karen Keller Grade 9 Tie for First Place (Art Grades 7-9 Division)

We also have new published student artists at CHS this year! Honors Art Student Tanya Dimitrov has recently had work published in the Marble collection. The Marble Collection is a biannual print and digital magazine featuring secondary students' art, literature, music and video works, and weaves the arts into the fabric of our communities. This nonprofit organization was created in 2008 and forged on the commitment to enrich the Massachusetts high school community at large through innovative, educational literary and creative arts programming.

In March, Student Matthew Curtis' scratch art piece "What a Ham!" was featured on the Sax Art Facebook site through the month of March to celebrate Youth Art



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Month. The scratch art is an assignment created in the Studio 3 Art Class, concentrating on variations of line and texture. (See picture: Matthew Curtis "What a Ham!" p.14.)

In music news, it has been a fabulous year! Chelmsford students demonstrated excellence in the MMEA Senior Districts this year, with 19 CHS students accepted. Students who received a score in the top 50% of their area were eligible to audition for the MMEA All-State Ensembles at the end of January. Chelmsford High School had 2 students who have been selected to participate in the All-State Ensembles this year: Dorothy Chung, CHS Orchestra (Director Kate Comeau) Elizabeth Sperry, CHS Band (Director Matt Sexauer). These students performed at Symphony Hall in Boston in March. Congratulations to these students and their teachers!

Our annual musical galas have provided special memories for our students and Chelmsford families this year. On the evening of March 6th, 450 students from all over Chelmsford descended upon CHS to warm-up, tune, and prepare for an evening of all string music for the annual Chelmsford Public Schools Fine Arts Department Stringfest Concert. Every school is represented annually at Stringfest, from the over 100 students enrolled in the 4th Grade Violin/Viola beginning string program at the Harrington, South Row, Center, and Byam Elementary Schools to the grade level and 7-8 ensembles at Parker and McCarthy, all the way through our 92 member Award-winning CHS Orchestra. The Performing Arts Center was completely full, with almost 1,000 supportive family members and friends in the audience cheering on our talented student musicians and teachers.

The Band and Orchestra competed in the notoriously challenging MICCA competition this year, awarded a silver (Orchestra) and bronze (Band) medal for their performance. Kudos to the students and their directors Kate Comeau and Matt Sexauer for their efforts and dedication!

As always, the CHS Spring Concerts showcased the talent of our students and the dedication of their teachers. This year, the Pops concert held on May 22nd featured the CHS Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Jazz Choir, and Treble Choir,

along with the student-run Symphony Orchestra directed by Senior Arun Venugopal in its second year. Yet another (and many students would argue "the best") performance opportunity for our Band and Orchestra students was their trip to Disney World in April. Approximately 100 students traveled to Florida to perform at Epcot and the Magic Kingdom to spread Chelmsford pride to audiences from around the world. (See picture from taping of "Spotlight on Fine Arts" where I am interviewing Directors at Disney via Skype)

We are fortunate to have such a supportive community for the Arts, and the faculty and I look forward to continuing our work with the CHS students through the spring and into the fall.

I would like to thank the faculty in the department for their tireless commitment to our department, school, and students. They are:

ART:

Paula Brown
Diane Cogliano
Ashley Cook
Bette Gagnon
Eric Hoover
Terry Karangioze

MUSIC:

Carl Rondina
Lauren Cochran
Kate Comeau
Matthew Sexauer

More information about Chelmsford's Art, Music, and Theatre Programs can be found on the Fine Arts Curriculum Page on their website: <http://www.chelmsford.k12.ma.us>. The Department TV show, "Spotlight on Fine Arts," airs daily at 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. on TeleMedia channel 22 and online at www.telemedia.org.

In closing, I wish our CHS Alumni all the best as the weather warms up, and as always, extend to all an invitation to please to drop in and say "Hello" at any of our events!!

Best Regards, Christina Whittlesey
Fine and Performing Arts Department Coordinator
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ACCREDITATION REPORT

Commendations

1. The dynamic, collaborative process inclusive of the whole school community to identify and articulate core values
2. The pervasive, community-wide commitment to its core values, PRIDE
3. The thorough, analytic rubrics that identify standards of student achievement
4. The clear ownership of learning expectations by departments
5. The implementation of the PRIDE awards to honor student exemplification of core values
6. The redesign of the library/media center as the CHS Learning Commons to serve as a center for students, staff members and community members to share information, build knowledge, and celebrate the arts
7. The review and modification of anti-bullying and attendance policies to align with core values
8. The comprehensive resources and services of the CHS Learning Commons which support the achievement of the school's 21st century learning expectations
9. The collaborative work between administrators and curriculum coordinators to develop, review, and revise curricula
10. The common format used for much of the curriculum that includes units of study with essential questions, concepts, content, and skills, the school's 21st century learning expectations, instructional strategies, and assessment practices that include the use of school-wide analytic and course-specific rubrics
11. Student work that reflects depth of understanding and application of knowledge through all the curricular elements
12. The alignment between the written and taught curriculum
13. The visibility of core values, beliefs, and 21st century learning expectations throughout the school and the awareness of teachers, students, and parents of the PRIDE values and beliefs that drive instruction
14. The use of a variety of techniques to implement formative instruction
15. The use of a variety of techniques to implement differentiated instruction
16. The use of instructional practices that emphasize inquiry, problem-solving and higher order thinking skills
17. The use and integration of technology across disciplines that has increased in recent years
18. The formation of a data warehouse and data team to assemble and disaggregate student performance data
19. The use of varied and formal ways by which underperforming students are flagged (SST, X2, midterms, quarterly progress reports, D/F lists)
20. The consolidation of student assessments and standardized test scores that enables administrators and teachers to analyze student performance
21. The use of a wide variety of assessment strategies, including both formative and summative means of assessment
22. The integration of the PRIDE expression of core values and beliefs as a critical part of the school culture
23. The school's flexibility and student access to both leveled and heterogeneous courses
24. The PLUS block mentoring program in place to meet student needs
25. The staff efforts to informally engage in discussion of student learning
26. The change in the master schedule to better meet the learning needs of all students
27. The formal mechanisms in place to provide decision-making roles for all stakeholders
28. The commitment and dedication shown by all segments of the school community to Chelmsford High School
29. The efforts by teachers within and beyond their contractual obligations to make personal connections with students
30. The collaboration and partnership between school board, superintendent, and principal
31. The collective behavior of students, faculty members, and staff members to demonstrate a values system consistent with personal responsibility and ethical behavior
32. The efforts of the support service personnel that effectively provide many different avenues to address and serve at-risk and special education students and provide a comprehensive and timely evaluation process in order to identify and support students
33. The dedicated and diligent nursing staff that effectively meets the healthcare needs of the high school community
34. The CHS Learning Commons, under the direction of the library media specialist, that successfully meets the needs of the 21st century learner by providing superior resources and services
35. The provision of funding for a range of course offerings and programs to meet all students' academic and social/emotional needs
36. The development and implementation of a system-wide, long-term strategic plan that includes provision for the high school
37. The recent renovations and construction such as the learning commons, the performing arts center, the science and language labs, and new windows throughout the school that have enhanced the school's ability to achieve its 21st century learning expectations
38. The wide use of the high school webpage on the district website, daily bulletin, emails, phone calls, parent

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nights, and staff outreach that engages parents and families as partners in each student's education

39. The strong and productive parent, community, business, and higher education partnerships that support student learning

Recommendations

1. Review and clarify learning expectations more explicitly with students and families

2. Further align resource allocations for technology and professional development with the core values, beliefs, and 21st century learning expectations

3. Create and implement a formal plan to review and revise the core values, beliefs, and 21st century learning expectations based on current research, data, and school/district priorities

4. Complete the update of the curriculum so that all courses have a curriculum written in a common format with all required elements

5. Create and implement opportunities for interdisciplinary learning to make connections across disciplines and document successful experiences

6. Provide additional curricular coordination and vertical articulation between and among all academic areas within the school as well as with sending schools in the district

7. Create and implement a program to update all teaching materials to support the 21st century curriculum

8. Prioritize specific areas of need for technological upgrades, and schedule implementation accordingly

9. Provide additional formal time for teachers to examine student work within departments to improve instructional practices and a common protocol for the work

10. Insure the speed and reliability of technology to increase its use and integration into instructional practices

11. Provide additional professional development to increase teacher use of technology

12. Increase support for professional development that focuses upon the

improvement of instructional strategies

13. Increase opportunities for students and parents to provide feedback to teachers to improve instruction

14. Develop and implement a formal process, based on the use of the school-wide rubrics, to assess both student and school progress in achieving its 21st century learning expectations

15. Develop and utilize a process to communicate individual and school progress in achieving its 21st century learning expectations to students, their families, and the school community

16. Allocate time for professional staff members to meet formally to collect, disaggregate, and analyze data to allow them to respond to inequities in student achievement

17. Ensure that prior to each unit of study, teachers communicate to students the school's applicable 21st century learning expectations, unit-specific learning goals, and school-wide rubrics

18. Expand the regular use of all school-wide rubrics across all departments and disciplines

19. Provide sufficient time for teachers to collaborate regularly in formal ways on the creation, analysis, and revision of formative and summative assessments and analytic rubrics

20. Review and revise grading and reporting practices to ensure alignment with the school's 21st century learning expectations

21. Ensure that all students enroll in a minimum of one heterogeneously grouped core course throughout their four years of high school

22. Continue to reflect upon and revise the PLUS block to meet student needs

23. Provide additional formal opportunities for teachers to meet collaboratively to discuss instructional strategies/best practices to insure that such discussions become a significant part of the professional culture

24. Ensure that class sizes and teacher loads meet student learning needs

25. Examine and redesign schedules as appropriate to ensure equitable class size

26. Continue to review the effectiveness of the Plus Intervention block and

redesign as appropriate to ensure that the program meets the needs of students

27. Improve the reliability of the computer network to support the curriculum and the demands of students, faculty members, administrators, and support staff members in order to reach the school's 21st century learning expectations

28. Coordinate and delegate duties and responsibilities, including supervision, in order to make more efficient use of counselor time to better meet the needs of all students

29. Install an improved eye wash station for the safety of students and staff members

30. Provide technology to support administrative tasks and confidentiality in the health services department

31. Effectively balance the administrative responsibilities of the library/media specialist position to increase availability of professional services to teachers and students at the high school

32. Develop and implement a plan to secure adequate funding to provide future programs and services to achieve the school's 21st century learning expectations

33. Provide adequate funding to ensure appropriate class sizes and teacher loads to achieve the school's 21st century learning expectations

34. Create, fund, and implement more formal opportunities for professional development to revise curriculum

35. Ensure adequate funding for sufficient instructional materials and supplies to effectively deliver the curriculum and achieve 21st century learning expectations for all students

36. Review and evaluate the work provided by the new outsourced company to ensure adequate maintenance and cleaning of the facility

37. Provide adequate infrastructure such as band width to support the demands of the latest on-line technological developments

38. Ensure adequate maintenance and upkeep of both computer hardware and software to provide reliable student and teacher use



❖ ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT ❖

Scott Moreau ('93)

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S WINTER REPORT

The 2012/2013 winter season has been very successful for all of our CHS teams. There were over 450 winter athletes participating in 11 varsity and 11 sub-varsity programs, as well as a student-training program that fielded 11 student trainers. The overall varsity winter record was 98-70-3. Many of our teams qualified for the post-season tournaments. Coach Bruce Rich reached another great milestone earning his 500th dual meet victory with the wrestling team. The girl's basketball team won the MVC championship for the third straight year. Our boy's hockey team had a great regular season and earned the #1 seed in the MIAA tournament before losing in the North Tournament. The swim and wrestling teams both finished 2nd in the MVC and had some great individual performances. Two of our wrestlers were Division 1 State Champions, Scott McQuaide and Ben Melisi.

Boys Basketball: The Boys Basketball Team finished with an 8-14 record. As always the boys played one of the toughest schedules in the area and were very competitive. There were a lot of young players that gained valuable experience. Russell Olive and Eric Van Gelder were both named to the MVC All Star Team.

Girls Basketball: The Girls Basketball Team finished with an 8-13 record and won the MVC 2 Championship to qualify for the tournament. The girls traveled to Medford in the tournament and lost a close game. Coach Branco was named the MVC 2 Coach of the Year, Sara DaSilva and Rachel Couto were named to the All Star Team.



Gymnastics: The CHS Gymnastics team had another great season, ending with a 6-3 record and 3rd place in the MVC. The team competed hard in the sectional meet and just missed qualifying for the state meet. Eleanor Almeida and Nikki Santhanakrishnan were both named to the All Conference Team.

Boys Ice Hockey: The Boys Hockey Team had another great season as they finished with a 14-4 record. The boys were the #1 Seed in the Division 1 Tournament and lost a tough game in the 1st Round. Tom Bishop (MVC-DCL Player of the Year) and Jon Fairbanks were both named to the All Conference Team.

Girls Ice Hockey: The Girls Hockey Team finished the season with an 8-12 record. They finished the season playing their best hockey by beating Beverly, the #2 ranked team in the state. Rachel Bossi had an outstanding season and was named to the All Conference Team.

Boys and Girls Ski Team: The boys and girls ski team had a great season and competed well in the Mass Bay

West League. The team peaked at the end of the year and finished 6th in the State Race. Three of our skiers; Stephen McLeod, Connor Hart and Carolyn Paul all qualified for the state race and were all named to the league all-star team.

Boys Swim and Diving: The swim team had another successful season ending with a 6-4 record and 2nd place in the MVC. The boys swam their best at the end of the season as they finished 2nd in the conference meet, 10th in the state meet. Individually Dan Pires was the state runner-up in diving. Andrew Majesky, Chris Danielle, Sean Regan and Dan Pires were all named to the All Conference Team.

Boys and Girls Indoor Track: The indoor track teams had another strong season and improved greatly throughout the winter. There were almost 140 participants for the winter track season. Many of the individuals achieved personal best times at the end of the year meets. Individually Alli Wood placed 4th and Quinn Cooney placed 5th in the Division 1 State Meet.

Wrestling: The wrestling team had another very successful season finishing up with a 20-5 record and 3rd place in the MVC. Coach Bruce Rich earned his 500th dual meet victory during the season. The team placed 3rd in both the Div. 1 Sectional Meet and the Division 1 State Meet. The team also had two individual state Champions, Scott McQuaide and Ben Melisi. Ben Melisi, Scott McQuaide and James Clasen were all named to the MVC All Conference team as well. ❖

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Robin Mercier Abodeely, '77



Bill Amirault, '77



Joe Bergeron, '66



Jim Berndt, '74



Denise Coffey, Teacher



*Mary Gleason
representing her late husband
Fred Gleason, '58*



Laurie Gullion, '72



*Linda Krasnecki Chemaly, '71
representing her late mother
Josephine McDonough Krasnecki, '40*



Eva Price, '96

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2013 Chelmsford High School Hall of Fame Induction A NEIGHBORHOOD REUNION AND A FAMILY AFFAIR

By Kris Pisarik, '77



Kris Pisarik, '77, Lucy Ann Simonian, '82, Yvette Lemire Hunt, '64, Dennis Hunt, '64, Richard Coffey



Katrina Rega, '14, Student Rep – Board of Directors, Benjamin Martin, '13, Class Vice-President, George Simonian, Jeffrey Breton, '13, Student Rep – Board of Directors, Mary Kosewski, '13, Class Secretary, Craig Wallace, Jr. '13, Class Treasurer, Daniel Pires, '13, Class President

The first sister tandem ever to be inducted, a neighborhood reunion, the chance to honor a good friend, and George Simonian's bow tie finally getting the recognition it deserves. These were all ingredients that went into the pot that became the savory stew that was the 23rd annual Chelmsford High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame induction in March at the Radisson in Nashua.

With the induction of Roberta Mercier Abodeely, Class of '77, the association saw its first sister team. Her older sister, Lynn Mercier Marcella, Class of '73, was inducted in 2002. She also joined her former North Chelmsford neighbor, Bill Amirault, my close friend, as one of two inductees from our class.

In his introductory remarks, CHSAA President Terry McSheehy, as he's prone to do, marveled at the diverse talents of this year's inductees. He also took time to encourage members to spread the word about the group's website, chsalumni.org, and said the association is always looking for more contributors, be they bloggers, photographers or such.

He also thanked the school administration for its continued support. On a fashion note, the president noted that for the second year in a row, CHS class officers

were in attendance, and as a nod to Executive Director Simonian, the boys – President Dan Pires, Vice President Ben Martin and Treasurer Craig Wallace and Rep. Jeff Breton -- were all wearing bow ties. Student Rep. Katrina Reag and Secretary Mary Kosewski were also in attendance.

First-year CHS Principal Charlie Caliri said it was gratifying to see students continuing to excel, noting this year the school had 18 PSAT-commended students and one National Merit Semifinalist. He said the team that gave CHS its reaccreditation (p. 17) noted in its report that the school has a great partnership between its staff, students and community, that there is mentoring and support.

"This place is special because of the kids, the pride in the community, because of you and because of us," Caliri said proudly.

In her acceptance speech, Abodeely, a school nurse at the Dr. Norman W. Crisp Elementary School Nashua who the Nashua Telegraph named one of the region's 25 Extraordinary Women, gave a special thank you to her sister and fellow Hall of Fame member, Lynn Marcella, for nominating her. "She is the ultimate role model when it comes to community service."

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President Terry McSheehy, '64



Master of Ceremonies, George Simonian



*Sheryl Dumont, '76
"Welcome to the Hall of Fame
Induction Dinner"*



Principal Charles Caliri, '90

Abodeely noted that after enduring double sessions in junior high, she was among those of us as the first class to enter the new high school.

"The buildings changed but the message was always the same: Chelmsford cares about its children. Yes, there is something special about "Chelmsford Pride!" I was quiet and shy but I was soaking it all in. For the educators in attendance tonight, never underestimate the power of your words of encouragement. To this day, I remember one of my elementary teachers giving me a ribbon with the words 'most ambitious.' I also remember going home and asking my mother, "what does that mean!"

Abodeely said CHS gave her a great foundation for her career by taking courses like anatomy and physiology, microbiology and techniques of the research paper. About a decade ago, she began following the obesity crisis.

"I knew our school was guilty of contributing to the problem. Cookies, brownies, cupcakes and soda were common place and the salad bar was covered up in a corner. This was particularly alarming considering the fact that more than 70 percent of our families qualify for free or reduced lunch, they rely on us to feed their children. ... For nine years now our salad bar is filled with fresh produce daily and children eat free fresh fruits and veggies for snack. We are particularly proud to be the first school in New Hampshire to earn a Silver School Award from the United States Department of Agriculture. This award led to the unforgettable opportunity for me to meet first lady Michelle Obama."

My good friend Bill Amirault shared some of his unforgettable

CHS experiences, and since he has lived most of his live off the cuff, or perhaps by the seat of his pants, even though he prepared a speech, 1977's Best All Around Student apparently didn't need one.

Amirault began by thanking family. He said his mother, Rosemary -- who attended along with his wife, Eva, son, Edward, and sister Joan Murphy, a CHS grad and now teacher -- was a special inspiration for him because she was born in the 1930s with spina bifida, and despite countless operations, never complains about anything. "It's just truly something that I think of on a regular basis," he said.

Tipping his cap to his CHS experience, Amirault said, "I've lived in nine states and traveled to 49, and when you start talking about a \$1,000,000 alumni fund, a lot of colleges don't have that... So take advantage of the people that are here to support you both as students and as young adults as you go forward in your lives," he said, addressing the students in the crowd. All his travels, no doubt, helped inspire his "50 State Quarter Poems" book published several years ago.

As he was prone to do, Amirault used a sports analogy to underscore important lessons learned at CHS, this one being perseverance.

On his first marketing job out of college, Amirault was with GE in central Illinois and his new co-workers invited him to play golf. "I said, "Wow, this is my first shot in the real world," and I'm at my new job and everything else. So I line it up, and I didn't want to slice, so I turned the club face down, then hauled off and whacked it... into the clubhouse window!" None of the seven people he had just met were standing. That's because they were

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on the ground they were laughing so hard.

Six weeks later, Amirault was at a family outing and as he teed up for a final round of golf, someone yelled, “everybody duck.”

“So I hit an easy shot into the fairway, then the second shot – I’m standing there and I hit it pretty good – and it took 2 bounces, and went in the hole! So, you know, if you don’t tee it up, you don’t make it happen, you don’t have chance to succeed. And again, a lot of the stuff we’re talking about tonight I can trace back to moving to Chelmsford... and it really does mean something – the town you’re in right now...”

Joseph Bergeron, Class of ’66, was honored for, among other things, his volunteer work as the communications director for Survivor’s Voice, a Peabody-based nonprofit dedicated to raise awareness of childhood sexual abuse.

After noting that his high school years came during the turbulent ’60s, with JFK and Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassinations, Vietnam and the Civil Rights Act, to name a few, Bergeron thanked the educators of his time for their stability and talents.

“Principal John Conrad and Vice Principal Edith McCarthy. They provided a safe, wholesome environment, attracted quality teachers and embraced the arts ... back when there was money available for that kind of stuff.

“Thank you, Mr. Sargent, for making math as endurable as math could be.

Thank you, Mr. McComb for not poking fun at my science project, a paper mache volcano which exploded, hurtling huge blobs of scalding oatmeal all over the science lab. Thank you Mr. Dube, for encouraging me NOT to pursue a career involving anything to do with the French language. Tres’ bien.

Thank you Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Donovan, all whom

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Front: Erica Berndt, Tricia Berndt, Eric Berndt, Robby Berndt. Rear: Dave Berndt, ’78, Ann Bowman, Mara Berndt, Jim Berndt, ’74, Julia D’Amato, Ken D’Amato, ’78, Betsy Parrot, Randy Whitehead



*Front: Brian Acheson ’98, Dr Michael Sargent, ’75, Joanne Bousquet Sargent, ’76
Rear: Mary Kosewski, ’13, Craig Wallace, ’13, Katrina Rega, ’14, Ben Martin, ’13, Dan Pires, ’13, Jeff Breton, ’13*



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Rear: Dick Molloy, '64, John Harrington, '64, Jessica McSheehy Del Llano, '96, Wendy
Marshall Hudzik, '70, Lynne Marshall McSheehy, '64, Dennis Ready, '60*

encouraged my writing and instilled a lasting respect for the English language.

“Thank you Mr. Berry, a good friend, who encouraged my art. A non-conformist, Bill let me stay in the art room on those RARE occasions when I skipped French class. Thank you Coach Sullivan, for NOT encouraging me to pursue a career involving sports, although I don't think it was a totally altruistic gesture.

Every high school student has had a crush on a teacher. Mine was Nona Redding. freshman English. Wish you were here.

“I'd like to close with a quote from Darren Shan: ‘Students never appreciate their teachers while they are learning. It's only later, when they know more of the world, that they understand how indebted they are to those who instructed them. Good teachers expect no praise or love from the young. They wait for it, and in time, it comes.’”

“Mr. Boucher, Mr. Simonian, classmates, thank you for your support, encouragement and friendship,” Bergeron concluded.

Jim Berndt, 1974's Student Council president and who was voted top wrestler his senior year, praised the alumni association's leadership team of Simonian and McSheehy for their countless hours given to the cause. He said he was excited to reconnect with old friends. But like so many on this night, Berndt wanted to say thanks to the educators who made CHS special.

“I think of Richard Bernier, my algebra teacher, who by the grace of GOD, he found in his heart to give me a C in Algebra II. I'd like him to know the softness of my brain skipped a generation, because both of my children are terrific in Math! I'm talking calculus and trigonometry, not just algebra. (Without any help from the old man.) I think of Dan LeClerc in Social Studies who taught compassion and kindness for those in need, regardless of their ideology. The world could use a semester with Dan LeClerc right now.

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“I think of Coach... I'd like to thank Randy Whitehead... his nomination of me for this honor brought tears to my eyes. Randy in my book, is the grandfather of Chelmsford Wrestling. (Don't worry Bruce (Rich), you are the father.) His fun-loving personality, boundless energy, competitive spirit and strong leadership has set an example for hundreds, if not thousands, of young kids at Chelmsford Schools. His refreshing unorthodox approach and subtle way of challenging you to be your best endeared me to Randy and has helped me become a better person, leader and mentor. His talents go far beyond wrestling. The contributions he has made as a teacher, artist, politician and friend has touched many and I am grateful and privileged to be part of his life.

Berndt concluded by thanking his family, his wife, Mara, his children, his late mother, Edith, his dad, Eric, who had just turned 83, whom he called “the best Dad a boy could ever have and the best friend a man could ever wish for.”

Retired social studies teacher inductee Denise Coffey said what she cherishes most about her 36 years teaching in Chelmsford are the lifelong friendships.

“We taught together, we served as advisors to Student Council, National Honor Society and the British Exchange, we socialized,” Coffey said. People like Ann Swierzbin, Sandie Taylor, Bernie Battle and Jeff Doherty made a difference in my life.”

Coffey said two courses that challenged her as well as the students were American Studies and AP Government.

“Teaching American Studies was an exciting venture which enabled me to team-teach an interdisciplinary class first with Sandie Taylor and then with Steve Meidell. What an exciting way not only for me to teach but for the students to learn history and read literature.

“We tried to bring history and literature

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Front: Debbie Haywood, '74, Dave Ayotte, '74, Pat Ayotte. Rear: Rob Russo, '83, Katie Sullivan, Mike O'Keefe, '87, Stephanie Quinn, Kathy LaFlamme, Ben Cole, Josh Blagg, '91



Front: Jack Lang, Mike Economakos, Jim Gifford. Rear: Jack Fletcher, '68, Tom Wright, Mike O'Keefe, '87, Bruce Rich, '73, Fred Crowe, '53, Tom Caito



Front: Barbara Kimball Mackey, '63, Hank Brown, '63, Cynthia Picken Brown, '63, Bernie Ready, '63. Rear: Bob Mackey, '63, Howie Neild, '63, Bruce McMaster, '63, Ann Marie McMaster, Jim Parker, '63, Jim O'Shaughnessy, '63

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Robin Mercier Abodeely, '77, Bill Amirault, '77, Joe Bergeron, '66, Jim Berndt, '74



Front: Ann Swierzbin, Fran Meidell, Steve Meidell, Nancy Williams. Rear: Tony Swierzbin, Mary Deislinger, Sandie Johnson Taylor, '69, Dewitt Taylor



Eva Amirault, Ed Amirault, Rose Mary Amirault, Joan Amirault Murphy, '79, Kris Pisarik, '77.

alive," she said. "One of my favorite examples of how we succeeded occurred in the Emerson hallway. There was some commotion in the hall. I looked out and saw a student coming down the hall on a raft. Wearing cut-off jeans and a straw hat, the student used long poles to guide the raft down the hall. Huck Finn had come alive."

"We all know that a school is what you make of it," Coffey said. "But Chelmsford High has consistently had more opportunities, means, and support than most schools. The people and resources I was surrounded with allowed me to be a better teacher and allowed me to give the students a better learning experience. I am really pleased to have been a part of this school. This induction is not only an honor to me, but also a testament to the excellence of Chelmsford High School."

Frederick Gleason, Class of '58, was honored posthumously. His widow, Mary Gleason, spoke on his behalf. Gleason was an outstanding high school and college athlete, was co-captain of the undefeated 1958 state champion football team and was named a New England Small College All-American.

According to his yearbook entry, he loved "sports, food and sleeping."

The Navy veteran and Merchant Marine donated his bone marrow to his brother Dan during his cancer fight, and sadly succumbed to his own battle with colon cancer in 2009.

Mary Gleason said her husband was always an upbeat individual, and "took everything as it came." She was grateful for all the support from his classmates during his cancer fight, and they were his pallbearers.

"Their support got me through," she

said.

He loved his coach, Joe Nolan, and "he would always go to see him and others at Sunday Mass."

She noted how proud he would be of this honor, and by completing the backfield of that first undefeated CHS team as all members of this Hall of Fame.

Laurie Gullion, Class of '72, assistant professor of kinesiology and outdoor education at University of New Hampshire, found it hard to believe – as did the audience – that she graduated 41 years ago. The National Honor Society student and class vice president, being a "self-described" newshound in her high school days, recalled how Watergate, Earth Day and hot pants were drawing attention, all for different reasons, of course.

Title IX, the act that mandated equal opportunity for girls and women in athletics, was passed in '72, so Gullion said her class missed most of its benefits.

"I was a member here of the high school gymnastics club, where we practiced all winter for one lone exhibition. I remember petitioning the athletic director for more gym time. I was a rebel with a cause. But seeing as CHS was the state wrestling champ at the time, it was a lost cause.

"So I headed outdoors a lot in those days, because Chelmsford still had a fair amount of open space... My family rambled in the woods, hiked in town forests, headed to the White Mountains in New Hampshire on vacations. My parents, being outdoor-oriented and active in local and state conservation efforts, inspired in me a love of the outdoors and a desire to share it with others.

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"I've made a career out of adventure education, training hundreds of students to lead a variety of outdoor activities, and leading my own wilderness expeditions to some beautiful wild places. And I've been able to blend it with my love for writing, publishing outdoor books along the way."

Gullion expressed her gratitude for her teachers, like Miss Apostalagos (later Mrs. Mahoney) Fred Donovan, Mr. Carpenter, Mrs. Cyr, to name a few. And she tipped her cap to Ed Quinn who ran our social studies classes as debate fests.

"Thanks, Mr. Quinn, for allowing the class discussions to be messy, sometimes combative, and ultimately very interesting. It was a good model for how to create an engaged classroom," Gullion said.

"Jack Conrad Jr. made me think that I was a math genius, and since I'm really bad at math, this was an impressive feat," she related. "Mr. Conrad's sense of humor made the hour just so darn enjoyable. There was no shame in making a mistake. He laughed with us, he laughed at us. ... Humor in the classroom is a strategy I employ to this day, and I truly believe that some of the deepest learning comes from being supported enough to stretch yourself and risk making mistakes."

In an interview before the ceremony inducting her late mother, Josephine McDonough Krasnecki, Class of 1940, who died just weeks earlier, Linda Chemaly, said the honor of being inducted into a hall of fame of which she was an active member "meant the world to her."

Krasnecki, an outstanding athlete, a member of the WAVES in World War II and the owner/publisher of the Chelmsford Newsweekly for many years, was remembered as much for her fun personality as her accomplishments. Chemaly, recounting how her mother was not so much nervous about what she would say at her induction ceremony, but rather, the "big question was, 'what am I going to wear?'"

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Front: Chuck Marcella, '70, Cameron Lynch, Raymond Mercier, Jr., Connie Abodeely, Steve Abodeely. Rear: Lisa Mercier Lynch, '82, Sue Mercier Pitera, '74, Lynn Mercier Marcella, '73, Robin Mercier Abodeely, '77, Melinda Abodeely, Stephen Abodeely, Jan Seusing



Hall of Fame, Class of 2013



Bob Mackey, '63, Bob Gleason, '61, Sue Ringwood Clancy, '77, Jim Berndt, '74



Bruce McMaster, '63, Mary Gleason



*Front: Joan Doolan, Lucy Ann Simonian, '82, Linda Hantzis.
Rear: Leonard Doolan III, Dr. Peter Hantzis, '69*



Front: Ruth Sousa, Bette Gagnon, Bob Gagnon, '58, Bill Deselle. Rear: Jim Sousa, '58, Jim Nicodemus, '58, Judy Cullen Thompson, '58, Peter Vennard, '58, Martha Crane Flaherty, '58

In setting the stage for her induction, Simonian noted Krasnecki was stationed at the Pentagon for three years as part of the WAVES, and after returning home, became actively politically and later in the CHSAA and was a member of its first board of directors.

“This lady, if she bled, she would bleed maroon and white,” he said, to thunderous applause.

Chemaly found it funny her mom was considered a standout athlete on the basketball team, with scores reported in local media like, CHS 15, Wilmington 14; CHS 11 Dracut 10.

She noted how Krasnecki “couldn’t tell us all” that went on in Washington, being stationed at the Pentagon and all, but “she had a good time.”

Chemaly said her mom told her she took the job because she just wanted to “get out of town” for a while, and besides, “she really liked the uniform.”

Chemaly said her mother was an incredible woman, who was busy “getting the paper out while raising four children.” Weddings, bridal showers, etc, “that was all good stuff and my mom had a hand in that.”

Mostly, said Chemaly, “She loved her town and a good laugh.”

The curtain couldn’t close on the induction ceremony without acknowledging the last honoree of the evening.

Eva Price, Class of '96, was honored for her work on Broadway and in the political world. Very active in high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, the tennis team, the Drama Club, and DECA to name a few. She was voted by her classmates, “most likely to be famous.”

She worked on Al Gore’s campaign during the “hanging chad” controversy in Florida, and was a news editor at ABC News before leaving that career to co-found Maximum Entertainment Productions, a New York

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company where she has worked with Jerry Seinfeld and Colin Quinn, to name a couple.

Price said her memories of CHS was that it had “something for everyone.” “What other high school gives you a varsity jacket for twirling a flag pole?”

Her career in the entertainment industry began auspiciously, with one line in the CHS spring musical, “The Mystery of Edwin Drood.” Little did she think that would one day lead to a meeting with pop singer Rupert Holmes (remember the Piña Colada song?) and a hand in the acclaimed 2012 Broadway revival of the musical.

Price said she may not be famous, but she’s having a blast, and CHS prepared her for all of it. 🍷



Front: Bernie Battle, Ed Quinn, Anne O’Sullivan O’Bryant, ’71, Bernie Larkin Fountain. Rear: Jack Conrad, Patty Doherty, Jeff Doherty, Carol Pilat, ’66, Angie Taranto



Front: Alexa Aboshar, Nancy Maynard, Barb Maynard Scollan, ’71, Patty Corbett, ’76. Rear: Craig Chemaly, ’98, David Aboshar, Ed Scollan, ’72, George Cowgill, ’65, Janie Hoyt Cowgill, ’70, John Chemaly, Theresa Chemaly



Laurie Gullion, ’72, Rebecca Warren, ’79



Front: Kathy Zemaitis Lamarre, ’74, Sheryl Dumont, ’76, Donna Newcomb. Rear: Melissa LeRay, Mike Robinson, ’76, Pat Maloney, ’79

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Front: Jane McKersie, Alan McKersie, Neal Lerer, '72, Rose Lerer, Ken Dewis
Rear: Rebecca Markey, Sue Carter, '78, Marianne Fontaine Conalina, '72, Bruce Linwald, Becky Warren, '79



Front: Bob Gleason, '61, Eileen Gleason, Sydney Wnek, Caren Wnek
Rear: Brian Gleason, Liam Gleason, Colin Gleason, Chris Wnek, Emily Wnek



Front: Bridget Moran, Jack Moran, Joey Moran, Ann Kenyon
Rear: Bill Gleason, '63, Sr Margaret Coyne, Valerie Broscombe Bell, '58, Ron Bell, '58



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DOT MACKEY'S 94TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Front Row, L to R: Dot Mackey, Liz Bell.

Back Row: L to R: Janet Wiley, Susan Kable, Diane Crain.



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The accompanying picture is me of celebrating my 94th birthday on March 5th with my dear friends, all from Murrells Inlet SC! They all arrived at the party with subs,

cupcakes and gifts, including a skein of yarn, a bag of Lindt chocolates, books of stamps, etc. Most of us are members of a Knit & Crochet Group which meets to create scarves, hats, baby clothes, and to chat and to snack. My friends are all retirees and I feel truly blessed that they ask to come over almost once a week and also I feel blessed, at my age, to be able to meet with friends and join in working on a craft. They know I don't go out anymore. Notice, for lack of "available" elderly, we are

"dipping" into Baby Boomers! Susan manages a yarn shop (and is very handy when I slip a stitch), Diane worked furnishing the embassies in various countries, Liz is a retired 2nd grade teacher, and Janet was just visiting. Barbara (Kimball) Mackey, Class of 1963, sometimes bakes brownies for the group.

I was surprised and delighted to receive a call from Eugenia (Kisley) Kane of Sun City, FL as a result of my article which appeared in the last issue of Lion's Pride. Genie was a lovely friend from our class and, although we lived across Tampa Bay from each other for over 20 years, we never made contact while there. Genie and her husband were avid golfers, as were Peter and I. (For a number of years, Lena (Genetti) Haire, Mary Matley, Helen Taylor, and I were a foursome every weekday at 8:30 a.m. at Nabnassett Lake C.C.). Genie's daughter married a Naval Captain. When he was a Naval Attache in Turkey, Genie and her husband were able to visit them and, just prior to the death of Genie's husband in March 2007, they enjoyed a cruise to England on board the Queen Mary. Unfortunately, Genie's daughter died at age 60. We all extend our sympathy to you, Genie. Ernest, Genie's son, lives in Ocala, FL and another son lives in Williamsburg, VA. She still has her license and is still driving. She enjoys driving her golf cart to the

supermarket across the street from Sun City. Maybe I'll get lucky and another classmate will surprise me with a call before our next issue of the Lion's Pride hits the newsstands.

If anyone from this Class of 1937 is reading this, please call me at 508-265-3353 or e-mail to the address above. I would so love to hear from you. I remember everyone from this class as I have kept track of you (somewhat) all these years. Affectionately, Dot

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It will be summer when you receive your Lion's Pride, and we are looking forward to some warm weather after a very cool and wet spring. Our daughter is here from Portland, Oregon and we've told her she brought the rainy north-west weather with her. Her children are living in Philadelphia and New York City, so she's decided to move east after 30 years on the west coast. Needless to say, we are delighted.

Victor Gaudette would love to hear from classmates. Vic has treatable, but curable cancer. We are sending comforting thoughts your way, Vic.

Lloyd and Muriel (Cole) Laurin live in Davenport, Florida and recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Their three daughters and a niece came down to help them celebrate. Their niece is the daughter of Lloyd's sister Beverly (Laurin) Sykes who passed away in December. We send congratulations on their 60th and condolences to Lloyd and Muriel and their family on the passing of Lloyd's sister.

Betty (Hardy) Jones wrote from the Cape that they decided not to go to Florida this past winter. "We made a quick trip down to visit our son and daughter-in-law who live near Tampa. It was a nice break in a rather long winter, although it wasn't very warm in Florida either!"

Please write or email me if you are interested in having a 65th reunion. My email address is: cs.tewks@frontier.com. Ideas about a date and a place would be most welcome. We'll also need volunteers to help make it happen! The next edition of the Lion's Pride comes out in December 2013. 2014 will be upon us before we know it. Our 65th anniversary year! Until then, take care -Skip

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It's been said that spring has arrived but I'm not sure of that although I have put my portable greenhouse up and removed all my flowers from the basement where I keep them under lights all winter. The problem with doing that is that some types do not survive. I hope by the end of April the weather will become normal instead of what we are dealing with now.

In March, I received an email from Jean Kydd, Bob Kidd's wife, regarding a gathering in Sarasota. It

included a picture of Jim Kerrigan, Jean Kydd, John Stutzman, Lorraine Kerrigan, Herb & Carolyn (Burt) Bennett, Sandy & Dick Hoyle, and Bob Kydd.

Following that, I received an email from Jackie (Sidelinger) Storti regarding the above as follows, "I have on good authority that there was a mini reunion of Chelmsford alumni in the area of Venice, FL in January. Spotted at one of the local restaurants were Dick & Sandie Hoyle, Bob & Jean Kydd, Carolyn (Burt) & Herb Bennett and Jim & Lorraine Kerrigan. Word has it they were having so much fun that they closed the restaurant at the end of the night and made plans for another get-together. So if you see any of the above on a wanted poster, you now know where to find them."

Later to the above information, Jean Kydd sent me another e-mail with picture attached with no names. Since names are required with pictures for Lion's Pride, I emailed Carolyn Burt, as I do frequently, and explained the problem of no names and that I recognized only a few people. Her reply was of the eight people in the picture, Bob Kydd & Carolyn in the front row, I

would not have recognized her, and in the second row Jean Kydd, Donna Rice & Judy (Harrington) Leary. Back row are Herb Bennett, Larry Rice & Ron Taylor. Ron Taylor is a CHS grad, Class of 1955, Judy (Harrington) Leary also a CHS grad, Class of 1960. The picture was taken at a Super Bowl gathering this year at the home of Robert MacAllister, Jean Kydd's brother, who lives in Sarasota. Carolyn thanks for the assistance.

I finally finished transferring information to my computer the family history of the Hartwell family. The purpose was to be able to print different individuals that make up this family without going through the book. Four of my grandfathers (Reed) and their families are part of this book.

A bit of information regarding Chelmsford is that Chelmsford was made from Concord, and Westford was originally part of Chelmsford.

This fall, Judy and I will be making another trip to Vegas and the Palazzo Hotel using the "Prestige" Level. Hope the weather will be as expected. - Jack

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*Front row: Bob Kydd, Carolyn (Burt) Bennett.
Middle row: Jean Kydd, Donna Rice, Judy (Harrington) Leary ('60). Back Row: Herb Bennett, Larry Rice, Ron Taylor ('55).*



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*Front Row, L to R: Jim Kerrigan, Jean Kydd.
Back row, L to R: John Stutzman, Lorraine Kerrigan, Herb and Carolyn [Burt] Bennett, Dick & Sandie Hoyle, Bob Kydd.*



❖ CHS CLASS OF 1952 ❖

60th Annual Class Reunion

60TH REUNION ON THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 15 – 16, 2012



Front row, L to R: Carol (Simm) Greenman, Regis (McEnany) Farnaris, Carol (Stanton) Engel, Gail Littlefield, Carolyn (Reis) Anderson.

Back row, L to R: Nancy (Greenwood) Butler, Kay (McElroy) Friday, Bob Sullivan, Beverly (Bancroft) Winn, Allen Mello, Lorraine (Miller) Gregoire, Mary Ann (Suich) Griffiths, Laura (Pontefract) Burgess, Mary (Egan) Kiernan, Abe Dadian, Jean (Supple) Feehan, John Whitesides, Myrtle (Rose) Atherton, Jim Miner, Jim Gagnon, Ruth (Crowley) Obear, Mike Sousa.



L to R: Jean (Supple) Feehan, Sheila Sullivan.



L to R: Mary Ann (Suich) Griffiths, Laura (Pontefract) Burgess.



L to R: Abe and Lynn Dadian.



Mary (Egan) Kiernan, Beverly (Bancroft) Winn, Regis (McEnany) Farnaris.



L to R: Myrtle (Rose) Atherton, Barbara and Jim Gagnon.



L to R: Ruth (Crowley) Obear, Maggie and Jim Miner, Lorraine (Miller) Gregoire.



L to R: Regis (McEnany) Farnaris, Bob Sullivan, Lorraine (Miller) Gregoire, Jim Miner.



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EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to my error, the reunion article and the accompanying pictures that were submitted didn't

appear in the last Lion's Pride. My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this mistake may have caused. Nancy Williams, Class News Editor.

The Chelmsford High School Class of 1952 held its 60th Reunion on the weekend of September 15 – 16, 2012. On Saturday, the classmates and significant others gathered at the Radisson Hotel in Chelmsford for an afternoon luncheon. This was followed by a Breakfast on Sunday at Stelio's Restaurant in Billerica.

The reunion committee consisted of Mike Sousa, Beverly (Bancroft) Winn, Jim Gagnon, Nancy (Greenwood) Butler, Lorraine (Miller) Gregoire, Carol (Simm) Greenman, and Jean (Supple) Feehan.

The committee would like to thank Jim and Maggie Miner as well as Dr. Fred and Ruth (Crowley) Obeur for providing the reunion photos.

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My fellow classmates: I keep telling you in this column that our class has many very special members. This uniqueness manifested itself over the past several months when our classmate, Louise Sweet, who died March 27, needed help in getting transportation to the multiple medical services she needed. There was no lack of classmate volunteers who stepped forward and donated their time and services to help Louise. Many classes fall apart after graduation, and do not continue their association with other classmates. Not the CHS class of 1953! (We



L to R: Jim Gagnon, Bob Sullivan.



L to R: Allen and Linda Mello.



Mike Sousa, Carolyn (Reis) Anderson.



L to R: Jim and Maggie Miner, Nancy (Greenwood) Butler, Gail Littlefield, Tony Antonowicz.



L to R: Mike Sousa, John Whitesides, Carol (Simm) and George Greenman.



L to R: Linda Mello, Lynn Dadian, Abe Dadian, Mary Ann (Suich) Griffiths, Laura (Pontefract) and George Burgess, Ray Griffiths, Kay (McElroy) Friday (standing).

perhaps can thank Nancy Dziczek for that.) Leola Blott, perhaps Louise Sweet's closest and longest living friend (even pre-school), emailed some of us after Louise's passing and commemorated these unselfish efforts of fellow classmates.

Louise was a registered nurse, who loved outside activities, especially downhill skiing. She is survived by a brother and two sisters and many nieces and nephews. After retiring, Louise volunteered as a guide for the Lowell National Historical Park.

Our initial reunion mailing also brought forth the news from his wife Louise that Dean Haeusler, passed away from heart complications in April a year ago. Dean enjoyed a career as a pilot. Most of us remember Dean, our Class President our Sophomore year, as a heck of a baseball player, who was Co-Captain of the CHS 1953 Varsity Baseball team. I can still hear Dean's almost daily statement our senior year, "Hey, Buzzell, did ja do ya solid?"

REUNION NEWS

1. We are heartened by the response. 35% of you have already committed to the event -- and have paid for your ticket, and in most cases, purchased one for your spouse as well.

2. As of now, 48% of you have indicated your plan to come; again, most with their better-halves.

3. 17% have indicated their inability to come -- with things like distance a problem, a conflict of interest, illness, etc.

4. Our efforts now are geared to working with the remaining 35% and you all will be hearing from us by mail and telephone very soon.

5. Again, remember the very generous offer by one of our classmates to pay, in full, for your and/or your spouse's ticket. Nancy is

handling this for us, please call her at 978-256-9363. You can be assured it will be handled discreetly.

6. Some of you seem to be holding out on paying for your ticket now simply to ensure you will be alive and don't want your estate to be the ticket(s) prices less, should you expire. Reunion team members has discussed this, and we determined that we don't want any "blood money" and that we will return all monies for unused tickets due to the passing of the graduate. Fair enough?

7. Because of the time of our event (11:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm.) Vesper's dress code is smart casual (no coat or tie is required), but absolutely no denim.

8. Our photographer will have portrait print capability on-site at Vesper so you will go home with your pictures! The graduate group picture will be taken at the end of our social hour, prior to our meal. With printing on-site, you will be able to customize your small group pictures which is great. Credit cards will be accepted as payment.

9. Since we will be the only large event at Vesper that day, those of you who are thinking about after-reunion get togethers in a public place, it might be smart to hold them off-site from Vesper, like the Chelmsford Radisson, our base hotel.

CHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

As you all know, my personal goal, as your Class Agent, is get all of us as members of the CHS Alumni Association -- and win us the distinction of the Class of 1953 being the only CHS Class with 100% membership. Dues are \$10.00 a year. For all the good that they do, for both CHS and the town of Chelmsford, it is the best deal in town for what you get for your money. Last year they gave

graduating students headed for college, over \$50,000 in scholarships. I now have our correct life long members list along with the active and inactive lists, and can approach the opportunity with confidence that I am working with solid data. Non-members should expect me to contact you and have your check books ready! Task accomplishment time frame -- 100% by Reunion time.

Last month I listed the 18 classmates who enjoy life membership in CHSAA. Besides them, there are 20 of us who pay \$10.00 annually to be active members: Geraldine (Bancroft) Avila, Manuel Avila, Janet (McEvoy) Bartlett, Brenda (McMaster) Castro, Joan (Cutrumbes) Clement, Jane (Paduch) Davis, Janette (Henkel) Forest, Norma (Dinnegan) Gagnon, Florence (Vickery) Hamilton, Bruce Leach, Joan (McMullen) Kaknes, Dorothy (Eliason) LeBlanc, Lorraine (Collette) Mellen, Stan Pike, Esther (Gagnon) Sawicksch, Helen (Milam) Staverley, Franklin Warren, Roy Zabierek, Beverly (Lydon) Peysner, and Jan (Spurr) Titus.

CLASSMATE SNAPSHOTS

The two Snapshots we present today -- one a fellow to whom nothing was given and he has earned everything he has accomplished -- being employed for the same firm for 51 years -- someone I greatly admire, and think you will, too. The female snapshot person sat in the next row to me in Daisy McBane's English class, can't remember much of the English we were there to learn, but I know I really enjoyed her as my classroom neighbor.

CLASSMATE SNAPSHOT: GUESS WHO?

To the reader: Do you remember a TV show called: "Can You Name This Tune?" Well, we're going to play a version of it with you now called: "Can You Name Your Classmate?"

Read the clues and remember the number of the clue you were on when you guessed his name. It's as simple as that. No cheating by reading ahead! A highly sophisticated and scientific ranking of your performance is provided at the end of this snapshot.

Clue #1: This Classmate is child # 4 in a family of eight, is an Air Force Veteran and has worked in the Waste Management Industry for 51 years.

Clue #2: This Classmate, an avid reader, reads, cover to cover, "Popular Mechanics" and "Popular Science" monthly.

Clue #3: This Classmate almost died at birth - rejecting his mother's milk and all other food attempts by his family -- until one of this father's fellow workers recommended goat's milk - and it worked, although today this classmate prefers Almond Coconut Milk, which serves the same purpose.

Clue #4: This Classmate did not get married until he was 44 and lives now with his wife, Joanie, in a house built by his brother, John, next door to the family's original Chelmsford homestead. Married for 35 years this October, they have one daughter, Jennie, who resides with her husband in Georgia.

Clue #5: This Classmate's mother became a vegetarian (no flesh foods) in 1944 and serves only vegetarian meals at her table. Don't scowl or feel sorry! This Classmate's mother is still alive at 105!

Clue #6: This Classmate is a devout Seventh Day Adventist, serving in the past as Head Elder, Sabbath School and at present as a Deacon. His wife is also active in their church in Dracut by teaching young children in the Saturday afternoon church school.

Clue #7: A senior fellow church member invited this classmate, when he was a teen, to apprentice as a welder at his shop in Tewksbury that repaired heavy farm and commercial equipment. This classmate accepted the challenge -- often commuting by bike to his job when no ride by car was available. He soon found out that "apprenticing" could mean emptying trash cans, sweeping the floors, and even shoveling snow -- but he was also invited to learn on-the-job about real-life welding problems, experience that has proved invaluable to him in his very long career.

Clue #8: This classmate, at 79 years of age, still works for 40 hours/week (sometimes more depending on work requirements) for Republic Disposal in Revere. It seems like there isn't a welding job that he has not seen. The jobs requiring a creative and experienced welder mind, like tool design, wend their way to this man's bench.

Clue #9: This classmate's name is Jim Reiss.

Ranking:

Knew name by Clue #4: Excellent - go to the head of the class.

Knew name by Clue #6: Not bad, you're a keeper!

Needed more than 6 clues: Are you sure you graduated from CHS in 1953?

CLASSMATE SNAPSHOT: JAN (SPURR) TITUS

When asked if she was going to attend October's 60th Class Reunion, Jan replied: "Of course I am going!" "Where else may you enter a large room knowing everyone is glad to see you. And, everyone is telling you how great you look (even though they might not really believe it). She loves visiting with her classmates and hearing their life stories and has

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Jan (Spurr) Titus



attended every reunion held every 5 years since we graduated.

Incidentally, Jan wants to sincerely thank all of those who over the years worked unselfishly to make these events happen. Thank you! Thank you!

Growing up in Chelmsford was a happy time for Jan. She and her two younger brothers were a one parent family as Jan's Dad died in a boating accident when she was 10. Jan's Mom did not drive and the family did not own a car -- so Jan found herself riding her two-wheel bike all over town, feeling safe and unafraid.

After high school Jan studied liberal arts at Colby Junior College for 2 years and completed her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at Lesley College in Cambridge. Prior to her marriage to Jim Titus, son of Dr. Titus of Lowell, she taught 2nd grade in Bedford, MA.

Aside from a short stint in St. Louis, MO, Jan and Jim have lived in Connecticut while Jim built his career at Stanley Tools and Jan raised the family of two girls and a boy, first in Newington, CT, just south of Hartford, and then in Avon (which Jan describes as a cozy, wonderful town) for 33 years where Jan and her family joined the church, and she the

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Jim Reiss and his wife Joan.



Garden Club, Historical Society, and the Library. In 2007 the Avon Natural Resources Commission honored Jan by naming her Citizen of the Year. Both Jan and Jim agree the best thing in Connecticut is the fantastic U-Conn Women's Basketball Team. Not only are they skilled basketball players but also are marvelous young ladies off the court.

Tragedy hit the Titus family in February of 1990 when Jill, their third child, died in an auto accident on the Massachusetts Turnpike as she was returning to grad school in Cambridge where she was studying to be a musical therapist. Jan's only comment about this was: "NO ONE SHOULD LOSE A CHILD!"

When Jan's family dog passed, she joined the Fidelco Guide Dog Association where she trained a German Shepard puppy, Zeal, to become a guide dog for the Blind. Today Zeal is in Boston serving as the eyes for a lady named "Jan." Presently, daughter, Joy, is a teacher and President of her Barber Shop Group in Foxboro, MA. while son, Jim, Jr., is a Securities Trader, residing in West Simsbury CT with

his wife and two daughters. One daughter is studying medicine at Tufts University, so there soon may be another Dr. Titus.

In January of this year Jan and Jim moved to Portsmouth, NH. Jan, who definitely is a people person, is looking forward, once the snow melts and the outside temperature improves, to meeting the fine folks of New Hampshire -- and, too, she'll always feel comfortable at Church, the Library and other community groups that are sure to pop up along the way.

(Agent's note: After our interview luncheon in Rye, NH, Jan gave me \$10.00 for her Chelmsford High School Alumni Association dues. Now with her and Bev (Lydon) Peyser (last edition) on board, I have just 20 inactive graduates to go to reach 100% of our class as CHSAA members.)

AND REMEMBER.....

Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.- Roy

We wish Barbara (Hicks) Calderone a happy and healthy retirement!

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Do you remember where you put your picnic basket? Well it is time to take it out for a glorious summer, after your long snowy winter. Whether taking a walk thru the

woods, mountains, the beach, or just sitting on your back porch, with family or friends, enjoy every minute of it. With a snap of your finger it will soon be Fall.

The Remembrance of Rick---

I was not ready to hear of yet another passing, I was numb. It gets harder and harder with each new passing to dig thru old memories. Classmates will be saddened to learn that our dear classmate and friend Rick of Solvang CA, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 11th, at the age of 76.

Eric William (Rick) Johnson was born on October 15, 1936 in Utica, NY. After graduating from high school, he joined the Air Force with three other classmates. Gerald Greska, Bill Gould, and David Blackadar. They did their basic training at Samson Air Force Base in Geneva, NY in July of 1955. Rick spent eight years serving his country. Three of those years were spent stationed in Spain where Rick participated in the Bugle Corp playing the trumpet. Eventually he was stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Once out of the Air Force, he joined the Army Reserve Unit, based in Santa Barbara where he served for another four years.

Rick married the love of his life, Sharon Madsen in 1967. They have three daughters, Cary, Jennifer, and Susan and also two grandsons, Ethan and Clayton.

His celebration of life was held on Saturday, February 16th at Bethania Lutheran Church. There was no end to his active volunteer work. Rick was an active member of the Danish Brotherhood, The American Legion and the Solvang Volunteer Fire Department, in which he served for over twenty years. He enjoyed woodworking and making crafts for Sharon to paint. Fishing was his

second love; he and Sharon made several trips in their R.V. to their favorite fishing spot in the Sierras.

Speaking of their R.V., Rick and Sharon attended many R.V. Rallies and went across our beautiful country, up, down, and across including Alaska. I recall one of the cross country trips was to our 45th Reunion in 2000 with David and Pat (Sorbo) Carlson. Of course each in their own R.V. That was a fun trip, again up, down and across.

Tom and Barbara Bovill recall a trip to CA to visit with Tom's sister in May of 2007. They took a day to drive to Solvang to visit with Rick and Sharon. Barbara remembers that while Tom was driving, she was on the cell phone talking to Rick. The closer they got to their house, Rick said what color is your car? As they were driving down their street, Rick and Sharon were both on their porch waving and Rick said (talking on the cell) "I can see you guys!" They all had a good laugh and after many hugs, they went out to lunch, gambled at a casino and had a wonderful visit. Tom enjoyed talking and catching up with Rick.

The last time I saw Rick was in 2007. Again they had traveled across country from CA in their R.V. They stayed a few days with Tom and Barbara Bovill in town and parked in their driveway. We had a gathering of nine of the gang, at our old hang out SKIP'S, sharing warm fuzzy feelings!

Rick was our Class Treasurer in our Sophomore Year 1953, so long ago. The Yearbook Highlights: "Bill" --- one of the Blue speed demons --- was president and film breaker in the Lamplighters --- pals with Tommy (Tom Bovill) and Ronnie (Ron Taylor) --- heartbreaker with the girls --- a former New Yorker. In our Class Will, he left his charm with the girls to George Morton.

Rick --- you will be missed dearly, you had a genuine smile and an open heart. He was a great Christian and a faithful email buddy to Tom, Barbara and me. Time will soften the pain, grief will pass, and our love will last. Rick is in a better place --- now as a young boy fishing at his favorite spot, catching the big one. Thank you for being our friend.

School Mates Reunite---

We did it again! All 15 Classmates including spouses enjoyed a fantastic time for our 8th Annual Florida Reunion, held at Bob '50 and Charlotte (Dinnigan) '51 White's beautiful home in Lady Lake FL on March 7th. We enjoyed a feast of Steaks and Chicken on the grill along with all the "fixins". Bob surprised us all, by presenting a cake that was decorated, C.H.S. LIONS. We were very pleased to have four more mates join us. They were Roberta (Mortali) '60 McGovern and her husband Bud McGovern (Class of '57 Keith Academy). Also Judy (Philbrook) '56 Fennell and her husband Henry Fennell (Class of '58 Lowell Trade). Both couples live in Lady Lake FL which is in the area of The Villages. The rest of the mates were Betty (Lee Morrison) Butler of Orlando, Chuck and Joan McCarthy of Davenport, Eileen (Harrington) Collomb of St Augustine, Barbara (White) '56 Costello, of Port Orange, all of Florida. Also joining us were Ron Taylor and Judy (Harrington) '60 Leary, vacationing in Sarasota, FL. Also in attendance were Chuck and me, Marie (LaHaise) Duncklee of St Augustine. On behalf of all those who attended, we want to thank Bob and Charlotte for being such gracious hosts. They worked very hard to pull off a fantastic time. For those who could not attend, we missed you---Maybe next year?! Don't forget to view the photos of us young folks.



Chuck and Marie Duncklee, Larry and Pati Litchfield.



Linda Patton's Bench



Rick Johnson, Barbara and Tom Boville at Skip's.



Rick Johnson on one of his fishing trips.



*Bud and Roberta (Mortali) McGovern,
Judy (Philbrook) and Henry Fennell.*



*Chuck McCarthy and Marie (LaHaise)
Duncklee.*



*Chuck and Joan McCarthy and Barbara
(White) Costello.*



*Betty (Morrison) Butler, Ron Taylor, Judy
(Harrington) Leary*



*Chuck Duncklee, Eileen (Harrington)
Collomb, Charlotte (Dinnigan) and Bob
White.*

Florida reunion Mates will be saddened to learn that John (Jack) Scaplen's '59, wife Patricia (Dunlavey) Scaplen '60, of Daytona FL and North Chelmsford. Passed away on April 1st. Our deepest sympathy goes out to him and their family.

Out-n-about---

This past winter, I received a nice note from Ken Carter. He and his wife Ann live in Charlotte ME. Ken (Pin Ball) was glad to receive photos of our 8th with Betty and the Whites. He said he knew them all in his childhood growing up. Also said to say hello to them. Ken went to the Princeton Street School with Betty. Now in its place is the North Chelmsford Fire Department. In March, Dan and Bonnie Pushee of Crystal River FL, flew out to L.A. To embark on a two week cruise on the Princess Cruise Line. They cruised to four different Hawaiian Islands. It was to celebrate Bonnie's Birthday and their one year wedding anniversary. Danny is so thrilled to have a great grandson, his grandson who lives in Maynard MA. is the proud dad and Dan's oldest son who lives in Orange MA is the grandfather. Dan also had a visit from his grandson who lives in Kansas. He was traveling with his high school band, to perform in Orlando.

Flying the friendly skies was Eileen (Harrington) Collomb, of St. Augustine, FL. For Christmas she flew out to CO to spend the holidays with her daughter Rene, her husband Matt and the grandchildren, Cooper and Owen. She said it was soooooo fun to see Christmas through the eyes of a three and a six year old. Then the day after our 8th she flew up to DC to attend a wedding for her niece Mary. Her younger brother's John ('66) Harrington's, of Londonderry, NH, daughter. Eileen's two sons Chuck and Tom

attended. They live in Baltimore MD. Also attending was her brother Bob, retired and living in OR. It was like a fun family reunion. There is even more - Eileen flew out to CO again at Easter time, wow, she is a very busy lady. She loves being on the greens and is tournament chair for her group at St Augustine Shores Golf Club.

A few months ago, Linda Patton, of Tallahassee FL, was honored by the Apalachee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association with a bench placed on the hiking trail that she built and maintains. It is located in Elinor-Klapp-Phipps Park in Tallahassee. When walking the trail, you can't miss the bench with its inscription, 'Linda's Lagoon.' The accompanying picture was taken before the addition of a plaque showing that the bench was donated by her Chapter.

Out-in-about---

Received a nice welcomed note from Ron Thayer, of Oakland CA. He says his life is pretty quiet. Last summer he drove down to Santa Barbara, which is a really nice place. While in the area he stopped in Solvang to say hello to Rick Johnson and was sorry he missed him. Ron assumed he was out traveling with his mobile home. He doesn't have anyone in Chelmsford to visit anymore, as his folks are gone and his brothers (Richard '58 and William '65) live in FL and Montreal. They sold the house on North Road a few years ago, he hated to see it go. Ron retired from his main job in 2000 and took a year off, but he was bored silly. He said you can only play so much golf, even though he loves his golf. Took a new job with Dollar Rent A Car and is still with them, but says this will be his last year, as he said he is getting older and it's time to stop working. Ron celebrated his 75th on February 1st with family and friends. He has 3

children, 5 grandsons and 2 great grandsons. His favorite vacation was a trip across the country with his son. Ron said to give his best regards to all the classmates that we all see. Do you remember that he was our class Vice President?

Around-n-about---

This past January, Larry and Pati Litchfield of Laconia NH drove down to FL to visit with his sister, Debbie and her husband. They live in a wonderful new community called Nocatee in Ponte Vedra FL in St John's County south of Jacksonville. While there, Larry and Pati drove down to St Augustine to visit with Chuck and me for the day. It is always great to have someone visit us from the North. After their visit, they headed back home go skiing and keep busy remodeling their restaurant 'Sawyers' in Gilford. They had a great NASCAR visit with the Tony Stewart Team in NC. They could not make it back to Daytona for the 500 to which they were invited. Pati will begin to make ice cream in April for their opening in May. Anyway if you're in the Lakes Region and want some great ice cream, stop by to visit with Larry and Pati. Yum yum.

75th Birthday Celebrations---

Celebrating their 75th from January through April, were Linda Patton of Tallahassee FL, Ron Thayer, of Oakland CA, GiGi Gertrude (Long) Kelleher of Wilmington DE, Judy (Fisher) Chandonnet of Hampstead NH, Prue (Pouliot) McBride, of Cordova TN, Edrene (Gunther) Lobas of W. Harwich MA, Pat (Elliott) Bernard of Chelmsford MA and Elaine (Dusseault) Mongeau, of Naples FL.

New Digs---

Carol Abrahamson Bovill has moved from Meredith NH to Center Harbor NH. Her two sons David and Bruce are even closer to her.

They both live in Moultonborough NH. A reminder if you are moving and have new phone number or email, please let me know. We need to keep our class roll updated.

Tid-Bits---

Over Easter, Dick and Pricilla Burtt flew out to CO to spend time with their son Rick ('91) and his family. This past winter Betty (Morrison) Butler of Orlando FL drove down to Hollywood FL to spend a few days with friends. She keeps busy attending dances in the area. Carole Simpson of Largo FL still enjoys kayaking. In February, Dottie (Tassios) Zahos bumped into Hazel (Parks) Thompson, both of Westford. They had a nice long talk. Don and Dottie Clement enjoyed their winter in Vero Beach FL. Got some great emails from Bob McEvoy of Westford MA, Prue (Pouliot) McBride of Cordova TN, Bill Vennard of Columbia MD, Randy Hoyle of Napa CA, Carol (French) Miller of Hudson NH, GiGi (Long) Kelleher of Wilmington DE, and Ann (Dale) Davis of Chelmsford. No news, but all said to say hello to their mates. Had a nice phone visit with Gertrude (Smith) Allaby of Lowell. She is busy with her family and loves going for walks. Talked to Bunny and Earl Guilmette; he was enjoying Mud season. In New England it is the fifth season in between winter and spring. He also went over to visit Jerry Greska where he bumped into Carol Miller. It was a rainy day and she said you can't go on a sunny day because Jerry is out on the golf course. She said Jerry is doing well and is as crazy as ever. Also had a nice talk with Pat (Elliott) Bernard. She said Barney and she are doing well. Barney is still active playing tennis two or three times a week. Pat has joined the Westford Senior Center Band. She is enjoying rehearsing for various performances. The Band performs at local Nursing Homes, Senior

Centers, and local Farmers' Markets. I received a very welcomed email in April from David Blackadar; he had just retired and believes that he was the oldest serving ICU Nurse in the great State of Texas. David and his wife Margie live in Marshall TX. He says best to all.

Till next time--- Happy 4th of July. Be happy, safe and well! – Marie

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Again I must start out with another classmate who has passed away. Shirley (Quinten) Wainwright died last year and we just found out. Our sympathy to her family. Our sympathy also to Dick Gauthier and his sons on the death of Dick's wife Carole, Bev (Bissonette) Conway on the death of her mother, and Connie (Grondine) Mullen who lost her younger brother.

We had a crisis of our own when Wayne suffered a heart attack in church on Easter Sunday. He was zapped several times and 25 minutes later he was in the operating room where they put in a stent. One hour

later he was eating a tuna sandwich and doing great, thanks to the prayers of the whole church and some very special people. The Breakfast Group is still going strong and we welcome any classmates to attend. We gather on the second Saturday of every month.

Berta (Jones) Erickson has retired from the school committee in Groton after many productive years.

Beth (Simpson) McHugh and Ann Marie (Schlstedt) Winkowski had taken up bowling and I join them when I can. They're pretty good I am the "gutter ball queen!"

George Zaharoolis has been honored by the Greek community by being named Greek Independence Day Man of the Year. George is credited with many years of working with the children's sports groups and as well as volunteering with dozens of cultural and veterans' organizations. He is on WCAP radio where he is half of a weekly program "J Mac and the Bear" (George is the Bear half) where they discuss local and national politics. We're proud to call him a classmate!

It's difficult to get everyone together Beth (Simpson) McHugh, Kay (Morrow) Stidsen, Helen (Popplewell) Hanafin, Ann Marie (Schlstedt) Winkowski, and I went to a play in Concord and also enjoyed a few shopping trips. Hopefully now with good weather, we'll be out and about more often!

Please send me your news!!
Sandy

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Hi all, I'm back!! And spring is here and the flowers are popping up all over the place.

When you read this our 55th Class Reunion will be just a memory. Plans are made, returns are coming in and it looks like we will have a good turnout. I will tell you all about it in the next issue!!!

In the last Lions Pride I spoke about one of my favorite teachers, Mrs. Mooney. I received the nicest note back from her niece thanking me for the kind words. No one deserves those words more than Mrs. Mooney. Great teacher and great lady!!!

As many of you may know Fred Gleason from our class was inducted into the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame. It was a great night. I haven't been to the induction for several years and I was very impressed. It was truly amazing to hear of the accomplishments of the inductees. They all gave very impressive acceptances and it was great fun. As usual Mr. Simonian was the emcee and did a wonderful job. Fred's widow, Mary, accepted for Fred and did a great job. I cannot imagine how difficult that was for Mary but she handled it wonderfully. Several of our classmates attended, Bob and Lee Gagnon, Ron and Val (Broscombe) Bell, Jim and Ruth Sousa, Jim Nicodemos, Bill Deselle, Judy (Cullen) Thompson, Peter Vennard and of course, me.

At the reception beforehand I saw so many CHS alumni that I hadn't seen for years. What great fun to talk to some who I see occasionally around town and some who were classmates of my sisters and some who were classmates of my kids!!! Spent some time talking to one of my daughter Betsy's childhood friends, Becky Warren. It was great fun talking to Becky about when she and Betsy were little.

Hope that this writing finds you all healthy. I just got out of rehab for a total knee replacement. They will be coming here tomorrow to do Physical Therapy also known as "Torture Time!". The PT hurts like the blazes but I intend to enjoy the 55th Class Reunion. Bob Gagnon had a stroke and is back full force (can't keep a good man down) although he did have a few setbacks and Diane (Archer) Chaney had her appendix out. It happened just before the Induction Night so Diane couldn't join us. No more health news which means "no news is good news!!"

That's all for now. Please send me some news so I can let our class know what's happening in your lives!

'Til next time. Stay healthy, keep safe and enjoy life!! -Martha

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Hi classmates - It is with sadness that I report that Dennis Ready has lost his father; our hearts and sympathies go out to Dennis and his family. We are also saddened to hear that Estelle Grondine has lost a brother, Ed ('69). Our deepest sympathy goes out to Estelle and her family. Estelle, who worked for her husband's construction company for many years and whose sons run the business, is retired, still living in town, and wants to be remembered to Marilyn Harper. Sympathies also to Arthur Kirk who lost his mother due to illness. It is hard to believe that she was two weeks away from being 100 years old; our prayers go out to Arthur and his wife Anne and the rest of their family. We also lost Pat (Dunlavy) Scaplen from our class. Pat was always involved with our class reunions. She will be missed by her family and friends. Our thoughts are with the Scaplen family.

In other news - about nine months ago I heard from Jimmy Cossette who called and wanted to know how our 50th class reunion went. I met with him at Princeton Station and told him that it went great. He told me that he could not attend because he was going through some difficult times. He was sorry he missed it but things are better now and he's living in outside of Manchester NH with one of his sons. He is looking forward to our next reunion together (our 55th!).

Talked with Gwen Spinazolla and she and family are still living in Tyngsboro and having a good life.

And yes, I have hung up the "keys to the bus" after 48 years (43 years

driving Chelmsford children).

As I now have nothing to do, I want to let you know you can send any news of interest. Sorry I don't have e-mail or Facebook but you can call me at 978-251-8257 or write to me at 8 Sheila Ave., Apt. 203, North Chelmsford, MA 01863. Looking forward to hearing from any of you - until next time keep on rolling.
-Jim Gifford

Roberta (Mortali) McGovern is looking for a Yearbook to replace hers which was lost when she moved!

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Our sympathies and thoughts to Dave Philbrook, who lost his beloved wife Mary in March.

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I hope this beautiful spring is finding you well.

The class of '62 extends our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Dorothy Sexton, our class advisor, on her death last month.

We also express our sorrow at the passing of Ed Walker's mother. It is so hard to lose a parent and your last connection to your childhood.

The last letter I had from Ed said that, sadly, he missed our last reunion because he didn't receive the invitation. It's always great to see him so I'm really sorry that he

was inadvertently missed when the invitations went out. I do hope we can connect when we have our next gathering.

Please send me any news you may have so I can share it with classmates and remember, if you're ever in Wells, the door is always open!

-Laura Masson

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REUNION NEWS!!

The Chelmsford High School Class of 1963 will hold a 50th Reunion Celebration over the weekend of August 9-11, 2013. Events will include a Pizza Party Friday evening, a 50th Reunion Celebration on Saturday evening, and a Brunch on Sunday. Information on all events can be obtained from Cindy Picken Brown: 603-527-3528 or cindybrownnh@metrocast.net, or 494 Shore Drive, Laconia, NH 03246.

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REUNION NEWS!!

It's amazing, but our 50th Reunion is just around the corner. As I hear of plans I'll be sure to pass them along. Please, remember to check in on www.chsalumni.org regularly for both news of our Reunion and other goings-on of the Chelmsford High community. Check it out, just for

fun! Write a blog entry. Give it a try!

The Class of '64 will be saddened to learn of the death of Robert "Mickey" McGuire this spring. We express our condolences to his entire family.

Ronald Wikander currently serves as an Anglican Priest. He lives in Georgia with his wife, Diane. CHSAA thanks Ronald for becoming a lifetime member.

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The following synopsis was based on an article written by Joan Demirgian which appeared in the January 28, 2010 issue of "Chagrin Valley Times." The original article was submitted by Jim's brother Ray McEnaney, ('60).

It's never too late to tell about an uplifting event. In 1969 Jim McEnaney was hurt very badly in a rocket attack on his barracks at the beginning of the Tet Offensive in Chu Lai, Viet Nam. Having survived extremely serious injuries, Jim was assigned to a hospital in Japan to continue his recovery. During that time his father passed away, and Jim came home. Senator Kennedy arranged for him not to have to go back to the hospital in Japan, and Jim was allowed to finish his recuperation and his military career at Fort Devens. The Purple Heart that Jim earned and received was probably pinned to his sheets at the hospital and was eventually lost. Efforts to have it replaced shortly after his return bore no fruit. But finally, following a concerted effort by his

wife Laramie and her sister, Jim received the certificate on Christmas of 2009 . . . a total surprise! On January 19, 2010, surrounded by his family, Jim received the actual Purple Heart from Senator John Kerry in Kerry's Boston office. Jim received accolades not only from his family but, later, from friends as well, back in his current home of Chagrin Falls OH, a small town in the Chagrin Valley near Cleveland. Congratulations Jim, and thank you for your service!

Sheila (Normile) Mahr '65, widow of Steve Mahr '64, passed away on Friday, May 3 of breast cancer. She will be buried with her late husband in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mary Irene (Vaillancourt) Smith lives in Westford with her husband, Robert '65. Mary is retired and enjoys reading, gardening and spending time with her five grandchildren. CHSAA thanks Mary for signing up as a lifetime member.

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Neil MacLeod is currently retired and living with his wife, Joan, in Gainesville FL. CHSAA thanks Neil for becoming a lifetime member.

Congratulations to Joan (Dowd) Monahan on her retirement from Pitney Bowes, where she was the first woman in the country to be hired as a service representative!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to my error, the pictures accompanying the reunion article which your co-class agent Della Coffin sent to me, didn't appear in the last issue of the Lion's Pride. I have submitted the article again, in its entirety, this time with the pictures!! My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this mistake may have caused.

Nancy Williams, Class News editor.

Only one week has passed since the hurricane, superstorm Sandy hit the northeast coast. As I begin to write this article, I think of those who were severely affected, some still without power in NY and NJ, and are trying to rebuild their lives. Others will not have power until after Thanksgiving. For the second year in a row, Mother Nature has shown New England her wrath!

On Saturday, October 6, 2012, our 45th class reunion was held at the Princeton Station in North Chelmsford. We enjoyed a turkey and ham buffet with all the "fixin's," fresh fruit, and salad. Attendance was lower than our 40th reunion, but we had a great time and were still there until midnight.

Hans Fyten came up from CT and it was the first reunion he has attended. It was great to see Hans after 45 years. We really appreciate those who drive from out of state, and especially

❖ CHS CLASS OF 1967 ❖

45th Annual Class Reunion

OCTOBER 6, 2012



L to R: Elaine (Johnson) Kydd, Mary Dunlavey, Ralph Simpson (standing), Linda (Coyle) Doak, Agnes (Palmer) Leonard, Pam (Perham) Sides, Brenda (Hoyt) Soubosky.



Front Row, L to R: Della (Wickens) Coffin, Roger Dean, Lili Maselli. Back Row, L to R: Eileen (Grunwald) Sousa, Joanne (McIntosh) Davidson.



L to R: Larry Richardson, Steve Mann, Doreen (Brouillette) Barkdoll, Gene Fantozzi, Kathi (Henry) Woods, Lisa Carr.



L to R: Barbara and Bill Boyd, Judy (Jangraw) Cowgill, Cheryl (Ferretti) DiGironimo.



L to R: Debbie (McSheehy) Sommer, Tom Firth, Joanne (McIntosh) Davidson.



Front Row, L to R: George and Lynda (Berton) Bucknell. Back Row, L to R: Donna (Rondeau) and Ken Shaw.



L to R: Jim and Eileen (Grunewald) Sousa.



L to R: Marlis and Roger Dean.



L to R: Lili Maselli, Marlis Dean, Joanne (McIntosh) Davidson.



L to R: "The Three Amigos!" Steve Mann, Gerry Cowgill, Bill Boyd.



L to R: Jay and Paula Meere.



L to R: Hans Fyten, Mike Martino.

those classmates who bear the cost of airfare and hotels to come to our reunions. George and Linda (Berton) Bucknell came from CA, Debbie (McSheehy) Sommer from KS, Doreen (Brouillette) Barkdoll from FL, Bill and Barbara Boyd, and Steve Mann from TN.

Roger and Marlis Dean came up from VA for a very full and meaningful weekend. On Friday, October 5th, a memorial service was held for Roger's brother Alan. Many of Alan's co-workers, neighbors, and friends came to his memorial service to honor him. (John) Alan was a CHS graduate from the class of 1970, and he passed away in March of 2012 after battling cancer. He is surely missed.

Roger and Marlis also celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on October 5. Congratulations to a great couple!

We have a photo page of our reunion for you to enjoy. Unfortunately, we were unable to get pictures of Janice (Henry) and Alan Mistler, Paulette Grout, Bill and Sue McEnaney, and Patti LaBrecque, who attended the reunion. Sadly, Dennis Phillips passed away on September 29th, and on October 25th, Mary (Reed) Price passed away, both of them losing their battles with cancer. Our sympathy is extended to their families and friends for their loss. As we grow older, the years are becoming more precious.

My sincere thanks to Eileen (Grunewald) Sousa for her help with the reunion. It is a big task, and her help and support were so appreciated. In 2016, we will begin planning the "Golden 50th" reunion and are looking for volunteers for a larger committee to plan the best reunion ever! Hope to see you there.

Della (Wickens) Coffin

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News from Martha (Damon) O'Neil via Sandy Johnston: "After 30 years as a music educator, both in New Hampshire and Nevada – I will be retiring at the end of this school year. Over the course of that time I taught high school and middle school choir and band, jazz band and drum line, with a little marching band thrown in for good measure. For the past 4 years I have been a project director for a U.S. Dept. of Education grant bringing professional development in arts integration to teachers from six Title 1 schools in our district. The

grant is coming to a close as is this part of my life. I'm also completing 8 years serving on the executive board of NAME, the National Association for Music Education.

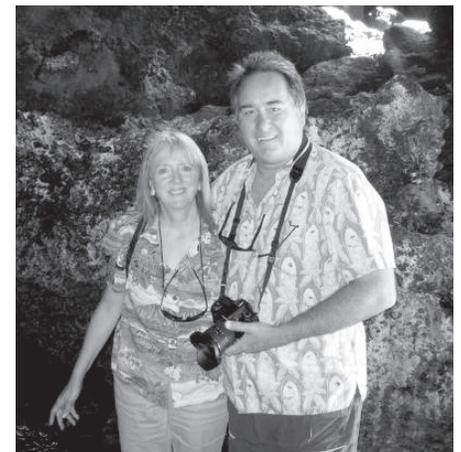
I'm planning on doing some adjudicating of band festivals in NV, CA, and FL and hope to make it back to Boston for a few Red Sox games!

Life has been good to me – thanks to my own music teachers – from Miss Nightingale and Mr. DeJesus to Mrs. Miller, Don Enis and Frank Page, whose student teacher when we were seniors - Peter Sexauer - went on to teach at CHS.

Anyway – that's my story. My husband Rick and I are working on re-modeling the only home we've ever owned. We figure it will continue to be our home for a very long time. Nevada is still a great place to live. We take vacations in Napa Valley and Hawaii when we can. I attached a photo from our last trip to Maui.

Soon I'll be visiting Cheryl LaBrecque in San Francisco and we're hoping to take a drive to Santa Cruz to see Rick Danforth. I'll try to get a photo of the 3 of us to send you. Take care, - Martha

Martha (Damon) and Rick O'Neil on a recent trip to Maui.



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Laurie Gullion is a professor at the University of New Hampshire and is a new member of CHSAA. She lives in Deerfield, NH with her husband Bruce.

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Congratulations to Lynn (Mercier) Marcella on being named a Finalist in the Enterprise Bank Celebration of Excellence in the category of "Community Service".

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Mike and Sheryl Goguen will soon have a 4th grandchild!

John Woods reports he is just one of the struggling multitude raising two teens. Still waiting for his 15 minutes of fame!

Larry Spiller spent a chunk of the past year working in Alaska.

Dave and Patti Fielding continue to support the Bruins and the Bowls of Hope as well as the Woodcrest Condominium Fire Relief Group

Sandy Spence still plays a little music and sadly, announced the closing of Chelmsford's Town And Country Store on Old Westford Rd this past winter.

Ed. note: The "For Sale" sign is down. If it has been sold, wouldn't it be wonderful if it reopens in time for summer?

Sheryl Dumont's Animal care business continues to do very well

Raymond E. Mercier III - ("Ray") passed away suddenly on Easter Sunday, March 31st. He is very much missed by his family and many friends.- Mike

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Congratulations to Roberta (Mercier) Abodeely on being inducted into the CHSAA Hall of Fame. More kudos to "Robin" for being named one of the "25 Extraordinary Women of Nashua" as well! She is a nurse living in Nashua, NH. CHSAA thanks Robin for becoming a lifetime member.

Sheila (Kelly) Vaughn is the General Manager at the Glenview Restaurant in North Chelmsford.

News from Kathy Villare via Karen Clement.

Law school TV show wins Gracie Award. "Heroes for My Daughter," a Massachusetts School of Law television program, has been honored with a 2013 Gracie Award, presented by the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Alliance for Women in Media (formerly known as The Foundation of American Women in Radio & Television). The show, which was part of the Massachusetts School of Law Education Forum, was recognized in the Outstanding Talk Show-Entertainment/Information category. The Andover law school's Education Forum is regularly broadcast on Comcast SportsNet on Sunday mornings. It is the longest running television program in the country produced in its entirety by a law school: 17 years and counting. Established in 1975, the Gracies recognize exemplary programming created for, by, and about women, as well as honoring individuals who have made contributions to the industry. The winners will be

presented with their Gracie statues at an industry luncheon in June. Massachusetts School of Law director of new media Kathryn Villare, will accept the award. Villare assisted with production, direction, and editing of the award-winning show. "Heroes for My Daughter" was originally broadcast on Sept. 16, 2012. In the show, New York Times best-selling author Brad Meltzer discusses the list of individuals in his book, "Heroes for My Daughter," including Alex Scott and her ongoing legacy; Eleanor Roosevelt; Susan B. Anthony; Theodore Roosevelt; and Hannah Senesh. Other parents also discuss the individuals they would choose as heroes for their daughters.

Congratulations Kathy, and thank you for this informative piece.

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Jim Hopkins and his wife Terri traveled to Italy in April, staying two weeks with their daughter Tess who is studying abroad in Italy. Also traveling with them was their oldest daughter Ashley.

Charlie Chigas and Priscilla Clements were married April 14th, 2013, in Savannah, Georgia at the Henry Ford Plantation. Charlie lives in New York City and is Managing Director at Natixis Securities Americas LLC.

2013 EWC Golf Tournament will be held June 28th at the Overlook Golf Course in Hollis NH.

In March, Suzy and I, Ken D'Amato and his wife Melissa, Kerry Sullivan and girlfriend Terry spent a weekend

skiing at Jay peak. The conditions were spring like, which is rare for Jay in March.

Ken D'Amato and Dave Berndt attended the 2013 Hall of Fame Dinner. Dave's brother Jim is a 2013 Hall of Fame Inductee. - Mike

Steve Woodlock is Director of Business Development at Price Waterhouse Coopers.

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Anne (Robinson) Monterosso earned her Ed.S in Educational Leadership from Marshall University in May. She is also delighted to report both kids are now out of the house – one in college and one employed! Anne has been a national board certified teacher since 2000.

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Janice (Mullen) Ryan is a new member of CHSAA. She is employed as an accountant and lives in Westford with her husband, Bill.

CLASS OF 1978 -

Wedding of Priscilla Clements and Charlie Chigas on April 14, 2013.



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We were happy to receive the following note from Mehmed Ali: "Welcome to 2013! I wish that you had a wonderful year past. First and most important update: Lom is

CLASS OF 1978 - FUN TIMES AT JAY PEAK.

Michael and Suzy Donigan, Ken and Melissa D'Amato, and Kerry and Terry Sullivan.



doing great and is as dynamic as an 11 year-old could be. She traveled quite a bit last summer including to ME, PA, and VA, and is having a very active school year as well. Girl Scouts, music lessons, and after class activities are making the weeks fly fast. I was home for much of October this past fall and I had quite a time with her and my other family and friends.

One friend that I hoped to see during my trip back was Dr. Patrick J. Mogan but his ill health prevented a visit. I was sad to hear of Pat's recent passing but I also know that he had a "good run" and was ever vibrant for a vast majority of his 94 years. Pat Mogan was the fountainhead for so many ideas that have worked their way into the conscious identity of the city. When others were leaving Lowell and declaring it a lost cause, Pat arrived to declare all of our supposedly negative attributes as community assets. While so many successes in the city are group efforts, there would be no National Park in Lowell

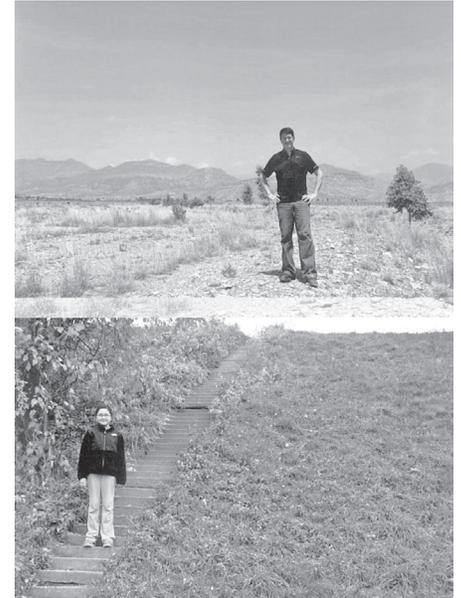
if not for his singular persistent efforts. Over the years, we have benefited from having our very own oracle on hand to advise us and guide us and he will be missed.

As you may have heard, I have taken a new position and am currently working in Afghanistan. I departed Baghdad last April leaving behind wonderful memories, a few accomplishments, and many good friends. I am currently working for the Embassy and am posted at a U.S. military installation in Khost province along the Pakistan border. This place is one of the "hot zones" with people coming across the mountain passes, doing bad stuff, and then heading back over to the other side. We've had a few trying moments here but we are focused on overcoming the security concerns and working with the Afghan people to help integrate them back into the world community.

I'm busy overseeing several programs which include initiatives in improving education, road

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Top of picture: Mehmed Ali in Khost, Afghanistan, with, bottom of picture, daughter Lom.



infrastructure, municipal management, and economic development. We travel around quite a bit and the lack of modernization is striking. But what is missed in new technology is made up for by an incomparable natural environment largely unscarred by humans. Everywhere we go I realize the mountains provide a beautiful backdrop for generating a sense of tranquility . . . may this feeling spread far and wide. This year's photo connects to this ideal and highlights the allure of our landscape with me in Khost and Lom in front of Lowell's "grand peak" - Christian Hill.

I'm intending to stay in Afghanistan for another six months or so and then move off to my next endeavor. I hope 2013 is a year of real and lasting peace for everyone here and back home. Signing off for now and until we meet again, best wishes!
- Mehmed Ali

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CLASS REUNION!!

The Class of 1993 20th Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 10, 2013, at 7:00 pm. Reminisce with friends while enjoying locally crafted beer, wine, and appetizers at Lowell Beer Works (203 Cabot Street, Lowell, MA 01854). Tickets are only \$25 and include one complimentary drink. Cash bar will also be available. Purchase tickets via credit card directly at <http://chslions1993.brownpapertickets.com/> or, if you'd prefer to pay by check, contact class agent Tracy Sullivan via email at chslions1993@gmail.com. Please RSVP early so we can provide the restaurant with an accurate headcount a few weeks in advance.
- Tracy

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Karen (Rafferty) Keighley finally unpacked boxes that have been moved across the country 4 times.

She uncovered her Chelmsford High banner, McCarthy Middle school yearbooks (x3) and sweet plastic charm necklace circa 1989. She loves living back near the motherland of Chelmsford and will never take Dunkin Donuts for granted again after being deprived of it for 3 years on the left coast. She hopes to see everyone for the next reunion (20th, who's game?) and hopes by that time she uncovers her CHS paw but isn't holding her breath. -Katie

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Congratulations to the newest addition to our CHS Alumni Authors' Corner in the CHS Learning Commons, Geoff Jarok, on the publication of his new novel, Cubicle Envy!

Geoff writes: Cubicle Envy is a novel about office friendship, company loyalty, and rogue accountants. It took place in Massachusetts during the recent recession and focused on how the frustrations of employees mixed with the concerns of management in a global company. That atmosphere came with some laughs and some hard lessons about the corporate world. The book is available now on all e-reader brands. Folks can contact me if they want a paperback at gjarok@comcast.net. I'm hoping to sell a million, but if it's just a laugh and a lesson to a few old friends, that's alright too. I have written a draft to a second novel as well, but hope to soon return to the international business world where cubicles live in captivity.

The Sexauer family welcomed Nora Ann Sexauer on November 5, 2012. Congratulations to Matt, Kate, and big sister Abbie! Matt is currently pursuing a master's degree in instrumental conducting through the American Band College of Sam Houston State University in Ashland, OR.

Sending our congratulations to Jeremy Davis, who recently checked in about his most recent publication. "Last month, my third book, Lost Ski Areas of the Southern Adirondacks won the prestigious Skade Award, for outstanding regional ski history, from the International Ski History Association. I was able to attend their Skiing Heritage week in Vail, CO for the award. It was an honor to be there." - Jess

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Jennifer (Harrington) Poor (class of 1997) and her husband, Jason Poor (class of 1998) are pleased to announce the birth of their baby girl, Myla. She was born on January 17, 2013 at 5:32 am. Myla weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. - Jen

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Kathryn (Dowling) DeVito earned her CAGS from Fitchburg State University and is teaching 5th grade at McCarthy Middle School in Chelmsford.

CLASS OF 1997 -

Myla Poor, born on January 17, 2013



CLASS OF 1999

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Joseph Eskenas is a new member of CHSAA. He works as a quality control analyst and resides in Chelmsford.

CLASS OF 2000

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Congratulations to Kristina (Baraldi) Malnati and her husband, Erik, on the birth of their twins on January 14, 2013. Mason O'Neill was born at 9:21a.m., weighing 6 lbs 12 ounces and measuring 18.75 inches long, while Isabella Claire was born one minute later, weighing 5 lbs 2 ounces and measuring 17 inches long. They were born at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, MA. The Malnati family lives in East Bridgewater, MA.

Rebecca Rowlands and Peter Sylvain (both '00) welcomed Thomas Howard Sylvain on February 23, 2013, at Lowell General Hospital. He was 8 lbs 13 ounces and 21 inches long at birth. He was named

for his paternal and maternal great-grandfathers. Becky, Pete and Toby reside in Lowell, along with their cat, Gordito Sinatra.

Dan Cohen and his wife, Caroline, are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Ella Madeleine, born on November 23, 2012 at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, NY. Ella weighed 8 lbs 15 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. Their first daughter, Sophie Marie, was born on February 24, 2011. The Cohen family lives in Chelmsford, MA.

Amanda (Costa) Schmidtberg and her husband, Erik, welcomed their first son, Caleb Aidan, on March 7, 2013 at 4:47a.m. He was born at Emerson Hospital in Concord, MA, weighed 7 lbs 14.5 ounces and was 22 inches long. The Schmidtberg family lives in Ayer, MA.

Tim Callahan and his wife, Kelly Latina Callahan ('03), are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Anya Kelly, born March 11, 2013 at Heywood Hospital in Gardner, MA. Anya weighed 7 lbs 3 ounces and was 20.5 inches long upon arrival. The Callahan family lives in Leominster, MA.

Congratulations to Sarah (Ellsworth) Foster and her husband, Mark, whose daughter just turned one! Maible Rose was born on Mother's Day - May 13, 2012. Maible weighed 8 lbs 15 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. The Fosters live in South Windsor, CT.

Laura (Miscowski) Cho and her husband, Abe, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Harrison, born on January 22, 2013 at Emerson Hospital in Concord, MA. Harrison weighed 6 lbs 9.5 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth. The Cho family lives in Westford, MA. - Amanda



Mason O'Neill and Isabella Claire Malnati born on January 14, 2013.



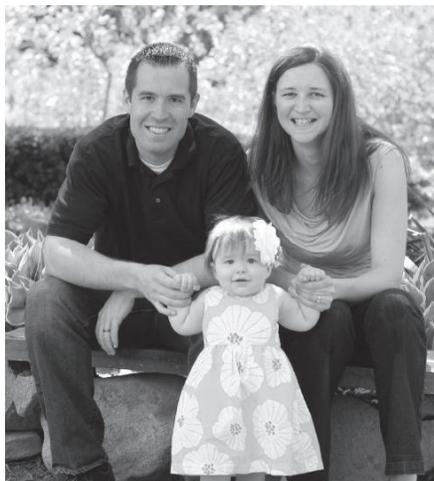
Thomas Howard Sylvain born on February 23, 2013.



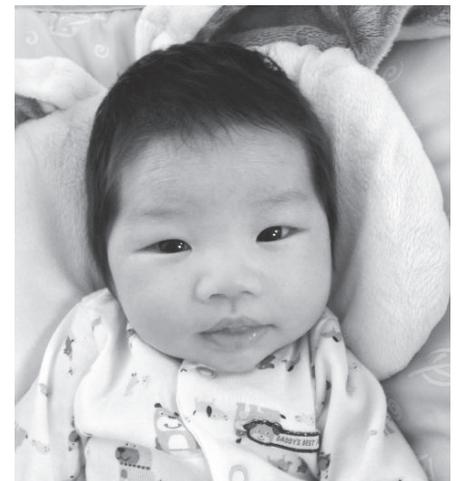
Ella Madeleine Cohen born on November 23, 2012.



Caleb Aidan Schmidtberg born on March 7, 2013.



Maible Rose Foster born on March 13, 2012.



Harrison Cho born on January 22, 2013.

CLASS OF 2001

Chrissie (Pariseau) Schneider
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Adam Jordan graduated from Bentley University in 2005 with a degree in Economics and Finance. He has been working in the energy industry since and is currently a Sr. Operations Analyst at Edison Mission Marketing and Trading. He married the love of his life, Kristen Bano (CHS Class of '99), on October 22, 2011. She is working in oncology pharmaceutical research as a research scientist. They recently bought a house in Waltham where they live with their 2 cats, 1 dog and bevy of fish. They love to travel and recently spent time in the Galapagos

and Ecuador. They've also been fortunate to safari in Tanzania. Other spots they've enjoyed include the United Arab Emirates, Oman, and Prague. At home they love to cook, brew beer, garden, snowboard, spend time on the water and spend time with our family and friends.

Brian Meenaghan married Lacey Kahner on August 13, 2011. Both graduated from the University of Maryland in 2005. Brian is still involved at UMD and is on the Alumni Association Board of Governors as the business school's chapter chair. He is a VP at BB&T in commercial lending in the DC office. He and Lacey live in Arlington, VA.

Erin Burns graduated from Worcester State in 2007 with a B.S. in Communication Disorders and then graduated from Northeastern University in 2011 with her Doctorate of Audiology. She is currently living in Auckland, New Zealand and works at a hearing aid clinic there. - Chrissie

CLASS OF 2002

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David Gilfeather was recently hired at Apple Inc. Their acceptance rate is 2% (Harvard University's rate is 6%) so it's a pretty big deal! He hopes

to have a fulfilling career with this company and hopes the rest of our class is doing well.

Mark McDonnell started a business called BrewSki Bones which is an all natural dog treat made from spent grains. The grains in his treats are a by product of the brewing process from friends at local breweries. Check them out online! www.brewskibones.com

Have a great Summer!- Best,
Rebecca (Burtman) Wright

Thomas Donigan and Danielle Turner were married on May 4th, 2013, in Pensacola Beach FL. The reception was held at the Atlas Fish House in Pensacola. Attending the ceremony were fellow classmates Kelan Donahue, Joel Johnson, Carleen Wilkish, Leesa Archibald and the best man Bryan Delaney. Also in attendance were Theresa Donigan ('00), Danielle Donigan ('05), Stephen Baraldi ('12), Michele (Marchand) O'Neil ('76), as well as Tom's God-parents Stephen Baraldi ('78) and Carol Baraldi ('78), and Tom's parents Michael ('78) and Suzanne Donigan ('78). Thomas is a First Lieutenant in the Air Force, stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH. Danielle Turner-Donigan is a graduate of UMass-Lowell with a degree in nursing.

Bonnie (Goff) Casperson works as a sales consultant and is living in Lowell.

CLASS OF 2003

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Kerry (Johnson) Buckley, CHS Class of 2003 Class Agent and a new member of CHSAA works as an accountant. Kerry lives in Chelmsford with her husband, Chris.

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CLASS OF 2002 -

Wedding of Danielle Turner and Thomas Donigan on May 4, 2013.



CLASS OF 2010

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The Boston Marathon Bombings, that occurred on April 15, 2013, is an event that affected so many lives, and an event that will never be forgotten. Instead of falling down, those affected stood strong and decided to help make a difference.

Keegan Donaher, Class of 2010 Chelmsford High School Alumnus, decided that he wanted to do something to help support the Boston Marathon victims. Keegan planned an event at Johnson & Wales University, in Rhode Island, where he attends college. In three hours, \$700 was raised for the One Fund Boston. At the event there were ribbons and raffle tickets, a food truck, a DJ, a banner to be signed, a moment of silence, the singing of the national anthem, and speeches given by Keegan and the President of Johnson & Wales University. Keegan's speech for the event follows:

“I would like to start by saying thank you. Each and every one of you is a huge part of this event. Today we come together to support victims of the Boston Marathon bombings. What started as a Facebook post to Tyler, has now become a speech in front of Johnson & Wales University. The message I would like to send to all of you is this . . . You as an individual have the power to help make this world a better place. With moments like this you can look around and see how much of a difference you make. When you walk out of Gaebe today, please keep in mind that it doesn't end here. Everyday we can make a difference. This event means more than you will ever know to all of the people affected by the bombings. Remember it's not about me, it's not about you, it's about Boston. Keep spreading the good vibes. Thank you.”

Boston Strong! - Sheima

CLASS OF 2011

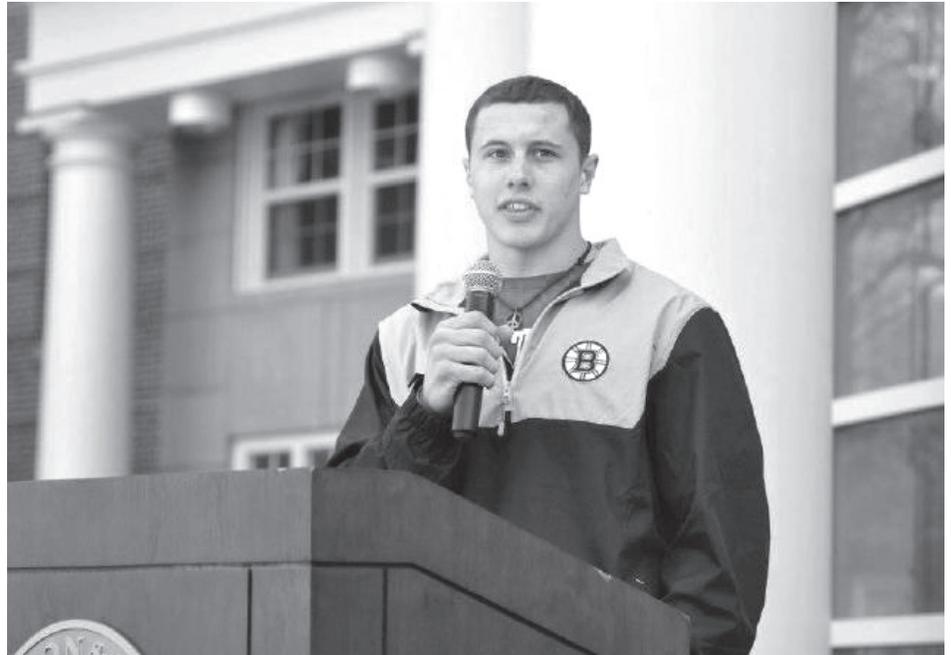
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CLASS OF 2010 -

Keegan Donaher speaking at a Boston Marathon fundraiser in Rhode Island.



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- JEFFREY GALLANT - 1998**
- DENNIS HUNT - 1964**
- GEORGE SIMONIAN - AM**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fourth of July
July 3 & 4, 2013
CHSAA BOOTH
THE COMMON

Annual Meeting
September 18, 2013
7:30 PM
Chelmsford High School

24th Annual Hall of Fame Induction
Dinner and Ceremony
March 22, 2014
Radisson Hotel
Nashua, NH

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