

Hampton Academy & Winnacunnet High School Alumni Association Annual Newsletter - May 2018

The Hampton Academy and Winnacunnet High School Alumni Association cordially invites you to attend the 112th Annual gathering of members:

Saturday June 23, 2018

Grill 28, Pease Golf Club 200, Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH

12:30 Doors open, Cash Bar, 1pm Buffet Luncheon served
\$25 per person with reservation made before June 15th

\$35 per person after June 15th and at the door

RSVP with enclosed reservation slip and check made out to HA & WHS Alumni Association or you can pay online using PayPal at www.winnacunnetalumni.org. Make sure to include your name, class year, and contact information. Email us at info@winnacunnetalumni.org with any questions. Mail us at: HA/WHS Alumni Association. PO Box 81, North Hampton, NH 03862

Announcing Guest Speaker Jon Rineman



Jon Rineman grew up in North Hampton, and graduated with the Winnacunnet Class of 2001. He later graduated Emerson College in 2005. He is now a comedian and writer based in New York City who has appeared on "THE TONIGHT SHOW STARRING JIMMY FALLON," "LATE NIGHT WITH JIMMY FALLON," "COMICS UNLEASHED" and "GOTHAM COMEDY LIVE." He has also been heard on Sirius XM Radio. Since 2009, he has been a staff writer for "LATE NIGHT WITH JIMMY FALLON" and "THE TONIGHT SHOW STARRING JIMMY FALLON," earning two Emmy nominations. He has also written for Seth Meyers at the 2011 White House Correspondents Dinner and 2011 ESPY Awards. In addition to performing standup on "The Tonight Show" and "Late Night," he has also written for Seth Meyers and Jay Leno.

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2017-2018 Alumni Association Officers: President: Lori Cotter, '76; Vice President: Ted Davis, '61; Secretary: Sue Brooks, '81; Treasurer: Ellen Lavin, '70; Chairman of the Board: Ted Davis, '61; Trustees: Bruce Aquizap, '51; Betsey Davis, '61; Andrea Condon, '61; Lydia Estey, '64; Terri Thomson, '72; Kevin Cushing, '74; Linda Libbey, '81; Tracy Williams, '81

President's Corner

112 and counting! That's how many years the HA & WHS Alumni Association has continued to prosper. Over the past years, we have provided renewable scholarships, recognized our military students, assisted at WHS parent conferences and graduations, presented awards, held restaurant night get-togethers and reached out to those who have held or will be holding class reunions. We have diligently prepared for the Annual Gathering & Luncheon, so that any of our alumni may "renew old acquaintances." Our goal is to create an Alumni Association that assists you in creating your own "everlasting interest" in our school.

The Alumni Association can't thank you enough for the donations you make, as they are the backbone of all of our endeavors. This year, we are excited to announce a new sponsorship program that allows alumni businesses or any local business a chance to support our events. As you know, the costs of holding the annual gathering each year have skyrocketed, and our goal is to make it an affordable reunion time for every one of our members. To keep ticket prices reasonable, we have reached out to alumni businesses, as well as those who have children as alumni interested in helping us. In exchange, we advertise their business during our events and on our Facebook page. We have been able to include in this newsletter those alumni businesses who responded quickly and generously to our call for help. If you are an area business that would like to be included in our sponsorship program, please contact us at info@winnacunnentalumni.org. We would love to talk to you. A huge thank you to our sponsors already listed in this newsletter. Take some time to call on these area businesses and thank them for supporting our alumni.

We were saddened by the news of Arthur Moody's passing, a man who dedicated much of his time and life to carrying on the Alumni Association. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the volunteer work that he did, for his school and community. We are looking for great volunteers. Do you know anyone who might be interested in joining our group? Feel free to email, or send a message on Facebook group page.

As was said last year, you are the force that guides our group and we will forever be grateful. Whether it is from donations for a loved classmate or teacher, volunteer work, time and energy spent, or calls to us come reunion time, your Alumni Association hopes to connect with you over the years. Enjoy this newsletter. It is the heart and soul of our work.

Your fellow alumna,

Lori White Cotter, Class of 1976, President, HA/WHS Alumni Association

Thank You for your Support!

The Trustees would like to thank all our alumni who have supported the Alumni Association this past year by volunteering time, attending restaurant nights, purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets, and sharing news about your class reunions. We would also like to acknowledge alumni who made donations to the Association between May 2017 and April 2018 in response to the May 2017 Annual Newsletter and the Fall 2017 Capital Campaign appeal. Your generous contributions allow us to continue the scholarship program and other activities to support alumni. **Class of 1943:** Cedric Dustin Jr (in memory of Frances (Dustin) Winch '45); **Class of 1944:** Carolyn (Wentworth) Brown; **Class of 1945:** Shirley (Brown) Carter; **Class of 1946:** Wayne Elliot, Doug Palmer (in memory of Jane and Don Palmer); **Class of 1947:** Forrest C. Brown; **Class of 1948:** Alfred Casassa (In memory of deceased 1948 classmates), Allen(Bud)Palmer; **Class of 1949:** Gwendolyn (Paul) Aubrey (in memory of departed '49), Priscilla (Hoyt) Thoen; **Class of 1951:** Bruce Aquizap, Alfred Carlson, Beverley (Brown) Frenette; **Class of 1952** Sandra (Moore) Baker, Eleanor (Hammond) Crow, Geraldine (Maher) Thomas; **Class of 1953:** Karlene (Young) Comeau, Barbara (Doyle) Herlihy-Chevalier (in memory of Bob Chevalier '50), Robert Lavigne in memory of Jack English, Mary (Laughlin) Marshall, Lucy (O'Dea) McIlveen (in memory of Dick '52); **Class of 1954:** Ann (Gilman) Freeze, Malcolm Graves (in memory of Florence Graves); **Class of 1955:** Lloyd Graves (in memory of Florence Whenal); **Class of 1956:** Kendall Chevalier (in memory of the Chevaliers), Forrest Knowles; **Class of 1957:** Jason Anderson, David Lund, Alexander MacPherson; **Class of 1958:** David Chevalier; **Class of 1959:** Linda (Norwell) Coburn, Edward Mills (in honor of the class of 1959), Mary (Wilbur) O'Shea (in memory of Ed O'Shea); **Class of 1960:** Tim Brooks, Douglas Stoddard; **Class of 1961:** Ted & Betsey (Squire) Davis, Richard Holloway, Wendell Kuntz, Peter Mudge. Judy (Nelson) St. Laurent; **Class of 1962:** Joyce (Perkins) Addison, Pamela (Webb) Hanson, Diane Shaw; **Class of 1963:** Neal Parr; **Class of 1964:** Lydia (MacPherson) Estey, Anita (Mann) Pounder, Leigh Smith; **Class of 1967:** Mary Ann Ross (in memory of Arthur Moody); **Class of 1974:** Melanie (Tibbetts) Muns; **Class of 1975:** Anonymous in honor of Mike Robinson; **Class of 1976:** Suzanne (Morrison) Griggs, Susan Hanson, Bill Smith; **Class of 1981:** Sue Brooks, Meredith (Cass) Callanan; Linda (Cusack) Libbey, Tracy (Emerton) Williams; **Class of 1988:** Maura Healey; **Class of 2007:** Emma Johnson

2017 Scholarship Awards

The Alumni Association awarded 2 scholarships in June 2017 to WHS Seniors who are children of alumni. Each scholarship is for \$1,000, and is renewable for 3 years, making the total value of each award \$4,000. 2017 marked the 55th year the Alumni Association has funded scholarships to children of alumni, for a total value of over \$82,000.



Michael Lajoie

Michael is the son of Jason and Melissa Lajoie of North Hampton. His father Jason graduated with the class of 1991. Michael ranked #3 in his graduating class. While at Winnacunnet he was a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council and the Interact Club. He was a staff writer for the school newspaper, Winnachronicle, and Submissions Editor for the student-run Totem Literary magazine. Michael is now attending the University of Vermont, majoring in English.



Connor Murray

Connor is the son of David Murray (Class of '85) and Anne (Hackett) Murray (Class of '82) of Hampton. He participated in Student Council (Class President his Junior year), Interact and the National Honor Society while at Winnacunnet. He was also a member of the Math team, Varsity Swim team, Tennis team and volunteered at many local venues. Connor is now attending the University of Miami, majoring in architecture.

2017 Graduations & Awards

MCJROTC Awards & Banquet

A number of Trustees attended the WHS MCJRTOC Annual Awards & Banquet Night on May 24, 2017. President Lori Cotter presented the 2017 HA/WHS Alumni Association MCJROTC Warrior Spirit Award to Keith Albergo. Keith was the cadet that exemplified the "Warrior Spirit" of commitment, dedication, and loyalty to fellow cadets and students within the high school and the MCJROTC program.

Evening School Graduation

Trustees of the Alumni Association attended the Winnacunnet Evening School graduation on June 5, 2017 where 51 students graduated from the evening program. This was the largest graduating class in recent years.

Graduation

On the evening of June 09, 2017, the Trustees were present to welcome parents and alumni to the graduation program held in the Gymnasium due to inclement weather. Diplomas were awarded to 193 students. The guest speaker was US Senator Maggie Hassan.

Supporting Young and Future Alumni

The Alumni Association participated this year in a month-long series of events centered around college, career, and community service. The Sixth Annual Young Alumni Networking event was held on January 8th after a blizzard and two consecutive snow days nearly cancelled the annual event. Each year, approximately 50 young alumni return to WHS to speak with students about the college search process, their major or their employment. Due to the storm, many alumni had to return to college so there were only approximately 25 students on hand at the event. Students found the event beneficial in terms of getting advice from their alumni peers. The alumni enjoyed returning to school, seeing their teachers and were enjoyed a pizza lunch generously donated by WHS alum Shane Pine and his restaurant The Community Oven.



Alumni participating in the Young Alumni Networking event in January



Alumni participating in the Career Fair held in January

2017 Annual Gathering & Luncheon

The 111th Annual Alumni Gathering was held on Saturday, June 17, 2016 at Grill 28 located at Pease Golf Course in Portsmouth. After a buffet luncheon, President Lori Cotter called the meeting to order and provided a summary of the association activities for the prior year. Bruce Aquizap led the pledge of allegiance and Cedric "Dusty" Dustin '43 offered the invocation. Lori introduced Guest Speaker, Maura Healey '88 who spoke about her experiences at Winnacunnet and how this prepared her for her career. Principal William McGowen provided an update on the school and thanked the Alumni association for all that they do. Sue Brooks presented the secretary's report and noted that copies of Trustee meeting minutes and the Financial Statements were on each table for review. All reports were accepted as presented by the membership present. Anna Craig '13 who received the first renewable scholarship and recently graduated from Wheaton College thanked the association and provided insights on her college career. Sue Brooks announced the 2017 scholarship recipients (see more details within the newsletter). Ted and Andrea led the roll of classes. The oldest class represented was '43 and the youngest class represented was 2017. The class with the most members present (for the 5th consecutive year!) was WHS class of 1961 with 10 members in attendance. Necrology documentation was provided at each table, and Bruce offered a prayer for those alumni who have passed. Betsey, Lydia and Jesse awarded the raffle prizes and awarded the 50/50 winner with \$91.



Seated: Susan (Hollis) MacKenzie '56, Donald Mercier '56, Barbara Mercier. Standing: Jake Anderson '57, Polly Anderson, Forrest Knowles Jr, '56, Judith (Osgood) Mills '57, Loring Mills '56



Maura Healey '88 (Massachusetts Attorney General) Guest Speaker



Deborah (Leach) Craig '79, and daughter Anna Craig '13, first renewable scholarship recipient and guest speaker



Seated: Kathy (Hanson) Cushing '76, Kathe (Zappala) Lobdell '77, Mark Smith '77, Don Eaton '77 Standing: Greg Kee '75, Lee Brooks '77, Steve Peterson '77, Kevin Cushing '74



Seated: Shirley (Brown) Carter '45, Harlan Carter Jr '69 Standing: Paul Panaccione '60, Bill Cunningham '60, Larry Douglas '60, Linda (Norwell) Coburn '59, Ann Douglas, Lydia Estey '64

Class Reunions



Class of 1967 - 50th Reunion



Class of 1972 – 45th Reunion



Class of 2007 – 10th Reunion

Top Picture: The Class of 1967 held their 50th reunion the weekend of September 15-17, 2017. Activities started on Friday and included a tour of the high school followed by a BBQ at Wakeda Campground in Hampton Falls. Saturday offerings included a boat cruise, a golf outing, and an evening banquet at the Portsmouth Country Club. On Sunday classmates met for brunch at the Old Salt.

Middle Picture: The Class of 1972 held their 45th reunion the weekend of August 25, 26, 27 2017. On Friday night, they enjoyed a cocktail party and dance at the Elks club in Portsmouth. A Merrimack River cruise out of Plum Island, a catered lunch followed by an after party hosted aboard a catamaran rented by Reed Glidden and co host Ron Perkin's sailboat in Newburyport was held on Saturday. The festivities ended with brunch on Sunday at the Old Salt.

Bottom Picture: The Class of 2007 held their 10th reunion on November 25, 2017 at the Portsmouth Gas Light Restaurant.

Class of 1987 30th reunion. Sept 16, 2017 at the 401 Tavern.

2018 Upcoming Reunions
Class of 1968 50th July 28-29
Class of 1988 30th August 11
Boston Harbor Cruise
More Details on Facebook.

Email us with updates on your class reunion plans, to request assistance, or schedule a tour of the high school. We will provide you with contacts we have, and can post your reunion information on our Facebook page and website. Email us at: Info@winnacunnetalumni.org

Alumni Association in the Community

Restaurant Nights: Community Oven October 2, Barley House December 4, Logan's Run April 19

**Look for us at the upcoming Alumni Restaurant Night at Pub CVR at the Country View Restaurant in Greenland, NH on May 24th, 4 - 8pm **



Trustees Ted, Sue & Lori manning the alumni booth at a football game. The Warriors were undefeated, and won the Division I State Championship in 2017!



Alumni Maddie Allen '16 and Ben Kotzen '16, (currently attending UVM) participating in the Young Alumni Networking Event



Terri Thomson, '72

Meet our Newest Trustee

Teresa (Terri) Thomson, Vice President, Winnacunnet Class of 1972, grew up in North Hampton where she resides today, continued her education at Endicott College, Beverly, MA, and graduated from Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC with a Bachelor's of Science in Business. She has worked for a major airline for 32 years as a flight attendant and manager and has lived in Boston, Korea, North Carolina, Illinois, and Washington, D.C; returning to the area in 1986 to raise her family. Her daughters, Caitlyn and Meaghan (both WHS graduates), live close by and along with her grandsons Kyle, Jack and Colton, share Terri's enthusiasm for travel and love of the beach. She also became a Realtor in 2006 and is associated with Russell Associates in Hampton. From a family of Winnacunnet graduates, she was a class officer her Senior year and cheerleader as well. Her favorite subject had been English and she remembers classes with Mr. Stanley Piepgrass especially. He had also been the class advisor and attended the 25th class reunion. Along with other classmates, she has worked on reunions for the class and at the encouragement of a fellow Alumni Trustee, became involved with the Association this year. She felt it was important to be involved and active in fundraising for scholarships.

In Memoriam

Alta (Gilmore) Kimball '36
Elizabeth "Betty" (Filley) Scott Johnson '38
Virginia (Hayward) Machie '45
Wallace A. Shaw – HA '45
Ezra C. Trumbull Jr '45
Ethel (Magrath) Curtis '48
Marilyn (Whenal) Grant '48
Paul F. Lessard '49
Robert Luther '49
Alfred N. "Sonny" Binette Jr '50
June Mary Ann (Brown) DiCicco '50
Bernard L. Dunback '53
Arthur J. Moody '53
Doris (Creighton) Tanner '54
Martha (Barber) Mowry '55
Edward J. O'Shea '57
Lucille (Grandmaison) Hoag '59
Suzanne "Sandy" Langley '60
Maryann (McLane) Parent '60
Linda M. Sandberg '60
Charlotte (Janvrin) Sullivan '60
Fran (Eaton) Dobson '61
Donald L. Faulkingham '61
Emily W. "Teddy" Goodwin '62

Reginald Leslie Hart '62
M. Eileen (Marden) Cavanaugh '63
Bill Barwick '64
William G. Gough '64
John (Jack) Swain '64
Denise Audrey (Gilmore) Willis '64
James Anthony Stellmach '65
Judith A. (Barker) Smalley '66
Joanne Ellen (Remick) Wood '66
Deborah (Filley) Trethaway '67
Christine M. Grayson '68
Sharon D. (Clock) Batchelder '69
Nancy Jean (Keiling) Warf '69
Mary Anne (Roy) LaMontagne '70
Pamela S. (Freeman) Rush '70
Garfield L. "Gary" Tuttle '73
Shawnee M.(Eaton) Munroe '74
Harry Randel Nowes '74
Karen (Jankauskas) Slaughenhoup '75
Eloise Alice (Hunt) Aucoin '76
Stephen H. Gehrman '77
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Edward A. "Eddie" Robinson '79
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David Scott Cady '84



Jefferson M. Wright '87
Kristen J. (Nofle) Smith '92
Jeremy B. French '95
Jonathan J. Ristau '96
Nathan R. Goodwin '09
Kelley Ayn Serpis '13

Leonard Abrahamson – Industrial Arts
Beth "Betsy" Arlene Camp – Math
Jean Woodburn – Secretary

Arthur J. Moody (June 13, 1935-August 16, 2017)

A long time treasurer of HA & WHS Alumni Association, Arthur Moody, passed away this summer on August 16, 2017. Arthur had dedicated his life to "renew old acquaintances and continue an everlasting interest in our school." Mr. Moody was a member of the Class of 1953, and upon retiring, returned to NH, renewing his interest in the alumni association in 1971. He was not only treasurer, but editor of the newsletter published each year, helping with the alumni basketball games, and coordinating the annual gathering. His dedication reminds us that time goes by too fast. We will always remember his service to this organization.



Staff Sergeant Desiree Loy (February 1, 1959-August 27, 1985)

On August 25, 2017, a dedication ceremony took place to honor the memory of Desiree Loy, WHS graduate Class of 1977. Desiree participated in cheering, yearbook, student council, and madrigal singers. Graduating in 1984 from UNH as a paralegal, Desiree became part of the Air National Guard, and was signed on as an Inflight Refueling Apprentice. As a boom operator, Desiree was one of seven airmen killed when a US Air Force KC-135A Stratotanker stalled and crashed while conducting touch-and-go exercises at Beale Air Force Base near Marysville, California in 1985. In her memory, she was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, posthumously, during ceremonies held at the 157th Air Refueling Group, Pease AFB. The dedication also included a new room now named the Loy Auditorium. Lori Cotter attended on behalf of the Alumni Association.

