



# STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2025 Newsletter



Tel: 603-542-8987 • email: [alumni@stevensalumniinh.com](mailto:alumni@stevensalumniinh.com) • web: [www.stevensalumniinh.com](http://www.stevensalumniinh.com) • facebook: [www.facebook.com/stevensalumniinh](http://www.facebook.com/stevensalumniinh)

## Stevens Alumni Day 2024 Our 153rd Celebration!

By Mark Chamberlain

With a precision we have all become accustomed to, the annual Stevens High Alumni Parade kicked off at 10:30 AM sharp on June 8, 2024. The theme was Rock 'n' Roll, and the many classes who participated made great use of the theme with a wide variety of floats and props. Although the skies looked a bit threatening at times, we fortunately experienced no rain in the course of the parade! The parade chain took a shorter route than the previous year. After leaving Broad Street and taking a right onto South Street, the parade continued down Pleasant Street. It then marched down to Glidden Street where it took a right followed by another right back on to Broad Street to disassemble in front of the high school.

Once again, the energetic Dick Girard served as the parade chairman and successfully pulled together 50 units varying from small fife and drum groups to Shriners groups to the ever-popular Leapin' Lena. With his reliable team of volunteers, they planted all the parade line-up signs and no parking signs on Broad Street the night before the parade and got every unit lined up and in their places on the morning of the parade. Many thanks, once again, to the Claremont Police Department for their help with safety and traffic flow and to the Claremont Fire Department for putting up the Stevens High and St. Mary's High alumni banners on Pleasant Street.

With the Claremont Police Department and Sullivan County Sheriff vehicles leading the parade chain, next came the first musical group. In the past, that first musical group has been the combined bands of Stevens High and the Middle School. But we added a twist in 2024 when Dick reached out the Stevens High music director Taylor Trudeau and asked her what she thought of including alumni in the band. She loved the idea. We put out a notice on Facebook over the winter and in the 2024 newsletter which attracted more than a dozen alumni who wanted to take part. In the end, 11 alumni joined on the day of the parade, making Dick's idea a very successful one. The impression made by the larger band, with all the members in new matching shirts purchased for the occasion, was enthusiastically applauded and admired all along the route.

Two horse-pulled carriages followed the band with the first carriage, conveying SHS Alumni Association officers, being pulled by two Belgian Draft horses named Sam and Charlie. The two equines are old hands at this with the 2024 parade being their third year in a row. They spend the rest of their year on the Streeter-Woods farm in Orford. Aside from their farming duties, they also do lots of winter events in the Upper Valley including sleigh rides and Christmas events. The second carriage, in which the homecoming king and queen and junior prom king and queen rode, was also pulled by two Belgian Draft horses, Jake and Rudy. They live on the Warren farm in Alstead and spend most of their time working together plowing and haying and helping out wherever needed. Owner Janice Warren told us that Jake and Rudy love the opportunity to be in the parade each year and are always energized by the sights, sounds and people in the parade and along the parade route.

Next, came the Parade Marshall, former Social Studies teacher Fred Hill, selected by the class of 1999. Fred began working at Stevens High in 1990, and although he left the



school for a period of time in 1997 to take care of ailing parents, he made a big impression on the class of 1999 as he had most of them in his class in their freshman and sophomore years. So even though he was not at Stevens during their junior and senior years,

the class of 1999 never forgot what a great teacher and mentor Mr. Hill was and were thrilled to be able to have him serve as the 2024 Parade Marshall. In fact, Hill is now back at Stevens since 2010 teaching in the Special Education department. SHS Principal Michael Herrington and SAU 6 Superintendent Chris Pratt followed in their cars. This was Herrington's first parade as principal as he had been officially hired into the role not long before alumni weekend. It was Pratt's second time participating in the parade.

The SHS Alumni Association is, of course, made up of alumni from the high school. But in addition to those members, we invite teachers and school staff who have worked at the school for at least 15 years to become Honorary Members. At the 2024 parade, we welcomed retired chemistry teacher Vesselina Alteva into the fold by having her ride in the parade announcing her as an Honorary Member. She also spoke at the Association luncheon following the parade and gave her heartfelt thanks for the honor and spoke fondly of her years teaching Stevens students.

The Yankee Doodle Band, with their freshly-ironed uniforms, followed along with several class floats including classes from the 1940's. In fact, the Class of 1949 float had five members on it, all in their early 90's, and they won a trophy for their efforts. (See a full list of the trophy winners below.) Two classes from the 1960's ('64 and '69) followed with appropriately-themed rock 'n' roll floats from their era. St. Mary's also had a nice showing in the parade with floats from the classes of 1954 and 1969.

The small but mighty New Hampshire Pipes and Drums Corps followed in their beautiful kilts with Leapin' Lena hot on their heels. Always a delight to see Lena, she once again, did not disappoint. The Mt. Sinai Motor Corp followed with their zippy go-carts and were a big hit with the audience, young and old alike.

The class of 1974 had an enormous float and a DJ on board loudly playing hits from their time in school. Some great songs from Aerosmith, Boston, Led Zeppelin, AC/DC and others could be heard for miles around when they passed by! The class of 1979 created a float in tribute to the Beatles and were awarded a trophy for their considerable effort. The class of 1984 honored MTV with their float as the television station had launched while they were at Stevens. It truly was a momentous launch and was a cultural phenomenon in their high school years and thus a great theme for the float. They also paid tribute to some musical stars from the era with one classmate dressed as Boy George, another as Cyndi Lauper and one as Tina Turner.

The Colchester, Connecticut Fife & Drum Corp followed along with the class of 1989 and their float whose theme was 80's Hair Bands. They had a live band on their float playing hits from back in the days and plenty of classmates sporting Big Hair for the day. More Shriners then came along in their mini trucks and vehicles and did lots of circles and fun moves in the streets of Claremont. The class of 1994 paid tribute to Nirvana and even had a replica of the now world-famous baby who adorned the cover of the band's album Nevermind. The class of 1999 soon came along and apparently had embraced the grunge movement of their era as that was the theme of their float.

*continued...*





The Marlborough, Connecticut Fife & Drum Corps followed with people taking note of the bass drummer because the drum was bigger than him! He clearly took his duties seriously and kept the band on time and in cadence with his beats. He made quite an impression as he marched by the parade watchers. The class of 2004 came along next with their 90's rock era float paying tribute to the years before they even entered Stevens. The music of the 90's clearly had resonated with all of them.

Hill's Band Wagon members, next in the parade chain, pile into their colorful wagon each year and always put on a good show for us. Some very talented musicians in that group, for sure! The class of 2009 came next and showcased the start of the social media era by presenting a Myspace float. Myspace launched in 2003 and became a hugely successful social media platform used by millions of people throughout the 2000's. Car Nutz came along next and had a few interesting vehicles in the parade including a Munsters-like roadster whose top pivoted up and down as the car rolled along the parade route. The class of 2014 was next with a simple rock 'n' roll themed float. Firehouse Six showed up next. They are a small Dixieland band who delighted the audience with their upbeat music all along the parade route.

The class of 2019 was next in a School of Rock themed float. They had a great turnout and had an enormous amount of school spirit, whooping and hollering all along the route from Broad Street on! They too won a trophy for their float. The class of 2024, full of energy and pep like their 2019 brethren, came along next with a very big float. We wish them all the success in the world as they embark on their future endeavors.

Finally, the local ATV club and the Claremont Fire Department closed out the parade chain.

Steve Smith, of the Newport-based radio station WCNL, called the parade from the reviewing stand on Pleasant Street, introducing floats and units as they made their way up the Pleasant Street hill. Claremont's own Community TV (CCTV) filmed the parade, and if you go to claremonttv.org, you can click on the Channel 8 tab and search for "parade" where you can watch the parade in its entirety.

As mentioned above, prizes are given to the most creative floats. It's never easy to narrow down the pool of floats, but that's the job of the judges, and they get it done every year. The following classes were awarded trophies as well as \$200 for their class fund:

- Class of 2019, "School of Rock 'n' Roll"  
– Fred Carr School Spirit Trophy  
Cash prize sponsored by **National Field Representatives**
- Class of 1949, "Still Rockin' and Rollin' "  
–Stevens Alumni Memorial Trophy  
Cash prize sponsored by **LaValley Building Supply**
- Class of 1989, "80's Hair Band" – Klara Hornick Trophy  
Cash prize sponsored by **Golden Cross Ambulance**
- Class of 1984, "MTV – The Early Years"  
– Wayne S. Gray Trophy  
Cash prize sponsored by **Stringer Funeral Home**
- Class of 1979, "Beatlemania" – George Disnard Trophy  
Cash prize sponsored by **The Insurance Center**

A huge thank you to all the sponsors for their continued support of this important event!

In addition, the Claremont Chamber of Commerce names a float award each year, and for the 2024 parade, they chose St. Mary's class of 1969 as their trophy winner for its "American Bandstand" themed float.

The Annual Meeting took place in the high school cafeteria when the parade finished, and over 50 alumni joined the meeting and luncheon. One Way Bakery (formerly known as Uptown Bakery) catered the event with delicious sandwiches, salads and desserts. At the luncheon



and meeting, former classmates reconnected with each other and shared stories from back in the day and about their current lives. Once the meeting began, we heard remarks from the Stevens Principal, Michael Herrington and then SHSAA President Dick Girard ran the meeting where the congregation approved the minutes and treasurer's report; voted on the slate of SHSAA Executive Board Members; paid tribute to new Honorary Member Vesselina Alteva; selected the winners of the Parade Fundraiser; and voted on the theme for the 2025 parade.

As mentioned above, one of the items voted on at the Annual Meeting was the theme for the 2025 parade. Suggested themes had been submitted from Association officers, Executive Board members and others. The Association officers, at their May 2024 meeting, narrowed down a long list of parade themes to six for the vote at the meeting. I am pleased to report the June 14, 2025 parade theme is: A Year to Remember

Don't forget you can always find Association updates, newsletters and notices on our Stevens High School Alumni Association Facebook page and our website: stevensalumninh.com.

*We look forward to seeing you in June!*

### Suggest a Parade Theme for 2026!

The parade theme for next year is voted on by alumni who attend the annual business meeting immediately following the conclusion of the parade. To give you an opportunity to voice your opinion, we look for your suggestions for the 2026 parade. The Alumni Association's Executive Board and Association Officers will review submitted suggestions at the regularly scheduled May meeting. The suggestions will be narrowed down to a list of five which will then be voted on at the annual business meeting in June.

If you would like to submit a theme, please do so by emailing your suggestion to alumni@stevensalumninh.com no later than May 15, 2025. In the subject line of your email, type "Parade Theme."



## STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SLATE OF OFFICERS 2024-2025

### President

Richard Girard '61

### 1st Vice President

Sonya LeBlanc Lawson '89

### 2nd Vice President

Denise Mozden Liveston '70

### Secretary

Janet Mower Eno '62

### Assistant Secretary

Beverly Hanks Janelle '53

### Treasurer

Carolyn Bowles Leblanc '62

### Executive Board

Donna Leahy Cornett '63

Doug LeBlanc '63

David Zerba '63

Elyse Gagnon Crossman '06

Heather Girard Williams '06

### Nominating Committee

Donna Leahy Cornett '63

Russell Fowler '62

Kenneth Coulombe '59

## Message from the Secretary

All alumni, please know that we want to maintain contact with you and include you in the distribution of this annual newsletter. Please notify us if:

- You have moved to a new address
- You have knowledge of any alumni who have passed on
- You get married and take the last name of your spouse in place of your maiden name or you create a hyphenated or compound last name we should be aware of
- Make sure to state your year of graduation in your note

You can send your updates to us at: alumni@stevensalumninh.com

PRESIDENT’S LETTER - 2025

Greetings to my fellow alumni!

We look forward to welcoming you all to another alumni reunion weekend! We had a very successful and busy year, and in this letter I will share some of the highlights with you.

After moving into our new office in August 2023, we have continued to make improvements. For instance, we purchased a second computer for use in the office so that when our Secretary (Jan Eno) and Assistant Secretary (Bev Janelle) are there at the same time, they can both be as productive as possible. We are fortunate to have a small but active group of volunteers, officers and Executive Board members help us undertake all the activities we pursue in a given year, but we are always ready to welcome new members to join the fold. We hold monthly meetings, at our office, which are open to all alumni. The meetings take place every month from September to May (except December) on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM. Notices of the meeting are always advertised on our Facebook page. We would love to see more alumni attend the meetings and get involved in the Association.

In June of 2026 I plan to step down as Parade Chairman, a role I have enjoyed for over 40 years in one way or another and leading the effort for the past 10 years. By 2026 I will be into my 80’s and ready to hand the responsibility over. Ideally, we would like to find someone who is interested in this role sooner rather than later so they can work with me on the 2025 and 2026 parades to learn the ropes. If you are interested in joining me for this important role, please use my contact information at the bottom of this letter to get in touch.

In addition to the above, some of the Association officers have been in their roles a long time, like I have, and they will be retiring in the coming years. As such, we will be looking for alumni to join us in these roles. The roles are not that time-consuming and they are a great way to meet people and contribute to a very worthy cause. Remember, we are the oldest active high school alumni association in the United States. This is an organization that has been operating continuously since 1871 and it behooves all of us to keep this unique, community-minded and philanthropic organization running for many more decades. Don’t forget that we give out up to \$100,000 a year in scholarships to Stevens High graduates. It is crucial that we are able to continue to do that in the future as the cost of attending college or community college certainly isn’t going to decline anytime soon.

If you attended the 2024 parade you will have seen a much larger SHS/CMS band. That’s because we worked with the high school music director to invite alumni to join the band. It was an idea that came to me after the 2023 parade, and the high school enthusiastically embraced it. We had eleven alumni take part. They received the sheet music a few weeks in advance of the parade and had the opportunity to practice with the band. They were thrilled to be able to don the red & black once again and march down the streets of Claremont as they had when they were Stevens students. You will have also noticed that we purchased new shirts for all the band members resulting in a great-looking contingent as they made their way through town.

For the first time ever, we hosted a Cornhole fundraising event at Running Bear campground in Ascutney, Vermont in May. It was a great deal of fun and so well attended that we will be doing it again in May of this year. More details can be found elsewhere in this letter. In addition, we had another successful poinsettia fundraiser in December and will continue that annual tradition going forward.

We are reliant on alumni dues and contributions to do all the good work we do. They annual dues are still only \$10 a year which comes out to less than 3 cents per day. You will see at the back of this newsletter how you can pay your dues, make contributions and purchase parade fundraiser tickets. We also have a website, highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter, where you can pay your alumni dues there. Please note that if your class also asks for annual dues to build your class fund, you should pay any class dues to your class representative directly. Send alumni dues to us at the Association, but any class dues to your fellow classmate who is in charge of finances for your class. And regarding general donations to the Association, if you are interested in doing that, please contact me and I can let you know what our current needs are.

Finally, we welcome anyone who wants to stop by and visit the new office at 300

Washington Street. We are in the office at various times during the week and always on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We had a very nice sign designed for us by Doolittle Printserve in Claremont, so as you drive out Washington Street just after Harbor Freight, you will see it on the left. We look forward to having you stop by sometime or join us for one of our monthly meetings!

Sincerely,  
Dick Girard, Class of ‘61  
President/Parade Chairman, SHS Alumni Association  
dick@goldencrossamb.com

Treasurer’s Note:

Happy Spring to all my fellow alumni!

Happy Spring to all my fellow alumni; I hope you have all had a wonderful year. Hard to believe it is again time to send out the annual newsletter.

Thanks to you, the alumni membership, and your generosity and dedication to your organization, we continue to have a healthy operating fund, and maintain a reserve balance that we continue to add funds to. Our faithful alumni members continue to buy our parade fundraiser tickets and these funds help defray the cost of the parade.

Because of your generous support and dedication, we are able to maintain an office, continue to present the traditional Annual Alumni Weekend festivities, including the yearly anticipated and touted Alumni Day Parade. And we proudly remain the “Oldest Active High School Alumni Association” in the USA.

Thank you, one and all! See you in June!

Warmest Regards,  
Carolyn Bowles LeBlanc  
Treasurer  
SHS Alumni Association

SHS Alumni Association  
Income and Expense Report  
July 1st, 2023 – June 30, 2024

<b>INCOME</b>	
July 1, 2024 balance forward	4,623.61
Interest	2.08
Deposit adjustment	200.00
Dues	4,246.20
General Fund	5,115.00
Parade Donations	280.00
Cornhole Fundraiser	1,038.00
Music Fund	115.00
Yearbooks	35.00
Newsletter Ad Sponsors	3,530.00
FFG	120.00
Parade Fund Raiser	7,470.00
Poinsettia Sales	7,952.00
Parade Float Sponsors	1,000.00
Transfer Parade fund	400.00
Luncheon	250.00
Scholarships donations not transferred	3,515.00
Transfer from Invest Admin Comp.	3,000.00
Currier Food allowance	1,000.00
Transfer from Reserve	38,497.11
Subtotal Income & Transfers	77,365.39
Total	81,989.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Rent	8,250.00
Verizon	566.26
Insurance	2,677.00
US Postal	1,088.48
Doolittle's Print Serve	903.52
Office Expenses	1,374.49
Esscor: copier, computer	1,549.94
New Parade welcome banner Plsnt. St.	1,615.30
Parade	15,395.91
Float prize winner	1,400.00
Poinsettia Expenses (DS Cole)	6,167.70
Newsletter	1,355.15
Quality Mailing (sort, label, bulk mail)	4893.50
Website monthly fees	348.00
Donations	1,024.65
Chamber Commerce annual dues	175.00
Year book ad 1/2 page	190.00
Salaries	2,500.00
SHS Red and Black	190.00
Comcast	2,345.73
Parade fundraiser winners	550.00
Catered annual luncheon and desserts	1,369.95
Senior gifts	450.00
Reimburse class of 99	444.50
Scholarship transfers	10,270.00
Admin. Compensation	3,000.00
Move to new office	7,132.82
Colonial Florist	134.55
May Meeting (pizza and desserts)	255.12
Vicki Landry (tax return 2 yrs)	1,350.00
State of NH (state report)	75.00
Misc Exp	75.60
Total	79,188.17
June 30, 2024 balance	2,870.83



# Class News

## 1956

Myrna Wark Giroux  
(603) 935-9493  
mpwgiroux@gmail.com

Ready, set, go – we're almost at our 70TH, folks! Though there hasn't been much reported activity for class members this past year, I have heard from many who sent kind greetings throughout the year and over the holidays.

There have been several moves this past year. Welcome back to NH to John and Gloria (Toot) Green Pilot who have moved from Florida and are now closer to family and enjoying activities with children and grandchildren. Right about now, Bruce and Lenore Moody Crowder should be getting ready to settle into their new home in Menands, NY, while Ken and Peg Hale Moore are now at a new address in Arizona. John Young made a short move from one location to another in his same community in Virginia, and Hazel Osborne Toomey did the same in Florida. Downsizing seems to be the name of the game for many in our age group. Also, some classmate email addresses and phone numbers have changed, so please take note of these changes on your new class roster.

Since our last newsletter we have lost three friends that in the past took an active part in our class functions. Harry/Colie Lewis and his wife Mimi traveled back many times to join us for our reunions, Arthur Gale Bastian was always ready and willing to work on our floats and many other projects, and Bob Sprano was our float builder for many years, often driving for the parade. They will be sorely missed. Also, Bruce Kim informed me that Don Fletcher, whom Bruce visited in 2020, passed away in 2023 in Chapel Hill, Queensland, Australia. Don was a retired political science professor at Queensland University. Our condolences and hearts go out to all their families.

In regard to plans for our 70th reunion in 2026, my take on it is that because of dwindling numbers of classmates and those who are unable to travel to attend, our group will most likely be small, so we might make a reservation at an area restaurant and order from the menu. If the restaurant prefers, we could select from two or three choices in advance. If anyone has other suggestions, please send them.

Parade plans for a float, riding in the parade, or simply meeting up to watch the parade together and lunch after will be something to think about in the coming year. Please send in your ideas and keep me updated on changes of address, phone numbers, and email addresses. Also, please share what's happening in your little corner of the world.

My best wishes to everyone for the coming months, and thanks to all who have been providing class information and keeping in touch!

## 1961

Henry "Skip" Patten SHS 61  
208 Rumford St., Concord, NH 03301  
skmax1231@comcast.net  
603-856-1666

Hello Classmates;

After a very successful Alumni Parade led by our classmate Dick Girard and friends, a few classmates met at Dick and Pat Girard's home for a cookout and quick meeting in an attempt to start planning for our 65th reunion in 2 years. Joanne Smith Schnyer informed us we have approximately \$2524 in our treasury. She thanked all that sent in their class dues. It was suggested that in-

stead of the Claremont Country Club on Friday evening, that we have a reunion gathering at the Senior Center after the parade and have it catered. One of the reasons for this was that given that we only see a few local classmates at the non 5 year reunion gatherings and have very few local classmates participating. Do we want to go all out for our 65th reunion to be held on Friday evening gathering and a hardy farewell on Saturday after the parade. However, if the class wishes something to be done, please contact either Joanne or myself. Also, we will have a presence in the parade-even if it means a person carrier as has been used in the past. Just to all know the 75 year class had a float and won an award. Now we can't let them outdo the Class of 61! Yes, they had a float, however it was put together by their children/ grandchildren. It was great to see such spirit at the parade. Send us your ideas-everything is on the table.

I have emails from John Breckenridge living in Florida; Stephen Noyes living in Maryland; Bob Thoresen who planned on being us but had to back out at the last minute because of the passing of his wife; Judy Holmes Cook was up from Florida at the parade but was unable to attend the cookout; Bob Kittredge wanted to be remembered to all as did Martha Wilson Williams from Hampton NH.

Lets try and get many more classmates involved, both local and from away. We need your ideas, your energy, and your help. Lets plan on a fantastic 64th reunion next year and an even bigger and better 65th. More information will be coming as we receive ideas and suggestions. Plan on seeing something from SHS 61 around the holiday season.

Just an FYI-We will be meeting as a class at Dick/Pat Girard's home after the parade at about 1 PM for a cookout.

If you see any classmates names that you recognize-send them an email just to say Hi!

## 1964

Tom Osipowich  
707-888-9959

It's in the books.....our last official reunion for the class of 1964. Although you "never say never", as we age and people's health limit travel from those afar, the time has come to write the final chapter for our wonderful class. We are "forever young at heart" but also realize that we are no longer spring chickens. Our 60th reunion turned out to be a grand affair. The weather threatened to cause havoc but never materialized. The days leading up to and including the parade and our final gathering were dry and seasonally warm. For those who are unable to attend, we missed you and you missed a wonderful time.

What the future holds for everyone is unknown, but our ride from Stevens to wherever you may be today came with a certain number of trials and tribulations. The only regret with this reunion as with past ones is that some of our classmates have been unable to be located. We truly missed you and the opportunity to share yours as well as our life's adventures together.

Planning paid off in the months prior to June and we assembled the float at the homes of Sonny and Vi Lunderville and Jackie and Harold Hall. Dick Girard was certainly a blessing through it all. Not only is he fully committed to the Alumni Association and assuring the parade goes off without a hitch, he also assisted in procuring a flatbed from the New Hampshire Motor Speedway for two

classes, one being ours.

With the theme of "Rock and Roll", we created a great-looking float with pictures and displays, from the rock and roll era of the late 50's and early 60's. It was our era and brought back a lot of memories. Helping was "chief" cutter Polly (Zombeck) Brown. Russ Gray, who drove up daily from Contoocook, has been a steady contributor over the years and once again stepped to the plate. Good friend Sonny Lunderville was there as always providing his unwavering support. Without Polly and Russ, our float might not have been a reality. Also helping as time allowed were Ann and Marie, along with Harry Stevens.

Come parade day, Dick Girard arranged for a driver to get the float to the staging area. We succeeded in joining the parade contingent and finalizing the last float our class will construct. Those who wanted could ride while others walked behind.

Among our classmates who attended our activities were Larry McElravey and Nancy Brisell, Tom Davis, Hazel (Livingston) Piper, Wayne Reed, Ann (Sadonsky) Cuadrado, Marie (Sadonsky) Mail-louix, Sonny and Vi Lunderville, Russ Gray, Polly (Zombeck) Brown, Steve Borofsky, Jane (Millette) and Richard Desbiens, Harry and Carol Stevens, Kathy (Woodward) Lynd, Al and Jeanne Burns, Judy Wells, Linda (Shaw) Laing, Gary Hartzell, Tom Osipowich, Tom Wagner, John Ring, Phil Estabrook, Nancy (Young) Molitz, Susan (Hunter) Smith, Marsha (Howe) Neubert, Art and Evie McPhee, Jackie (Field) and Harold Hall, Jimmy and Bonnie Miles, Henry Sanders, Shirley (Muir) Kaye, Kathleen (Hood) Prevo, Judy (Kasaras) Brown, and Roger and Cindy Adams from the Class of 1965. If per chance I missed anyone, I sincerely apologize.

It's always nice when people arrive early cause there is lots of stuff to do. Or as some say, to spend valuable time swapping spit! A per-chance rendezvous occurred Thursday night at the Common Man, but where else at the bar. Larry McElravey, Tom Wagner, Tom Osipowich, Steve Borofsky, and Tom Davis held court. Stories were told that brought back vivid memories and laughs.

On Friday, John Ring and I managed to visit Linda (Read) Stoddard and her husband Bob's little hide away golf course in Haverhill, NH called the Blackmount Golf Course. I played 9 holes while John got a first-hand tour from Linda. They built the course a few years back which was part of their original farm. They constructed it from scratch, and now do the mowing, fertilizing, irrigation work, maintaining the golf carts, and everything else associated with managing a golf course. Hats off to them for providing the Haverhill community and its local high school golf team a place to play!!

Our 60th class reunion came to an end following the parade Saturday afternoon, gathering at Jackie and Harold Hall's home on Maple Avenue. A shoutout to Appleseed Catering of Bradford, NH for providing the food. It was very good and lots of it! Ann and Marie journeyed there to pick it up while some of us dismantled the float. As is always the case with reunions, stories were told, some pictures were passed around, a few libations consumed, and hugs and goodbyes dispensed.

Moving to a more somber element, since our last news column, we lost three more of our cherished classmates; Joy (Brooks) Small, Nick Adamovich, and Leo Stone.

Joy had been sick for some time and passed away at the age of 78 from Alzheimer's. She had worked as an LPN at Valley Regional Hospital. She is survived by two daughters.

Nick lived on West Terrace Street growing up. After high school



joined the Marines. Once discharged, he attended Suffix University, obtaining a degree in accounting. After working in the computer industry for 15 years he opened his own tax practice in Salem, NH and Weymouth, MA from which he retired. He passed away after lengthy battle with Alzheimer's the age of 76. He is survived by his wife Martha, two children, two grandsons, and a brother Peter.

Leo Stone passed away in 2024. He was a lifelong resident of Claremont, retiring after a long career at the Claremont Paper Company. During high school, Leo was a very good runner, part of Stevens Championship cross country teams. In his early years, Leo lived on lower Main Street where as kids we used to play together.

To all their families and friends, the class of 1964 extends their sincere condolences and deepest sympathy.

So that brings me to the hard part of writing this column, the closure. It has been brewing for some time that the end of our formal class reunions was coming. Nothing lasts forever. But knowing that if we were to meet again in five years, we'll all be in our 80's. Hard to fathom that we have traversed such a span of years already. So after talking among several classmates, it is with mixed feelings that the time has come to sign off.

It certainly has been a great ride to this point. Getting classmates together for a reunion is never an easy job, especially when many have to come from afar. But with the advent of computers, e-mail, and the cell phone, searching for and contacting classmates was made much easier. Then to construct a plan and see it through fruition, and to construct floats along the way, it's truly a tribute to each and every classmate that made it possible.

No one knows what life may bring moving forward. We collectively hope that you accomplish what you set out to do in your twilight years, and that you maintain your health.

And to our classmates who have passed over the years, we miss you but have fond memories from when we were students once and young.

The Alumni Association has continually brought us back to Claremont over the years, helping maintain our connectivity to the community and with our classmates. Please continue to support its wonderful activities for future generations to enjoy. Very few if any other high schools throughout the country have what we have, a dedicated group of individuals who volunteer their time to present scholarships, promote and host an Alumni Weekend, and keep the spirit of friendships alive. It is the oldest active High School Alumni Association in the United States for a reason. Because students both past and present return to Claremont to celebrate a time cherished by many. Who knows, perhaps one day the banquet will return, adding formality to the occasion.

So it's goodbye from the class of 1964. Maybe some of our paths will cross again. But if not, remember our times living in Claremont, the memories created, and establishing lifelong friendships. Enjoy the rest of life's journey, whatever it may be.

## 1965

Roger A. Adams  
Adamsr321@gmail.com  
860-420-7177

I hope my classmates are all looking forward to a June reunion. It is impossible to believe 60 years have passed since we left SHS. We kinda knew we would get old but I never thought it would happen so soon. News has come in from several class members who plan to join us in June and others have sent me tales of travels and family. In addition, a few people we had lost track of have resurfaced ... namely Roger Murray, Alfred Martell and Phil Pare.

Robert and Jane Meador plan to attend the reunion. They traveled to Florida by car in 2024 to visit Jane's sister, then north to Maine and Massachusetts to visit their son and other relatives. They live in Colorado and enjoy camping in the Rockies. They towed their camper to Paris, TX to see the eclipse and to the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City to see the memorial. They drove to Santa Fe in October for culture, food and relaxation. They are grandparents to three little girls who were all with them for Christmas.

Buzz and Suzie Sawyer will be at the June events. They still summer at Lake of the Ozarks and winter in the Rio Grande valley of South Texas. They enjoy boating, golf and socializing. Not much other travel this past year but they are cruising in Hawaii in March.

Jeff and Jocelyn Davis indicate all is well with them as they enjoy life in a retirement community in Athens, GA. They took a bus tour in June to the Canadian Rockies through Montana to Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper and the ice fields. They were fortunate with timing as a wildfire later destroyed large portions of the national forest and the town of Jasper. They plan to attend the reunion in June and look forward to seeing everyone. Ron and Sue Garceau took an 8,000-mile camper trip through Louisiana, Texas, and Utah then north to Canada and across Michigan, Ohio and New York State.

Sandra Roy Schaier and husband Warren will be at the reunion. Most recently, they took a British Isles tour after a few days in London, joined by her brother and sister-in-law who live in California. They keep busy with two children, 5 grandchildren spanning ages 30 to 13, and 3 great grandchildren between 1 and 5. They still spend time in Bretton Woods skiing in winter and touring in summer.

Most of our classmates with Florida properties fared well in the 2024 storms, unlike a couple years earlier when there was a lot of damage. Tony and Judy Usko as well as Judy Hunt and Donna Young report little damage. The same for Rick and Becky Carr and for Matt and Diana Ferriter.

Randi McCusker Rhodes will miss the reunion as she will be a few days from a knee replacement. She sends her best. Donna Young will see us at the reunion and says she had quite a year. She spent a few weeks in Florida and then took a Tokyo cruise and then to Alaska. She did have a couple health struggles as she broke a few ribs in October and started 2025 with a broken shoulder. She expects to be back at full speed by warm weather.

Jerry and Karen Eastman took a spring 2024 trip to Nova Scotia to visit the Cabot Trail.... a bucket list item. They had done a trip there in 1969 complete with a speeding summons issued by a Canadian Mountie in full uniform. No traffic summons this time. They followed with a family reunion in Wellfleet on the Cape with both daughters and their families. Their younger daughter moved back to the area with her two dogs into the section of the house once occupied by Jerry's Mom. She operates her Arkansas business from Cornish overseeing installation of home car charging systems. Daughter Meredith lives in Miami with her family and is operations director for a multinational research firm testing medical and pharmaceutical drugs and vaccines. In November, Jerry and Karen hosted 7 multigenerational hunters in their final "deer camp" at the Eastman Ranch. Jerry reports that no deer were injured during this final undertaking.

Gary Bissonette reports he is still chasing little white golf balls around lawns wherever he finds himself. Hilton Head for the winter this year as usual. He saw one of his sons, daughter in law and granddaughters last summer for the first time in over a year. They visited the US on a break from their work in the State Department in Doha, Qatar. After Doha, they will go to Vienna for a couple of years. He was scheduled to visit his other son in Dallas this spring and include seeing a few Red Sox/Rangers games.

Judith Blight Hollowood and husband Jim expect to attend the reunion.

Ron Kurach says he will attend the reunion and will save his news to share it in person. Linda Boardman Callum and husband John plan to attend as well.

Joanne Noles Ruel will be with us for the reunion. She reports to be relatively healthy and able to pursue her travel interests. In early spring she heads to Europe again. This time to tackle the history, art, culture and cuisine of Sicily. During COVID, her son asked about his paternal family history. After 3 or 4 years of work, reward and frustration, she traced him to Captain John Whipple who came to the new world in 1632. Her son was inducted into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution last November. She thanks the encouragement of Roger and Rob Rathbun in her search.

Joan McCusker Johnson made many trips to Maine as she has for years. She regrets she will miss the reunion as her two Arizona granddaughters will be visiting her in Maine. Both granddaughters are turning 16 within the year. Joan managed to avoid COVID for four years until she caught it (she thinks) in a doctor's office and was very ill from it.

Sharlene Bradley Tracy and husband Lyonel spent most of the past year at home in northeast Vermont with occasional trips to NH. She made a trip to Portsmouth for a reunion with old friends including Edie Parker Posselt and saw an art show where Sharlene's great niece was exhibiting. She has also been back to Claremont regularly to check on her sister Cheryl and visit Judy Kasaras Brown. She and Lyonel participate in Golden Ball Tai Chi. Lyonel



ESTABLISHED 1975

## Your Local Waste & Recycling Service Provider Since 1975!

### TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR FUTURE - Casella Offers Debt-Free Career Paths

To apply, text **CASELLA** to **97211** or visit **[casella.com/careers](http://casella.com/careers)**

Tel: 603-542-8987 • email: [alumni@stevensalumninh.com](mailto:alumni@stevensalumninh.com) • web: [www.stevensalumninh.com](http://www.stevensalumninh.com) • facebook: [www.facebook.com/stevensalumninh](http://www.facebook.com/stevensalumninh)

is a town moderator in East Haven, VT and Sharlene is a library volunteer.

Becky and Rick Carr will join us for the reunion weekend traveling up from Naples, FL. Rick is busy as the "landscape coordinator" for their condo HOA. Becky serves as the family social coordinator and tries to keep in shape to be able to chase their 5 and 9-year old grandkids who live nearby. Last year's big trip was northern Portugal and Spain. The people were great, history was everywhere, fish was tasty and the wine was plentiful. This fall, they plan a trip to France to meet the nephew of the man who helped save Rick's dad in the French "underground" in WW2.

Judy Wight Quimby usually visits New Hampshire in July but plans to push the season this year into June so she can join us in Claremont. Henry Sanders is still in Hancock, NH and enjoying "super senior" status on the ski slopes, cutting firewood and playing tennis regularly with other legends including Ben Haubrich (SHS '67).

Rob Rathbun's life is still the same....quiet and peaceful in Franklin, Tennessee. He does full time genealogy research, is great at it and in fact has helped me find some contacts. Get in touch if you need help. (Footnote: Rob had a health incident in January and thinks it will prevent his attendance.) In late 2023, Roger Murray resurfaced in upstate New York where he has been for many years. He said he would give some thought to getting back for a reunion but he may have been just trying to get rid of me.....we'll see.....

Ron Rechisky plans to be around for the reunion and will add his 1965 red Mustang to the parade with our trolley. MishaA (Mike Adamovich) reports from Half Moon Bay, CA on January 10 that he had a 3.7 earthquake and the couch jumped. He had relatives and friends evacuated from the Los Angeles fires. Some lost everything and some were fine as of that date.

Alfred Martell answered a query through an on-line "classmates" site. He indicates that he moved to Harrisburg in 2018 after about 50 years in the golf business primarily as a superintendent. The move to Harrisburg was to get close to grandchildren. Golf is still in his blood and he still works part time at a local course. He will try to attend the reunion.

Roger and Cindy Adams did not travel very far in 2024 but expect

to return to Slovenia in 2025 where Roger's mother's family originated. The Slovenia trip will include a few of Cindy's Italian cousins. We have two grandsons living nearby, age 4 and 10. They are close enough so that we can enjoy their school activities as well as junior sports including basketball and baseball for the older one. Cindy has recently published her newest novel: "First He Killed the Minuteman", a true crime tale.

Dennis Ford lives in Concord and has three daughters, 14 grandkids and 9 great grands. Dennis is a disabled veteran with heart issues related to his Viet Nam exposure to Agent Orange.

Each year, we lose additional class members and 2024 was no exception. I am sad to report the following:

Robert H. Matson, Jr., of Palm Coast, FL, passed away in January, 2022. He served in the Navy after SHS first stateside and then in Viet Nam aboard the super-carrier USS Constellation. He worked as a machinist in NH and later moved to the capital region of NY State. He was a member of the DAV and VFW. He enjoyed sports and classic cars and returned to his love of painting and drawing in retirement. He is buried at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Lane B, in Florida.

Richard W. Titus died in Sun Lakes, Arizona in February 2024. I am not sure if Dick graduated with us but he was with us many years. He is survived by three sisters, a son, a daughter, stepson and step daughter. Dick served in the National Guard as well as in the Navy where he was a commended electrical technician. He was also a skilled woodworker. I remember Dick scooting around town on his blue Vespa and as a friendly and outgoing guy. A private military funeral was planned.

Patricia Louise (Moody) Hamel died in April 2024. She was a class member into high school but graduated in 1966. She worked as a secretary for Visiting Nurses and Hospice of VT & NH. She enjoyed camping trips to Maine and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Bruce W. Burroughs passed away in March 2024. He was born in Woodsville and grew up in Cornish. He started with our class and graduated in 1966. Bruce was an Army veteran who served at Ft. Richardson in AK, and worked for the State of New Hampshire for 37 years. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and trap-

ping. In later years, he ran a smokehouse processing wild and domestic game.

Albert Elzear Couture, Jr., DDS passed away in 2019. Al was a much loved and respected dentist in Santa Rosa, California. He had two sons, both born in Sonoma County, CA. His sister, Carol, attended the SHS 50th alumni dinner with Al when our class was recognized.

## 1969

Peggy Connors Trimby  
Class of 1969

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Stevens High Alumni Association for all they do to keep this great Association alive and making history every year!! THANK YOU!!!!

Last June we the Class of 1969 celebrated our 55th Anniversary. The call went out and the responses came back with about 64 classmates and guests planning on visiting Claremont and reuniting with their former classmates. With the help of classmates from near and far we were able to organize another great reunion. We had decided after our 50th that we had constructed our last float, and then for our 55th we realized some weren't up for walking the entire parade route, so we decided we would try to get use of a Trolley. Thank you Dick Girard! Using a little magic we turned it into our own VW Bus with the music of the Beach Boys sending out "GOOD VIBRATIONS" as we traveled the parade streets of Claremont. It was a wonderful experience. The people that gathered watching the parade were fantastic and were very welcoming as we arrived with our music, our singing and of course our dancing. They too were smiling, dancing and singing along. The music was made possible by the son of our classmate Peggy Bunnell Davis... thank-you!

Next stop... Claremont Country Club! Finishing up with a luncheon, visiting, telling stories, taking pictures and genuinely enjoying each other's company helps you realize just how great it is to be part of the SHS Class of 1969 and of such a great Alumni Association.



Greater  
**Claremont**  
Chamber of Commerce

24 Opera House Square, Moody Building  
Claremont, NH 03743 • (603) 543-1296  
[www.greaterclaremontnh.org](http://www.greaterclaremontnh.org)

Clean, well lit, large open rooms

Up to 200 guests

Limited kitchen use

Catering available



### CLAREMONT SENIOR CENTER, INC.

*A GREAT Place for Your Event!*

5 Acer Heights

Claremont, NH 03743

Phone (603) 543-5998

Email: [seniorctr5@comcast.com](mailto:seniorctr5@comcast.com)



## 1973

52 years and going strong

Denis Chabot

[Denis\\_chabot@hotmail.com](mailto:Denis_chabot@hotmail.com)

It's hard to believe that our SHS Class of 1973 has been absent from the halls and classrooms for nearly 52 years leaving the likes of Mr. Triantafillou, Mr. Grenier, Mr. Stoughton, Mrs. Sears, Mrs. Baldwin, Mr. Potter, Mr. Jobin, Mr. Magoon, Mrs. Pomiecko and Mr. Carr to name a few of the wonderful educators who guided us during those very few but important adolescent years.

With approximately 185 members of our class still above ground and proudly entering into our 70s we are proud of being the 102nd class to America's oldest high school alumni which was established in 1871.

As for a reminder to any of our classmates please check out our Facebook pages (yes,,, we have two pages) which can be found at Facebook by searching "Stevens High School, Claremont, NH, Class of '73" or "Stevens High School, Claremont NH - Class of 1973."

Our class will meet again this year shortly after the parade for another reunion at the home of Donna Provost who has been a wonderful host the past few years for us to come and reminisce and laugh it up about life in general.

If you want any information about our class you may contact me anytime at (603) 477-5218 or Tony Leiras at (603) 252-9463.

## 1974

Charlene (Hayes) Reynolds

2025 has arrived and with it, our 51st year out of high school. The years seem to go by faster and faster!

2024 was our BIG 50th reunion and what a reunion it was. We spent much of the beginning of the year in planning meetings. We wanted to have a great float and a great weekend for everyone to enjoy. Each meeting seemed to bring a new classmate, most whom we hadn't seen at reunion events in a long time, if ever. It was such fun to get to know them once again. We also were able to have members participate via Zoom. Our snowbirds certainly appreciated that!

The parade theme was "Rock and Roll." The class chose to honor Aerosmith, as they had played at school dances in the early 70's. Our float was made to look like a train, with a Steven Tyler standup figure on the back. We had class shirts with the theme on the back and logo on the front. We were a sea of red and black shirts. While we didn't win a trophy this year, we certainly had a great time. There were about 50 classmates that participated in the parade. Many walked and distributed over 4000 pieces of candy!

Friday night was the BBQ at Debi Demorest Flaherty's house on Maple Avenue. 43 classmates attended, along with 23 guests. We

welcomed many classmates who joined us for the first time, plus many who had not attended in many years. We were prepared for rain, which was a good thing! But with rain, comes a rainbow, which glowed brightly across the street from the BBQ. Great food and great conversation were had by all.

Saturday night was the BIG event. The reunion banquet was held at the Claremont Senior Center. We had a gold and white theme, with some red and black. The tables had a variety of centerpieces with each table having photos from old yearbooks to spark memories. The room had 2 memory boards honoring the classmates we have lost, along with the memory book. We had a table with the old yearbooks and other memories for people to enjoy. Plus, we can't forget about the photo booth. Anita Schmitt Delaney put together a scrapbook of class memories for all to enjoy.

Taking the group photo was a challenge that night! We had 53 classmates at the banquet plus 29 guests. We have posted many of the photos from the reunion weekend on the class FB page, which is Class of 1974 Stevens High School, Claremont, NH. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner provided by the Senior Center, along with a cake celebrating 50 years. So many made connections with old friends and made new friends. We had door prizes and raffled off the Aerosmith band posters that were used on the float.

The class wanted to make this reunion extra special for those attending, as the Alumni Association no longer has a banquet that would honor their 50 years out of school. We chose to give a gift to each classmate, as well as a gift to their guest. Each classmate received a red fleece blanket with the black logo from our senior yearbook. Our guests received a faux cardinal stained glass window hanger.

With the generous donations to the class fund, we are able to make a donation to the Alumni Association to be used for scholarships. We will donate to the Alumni Memorial Fund, the Frederick W. Carr Scholarship Fund and the Walter S. Paskevich Music Scholarship. The checks were presented to the Alumni Association as 3 oversize checks by class members.

It was with sadness that we lost a classmate right before the reunion. Gary Savoie passed suddenly. He had been living in Claremont at the time of his passing.

So....onto the future. As always, the class gathers to watch the Alumni parade across the street from the Elks. It is always fun to see who shows up to watch the parade. We often continue the day with a lunch someplace after. Watch the class FB page or class member page to be updated on the current plans.

We will continue to grow the class account so that we have funds for future reunions and parade floats. The class dues are \$10.00 a year (separate from Alumni dues). The dues are \$10.00 a year and checks can be made out to the SHS Class of 1974 and sent to Class of 1974, c/o Charlene Reynolds, PO Box 81, North Hartland, VT 05052. An additional donation to the class fund is always welcome. Please provide a note stating where fund are to be applied to (dues and/or donation).

We are missing many classmates mailing addresses. We don't find this out until our mailing comes back to us. If you update the Alumni Association with your address, please update the class as well. The Association is sent an updated copy of our mailing list, if you don't update them. How about your email address? We updated our list at the time of the reunion. Did you update yours? If not, please let me know so I can update our list. Do you want to contact a classmate and don't have their email address? Please either send an email to [stevensclassof1974@gmail.com](mailto:stevensclassof1974@gmail.com) or on messenger and I will provide it to you.

Do you know of a classmate that is not receiving the alumni newsletter or information from the class? Please help us by asking them to update their address or providing it directly to the class.

Stay well and healthy in 2025. If you need cheering up or know a classmate that does, please let us know. We are always here for you!

## 1975

Susan Dansereau

The SHS Class of 1975 is delighted to announce the celebration of our 50th high school reunion this year! It has been ten years since our last participation in the Alumni Day Parade back in 2015. Unfortunately, our 45th reunion and the parade were canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic, but we are excited to make this year truly special.

Since April 2024, our dedicated class members have been hard at work planning a memorable event. Highlights include our reunion venue at the Claremont Country Club, a 24' flatbed LaValley truck for our class float, catering by Carol St. Pierre, and 70's music to enjoy—all secured well before the end of 2024. Additionally, we're excited to announce a raffle fundraiser with ticket sales beginning March 24th.

As part of the festivities, we will create two collages: one featuring old pictures and articles of sports and activities from childhood to graduation, and another showcasing photos of our class members from infancy to graduation. These displays promise to add a nostalgic and heartfelt touch to our celebration.

Our float theme, Milestones and Highlights of 1975, includes a variety of highlights of 1975. A special thank you goes to our classmate Debbie Moore Bond, co-owner of Doolittle Print Serve, for her generous donation and contribution in designing our float's posters and banners. Debbie, your support is deeply appreciated by the entire SHS Class of 1975!

We are eagerly looking forward to creating unforgettable memories during the Alumni Day Parade on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 10:30 AM, followed by our 50th reunion celebration at the Claremont Country Club. Make sure to watch for our float in the parade—we'll be handing out candy for the kids!

To all the parade spectators, enjoy the Alumni Day Parade. We can't wait to celebrate with everyone!

**Future Home of CLAREMONT**

CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM

CHRYSLER DODGE Jeep RAM

**Coming soon to  
Charlestown Road**

5 RIVER ROAD  
CLAREMONT, NH 03743  
603 • 543 • 0188  
[cdjrofcclaremont.com](http://cdjrofcclaremont.com)

CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM

**CLAREMONT**

CHRYSLER DODGE Jeep RAM

**NOBODY SELLS FOR LESS!**



# 1979

Alison Gagnon, Secretary

To commemorate our 45th alumni reunion, we chose "Beatlemania" as our float theme for the 2024 parade. The Beatles originally formed in the early 1960's when members of the class of 1979 were born and they have remained a legendary force in rock and roll to this day. We believed this choice would allow us to create something that would be recognized and appreciated by all generations and age groups, and we were so right! Our vision was to create a likeness of the iconic "Yellow Submarine". We began by framing three sides of classmate Arnold Craigue's twenty-four-foot trailer with chicken wire which we stuffed with yellow and blue tissue paper. We obtained replicas of the porthole windows with the Beatles' faces and several of their most famous album covers, as well as over 100 titles of Beatles' hits in oversized, multi-colored letters, all of which we attached to both sides of the float. We also designed two different Beatles-themed banners for the front and back of the float. All of these beautiful graphics were created for us by Dolittle's Print Serve, who did an excellent job. We added more chicken wire to the rear ramps and stuffed it with psychedelic tissue paper. Mounted on the trailer hitch was a very realistic "Octopus's Garden" that was meticulously created by classmate Bimbo Dansereau, and we zip tied several stuffed sea creatures to the front and back of the float to complete the image of an under-the-sea utopia. Classmate Tyke Matheson generously donated fluorescent yellow t-shirts with a silhouette of the famous "Abbey Road" album cover across the front for us all to wear. (As an aside, we think it's really great that Bimbo and Tyke still go by those monikers.) We had a play list of Beatles' hits blasting from 2 speakers at the front of the float, and it was so moving to hear the crowd, especially the young children, singing along with us as we passed by along the parade route.

Several classmates literally spent hundreds of hours at Arnold and Deby Craigue's barn putting it all together. It was definitely a labor of love, and we were incredibly proud when our float was presented with the George Disnard Memorial Trophy. We were grateful for this prestigious recognition and decided to donate the cash prize associated with the trophy back to the Alumni Association to put toward future parade costs. We made this same gesture in 2019 when we received a trophy and cash prize for our magnificent "Toys 'R' Us" float, another chicken-wire and tissue-paper labor of love. Although this method of float building can be pricey and is without a doubt extremely labor-intensive, we've become pretty good at it!

After the parade, we met back at Arnold and Deby's barn and enjoyed a buffet lunch prepared by classmates Sherrie (Bugbee LaClair) Fontaine and Alison (Hathaway) Gagnon. By the time everyone arrived, much of the float had been dismantled and used to decorate the tables and the walls of the barn, continuing the Beatlemania theme throughout the afternoon. We had close to fifty classmates and their guests in attendance and it was so much fun catching up and reminiscing.

As we gear up for our 50th alumni reunion in 2029, we realize that time is of the essence. It will be here in the blink of an eye, and our goal is to raise enough money to present the Alumni Association with a generous gift (a tradition for the 50-year class), fund the float materials and contribute to a memorable 50th reunion celebration. Our plan is to have a plated dinner with live music in the elegant Sugar River Ballroom at the Common Man Inn and Restaurant in Claremont on Saturday night. That endeavor will require some significant fundraising, but we think our 50th is worth going the extra mile to make sure it is a memorable occasion.

This is our first year writing an article for the SHSAA's Annual Newsletter and we are grateful to be able to use this forum to reach out to our classmates to convey information that they might not otherwise obtain. In reading through past Alumni Association newsletter articles, other classes post details of their classmates' adventures and events that they've celebrated over the past year. We are still trying to compile a viable database of classmates' contact information to allow us to stay in touch, get updates on their lives, and hopefully, get more classmates involved with the reunion process. The Alumni Association has been an invaluable resource for us, providing mailing addresses for several classmates, but some of their information has not been updated by members. We are thankful that the Alumni Association can cover the cost of mailing this wonderful newsletter every year. Please remember to pay your SHS Alumni dues!

We invite our classmates to follow us on our private Facebook page, Stevens High School Class of 1979. To update your contact information, please email Sherrie (sherrielaclair@yahoo.com), Linda (Young) Mardanes (lam27lam@myfairpoint.net) or Alison (alison.gagnon44@gmail.com). We consider ourselves very fortunate to have a steadfast group of roughly a dozen classmates and a couple of their significant others who have been a dedicated part of the Float Committee for the past several reunions. Jo-Ann (Boone) Kleyensteuber and Linda have graciously stepped up to be Class Treasurer and Co-Treasurer respectively, and Alison and Sherrie have agreed to assume the role of Class Secretaries. We are trying to stay current regarding our Memorial Banner so if there are any classmates whose memory we have inadvertently failed to honor, please let one of us know via email, or private message the Facebook group. Sadly, our 2024 banner listed the names of 19 of our classmates who have passed. At this writing, since the 2024 parade, we've learned of 3 more: Karen (Godfrey) Benoit, Alan Slack and Francine (Viola) Nemkovich. A picture of the 2024 memorial banner is available to view on our class Facebook page.

Some classmates plan to meet at the Claremont Middle School to watch the 2025 parade together, and attend the Alumni luncheon at the high school as a group afterwards. All are welcome! We want to keep the momentum high and continue generating enthusiasm for our 50th reunion and our fundraising efforts! Over the past 4 and a half decades, we've had some very generous classmates who have donated money to help pay for our floats and afterparties. As a practical solution to reach our fund-raising target by 2029, we will be asking classmates to contribute to the 50th reunion celebration by participating in our fund-raisers and/or by making regular

donations to the Class of 1979 over the next 4 years. More details will be posted on our Facebook page when they have been finalized. In the meantime, please consider making donations through Venmo to @Jo-Ann-Kleyensteuber to be deposited into the SHS Class of 1979 checking account.

We have had many class meetings in the past and plan to have many more in the future, which we are able to live stream, so all classmates are invited to attend, either in person or on-line. We always post the date and the link on our Facebook page and we welcome all fresh ideas and perspectives to help make our class reunions continue to be successful. We look forward to seeing many of our classmates at the parade in 2025.



134 Pleasant St. • Claremont, NH  
(603) 542-8017

Senior & Military  
**15% OFF**  
Discount

**-Order-  
ONLINE-**

Hours	Restaurant	Delivery
Mon.-Thurs.	11 AM-9 PM	11 AM-8:30 PM
Friday	11 AM-10 PM	11 AM-9 PM
Saturday	11 AM-9 PM	11 AM-8:30 PM

Closed Sundays • Winter hours may vary

tremonthouseofpizza.com

*Come and check out  
our new craft beer bar:*  
**The Boat House**



LET'S GIVE A



**STEVENS SALUTE**  
**AUGUST 10TH | 2PM**



**JAZZ BAND  
LIVE CONCERT  
ALONGSIDE  
STEVENS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
BAND MEMBERS**

THE HISTORIC  
**CLAREMONT  
OPERA HOUSE**

**FREE TICKETS | LIMITED SEATING**  
**COHNH.ORG/EVENTS**  
**603-542-4433**



Tel: 603-542-8987 • email: alumni@stevensalumninh.com • web: www.stevensalumninh.com • facebook: www.facebook.com/stevensalumninh

# In Memoriam

In memory of members who have left our world...  
JANUARY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024

1941 Mary Lasky Raymond	1949 Margaret Eastman Meyette	1954 Jean Wight Richardson	1962 Lucille Desharnais Harrington	1971 Pamela Murray
1943 Herbert F. Chase	1949 William Parsons	1954 Robert Shute	1962 Bonnie Amell Rivard	1971 Dale Picard
1943 Anne Thompson Landini	1949 Carl F. Steinfield	1955 Judith Barton Adams	1963 Carolyn Rubera Gold	1973 Phyllis "Pam" Muzeroll
1945 Raymond E. Brodeur	1950 Priscilla Holmes Fisher	1955 Charles S. Dole	1963 Donald Zerba	1974 Gary Savoie
1946 Norma Boudette Principe	1951 Ann LaBounty Beuman	1956 Robert Sprano	1964 Joy Brooks Small	1976 Mark L. Fletcher
1946 Warren Simmons	1951 Frances Szyman Bourdon	1957 Kendall Packard	1966 Linda Buckner Ackerman	1977 Charlene Kenyon Hastings
1947 Barbara King Bessey	1951 Joan McKenzie Chicoine	1958 Alice DeCamp Murray	1966 Bruce Burroughs	1978 Leonard J. Gersberg
1947 Lloyd Page	1951 Donald Gokey	1958 Ronald A. Stevens	1966 Patricia Moody Hamel	1979 Karen Godfrey Benoit
1947 Leo G. Rushia	1951 Carolyn Howard Potter	1959 Ann McLaughlin Boone	1966 Douglas Lemere	1979 Ruth Walters
1948 Beverly Blish Fraser	1952 H. William DeVoyd	1959 Dr. Gary Elmer	1966 Dennis Ruggles	1981 Brenda Cota
1948 Norman MacLeay	1952 Janet Chamberlain Kennell	1959 Robert Evans	1966 Carolyn Aubin Weaver	1981 Todd Martell
1948 Beverly Drew Richmond	1952 Roland F. Shute	1959 Norman Patch	1967 Anthony Hodgman	1981 Stuart Wilkie
1949 Arthur R. Fitch	1954 Charles Goodhue	1959 Gloria Williams Smith	1968 Carole Giguere McCaffrey	1982 Frank Montefusco
1949 Victor Fontaine	1954 Victor Jangel	1959 Peter Sucharzewski	1969 Cynthia Walker Kuusisto	1997 Donal Dromgoole
1949 George LeClair	1954 Charles Murray	1960 Constance Zullo Barth	1970 William Field	1999 Joseph P. Lanou
1949 Donald Matthews	1954 H. Randall Parker	1960 Elaine Blake Kirkpatrick	1970 Thomas Gagnon	2000 Robert Beuman
1949 Doris Lepitre McCusker	1954 Raymond Price	1961 Joyce Parker Hull	1970 Glen Hawkins	2003 Jessica Gosselin
1949 Beverly Menard Lynn	1954 Sylvia Thibodeau Reid	1961 Joan Klementowicz Slade	1971 Robert Beuman, Jr.	2005 Matthew Lee Miller
1949 Roger Menard				

## Calling Former Marching Band Members!

Like we did in 2024, the high school's band director, Taylor Trudeau, is offering an opportunity for former marching band members to relive their glory days. Whether you were part of the band in the recent past or many years ago and you still play your instrument, Taylor and the current band members would love to have you join them in the parade on June 14. You will need to provide your own instrument, unless you played percussion. In that case, Taylor will make every effort to supply a drum. Shirts will be ordered for the occasion and Taylor will advise on the color of pants that should be worn.

In advance of the parade, Taylor will send you the sheet music and will inform you of a practice session (or two) to be held in the days before the parade. Contact Taylor at [twebb@sau6.org](mailto:twebb@sau6.org) if you would like to take part.



Landscaping ~ Trees & Shrubs ~ Flowers

### LOG CABIN NURSERY

Greenhouses and Nursery

(603) 543-0384

web: [logcabinnurserynh.com](http://logcabinnurserynh.com)

653 Main Street

Claremont, NH 03743

Lee & Sandy Stevens



KYLIE RUSSELL | OWNER

32 Pleasant St, Claremont, NH 03743

Phone: (603) 542-5424

Valley Regional Hospital proudly supports  
the Alumni of Stevens High School.

**Enjoy Your Year to Remember!**  
[www.VRH.org](http://www.VRH.org)



Dartmouth  
Health

Valley Regional Hospital

thank you

Stevens Alumni Association sends a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the following businesses for their generosity in sponsoring the \$200 cash awards to the trophy-winning floats in the 2024 parade!

<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>TROPHY</u>	<u>WINNING FLOAT</u>
Golden Cross Ambulance	Klara Hornick Trophy	Class of 1989
The Insurance Center	George Disnard Trophy	Class of 1979
LaValley Building Supply	SHS Alumni Trophy	Class of 1949
National Field Reps	Fred Carr School Spirit	Class of 2019
Stringer Funeral Home	Wayne S. Gray Trophy	Class of 1984

**Special thanks to the following who made the 2024 parade a success!**

- ◆ Richard Girard and Parade Committee: Todd Girard, DJ Girard, Mark Girard, Ross Girard, Ray Bernard, Heather Williams, Cameron Williams, Dale Girard, Candy Winot and Mark Chamberlain.
- ◆ Cars & Drivers: Tom Callum, Jim Boisclair, Steve Lizotte, Steve and Melissa Ward, Rick Vivian, Ray Bernard and Jerry Moore.
- ◆ Sheriff John Simonds for leading the parade
- ◆ Claremont Fire Department
- ◆ Golden Cross Ambulance Service
- ◆ Brent Wilmot and Claremont Police Dept. for inspecting floats and traffic control
- ◆ Thanks NHMS for use of Trams
- ◆ Sullivan County ATV Club for patrolling and helping with the parade
- ◆ A big thank you to everyone who volunteered trucks, cars, etc. and their time
- ◆ Scott Reed for supplying the truck and trailer to the senior class
- ◆ Joe's Car Care for providing flatbed trailer for viewing stand
- ◆ Bill Tenney providing flatbed trailer for Honorary members
- ◆ Steve Smith, WCNL station manager, for emceeing the parade
- ◆ All behind-the-scenes volunteers who helped make our reunion a success

Special thanks to Taylor Trudeau, SHS music director for organizing the combined band of SHS, CMS, and all alumni members who participated. We hope this will become an annual part of our parade.

Thank you to our Cornhole Tournament fundraiser sponsors: S J Reed, Joe's Family Car Care, Americana Bar and Grill, Nick Koloski, DeCamp Trucking, and one anonymous donor. And a huge thank you to Running Bear Campground for hosting the tournament in their pavilion in Ascutney!

And thanks to the people who worked on this year's newsletter!

- ◆ Debra Moore Bond, Mark Chamberlain, Dick Girard, Janet Eno
- ◆ The business sponsors whose ads help cover the printing and mailing costs of the newsletter

And thanks to the people who helped organize the Annual Meeting and Luncheon!

- ◆ Rusty and Ann Marie Fowler, Mark Chamberlain, Janet Eno, Sonya LeBlanc Lawson, Elyse Crossman, Carolyn LeBlanc, Bev Janelle, and Candy Winot.

## Alumni Association Website

In case you are not aware, the Alumni Association now has a user-friendly website. Throughout the year we post occasional articles, including this newsletter, and we encourage you to visit the site regularly to stay up to date. In addition, at the request of Alumni, the site includes the ability to pay dues and make donations using a credit card. Please know that putting on the annual parade runs about \$17,000, so we rely on dues and donations to keep this important event going year after year. The site is organized by tabs, two of them labeled "Alumni Dues" and "Donations." You can go to each tab, make your entries and click "Add to Cart" just as if you were shopping online. You then check out and pay. It's that easy! The website address is [stevensalumninh.com](http://stevensalumninh.com). You can also navigate to the site by pointing your smart phone camera at the QR code above.



*Please note that Paypal is the organization processing website payments for us. They charge us 3% to do so. For instance, if you make a \$100 contribution via the site, please consider adding \$3 to cover the processing fee.*

## Cornhole Tournament!!

By Mark Chamberlain

For the second year in a row, the Stevens High School Alumni Association will hold a fundraising cornhole tournament. It will take place on Sunday May 18 at the Running Bear Campground in Ascutney. Note that there is a pavilion at the campground, so if the weather does not cooperate, the tournament can still happen under the protection of the pavilion. The format will be Blind Draw which means that individual players will be partnered up at the event. This way, it levels the playing field for the tournament by randomly matching very experienced players with those who are less so. We have secured \$500 in prize money for the event and will award it to the top three teams. See the details below:

**What:** Stevens High Alumni Association Cornhole Tournament

**When:** Sunday, May 18. Bags fly at 12:00.

**Where:** Running Bear Campground, Ascutney, VT

**How:** You can register using the SCOREHOLIO app which you can download on your iPhone or Android. Then click on the Find a Tournament tab and search for Stevens. You can also register in person on the day of the event beginning at 11:00 AM.

**Cost:** \$25 per player

**Ink Factory  
Clothing Co.**

## CLASS REUNION SHIRT HEADQUARTERS

*The Ink Factory is the Official Alumni Apparel Store*

OTHER  
SERVICES  
OFFERED

Screen Printing • Embroidery • Promotional Products  
Signs and Banners • Vehicle Graphics • Job Site Signs

☎ 603.542.2234

@ [inkfactory@comcast.net](mailto:inkfactory@comcast.net)

🌐 [www.inkfactorynh.com](http://www.inkfactorynh.com)



## 2025 Parade Chairman Letter

Fellow alumni,

The parade theme for 2025 is "A Year to Remember." The form to register your class float can be found on the SHS Alumni Association website ([stevensalumninh.com](http://stevensalumninh.com)) on the SHSAA Documents tab. We do not allow duplicate themes, so the sooner you get your class registered the more likely it is you will get the theme you want.

Pulling together an event of this size is no simple task, and it takes a lot of coordination across the public and private sectors here in Claremont. For instance, businesses in town which purchase ads in this newsletter help defray the cost of the newsletter of course, but also help with the expense of putting on the parade. Each year, several businesses also step up to sponsor the prize money for the float trophy winners. We are eternally grateful to them. Sponsors for the 2024 prizes were:

**National Field Representatives    LaValley Building Supply    The Insurance Center**  
**Golden Cross Ambulance                      Stringer Funeral Home**

The day before the event requires lots of coordination with the city and work along the line-up area on Broad Street. The Claremont Police Department is our tried and trusted partner in this endeavor, and we are fortunate to have a dedicated team of volunteers every year for this exercise. Those Friday afternoon volunteers for the 2024 parade included Dale Girard, DJ Girard, Aaron Putnam, Mark Chamberlain and Ray Bernard. And on Saturday morning, some of those volunteers, and others, joined us to help keep everything in working order. That Saturday morning team included Heather Girard Williams, Ross Girard, Todd Girard, Mark Girard, Mark Chamberlain, Ray Bernard, Cam Williams and Landon Wheeler.

As most of you know, we always hold the Association's annual meeting and luncheon right after the parade in the high school cafeteria. This also requires a team of volunteers to ensure a smoothly-run meeting and nice lunch for all attendees. Volunteers at the 2024 luncheon included: Rusty and Ann-Marie Fowler, Carolyn LeBlanc, Jan Eno, Sona LeBlanc Lawson, Denise Liveston, Elyse Crossman, Candy Reed, Beverly Hanks Janelle. The caterer was One Way Bakery, a local business owned by Stevens alum Lacey Lawson and located on Glidden Street in Claremont.

For the first time in the history of our annual parade, we had alumni join the marching band, and it was a big hit! We purchased new shirts for all the band members and with the additional eleven alumni joining the band, they made a very positive impression on parade watchers as they marched down the streets of Claremont. We will do this once again for the 2025 parade. I want to give a special thanks to the high school's music director, Taylor Trudeau, for making this happen and for all the hard work she put into it.

As mentioned above the Claremont Police Department is an instrumental player in making this parade a success. A huge thank-you to them for their continued partnership! The same goes for the Claremont Fire Department. Every year they put up and take down the SHS and St. Mary's banners on Pleasant Street. Without their trucks and tall ladders, we would not be able to get this done. We greatly appreciate everything they do for us.

We are changing the parade route this year to go back to the tradition of having the parade chain march straight down Pleasant Street to Opera House Square. As you know, the design of Pleasant Street was changed a few years ago and the larger curb cutouts they installed were the reason we had not used that traditional route for the past three parades. But after the 2024 parade, we asked a number of the contingents to have a close look at Pleasant Street and give us their views on it. They all thought it should work, so we are going to give it a try. This year's parade will start on Broad Street, as it always does, then take a right on South Street followed by a right on Pleasant. The parade chain will stay on Pleasant all the way to Opera House Square where it will go around the square in front of the Moody Building and then head back to Broad Street to disband.

As always, the SHS Annual Meeting and luncheon will follow the conclusion of the parade and will take place in the Stevens High cafeteria. Please join us for what is always a delicious lunch and a good meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone in June!

**Dick Girard, Class of '61**

President/Parade Chairman, SHS Alumni Association  
[dick@goldencrossamb.com](mailto:dick@goldencrossamb.com)

## SHSAA Parade Trophies



**Klara Hornick Trophy:** This was the first trophy soon after the parade started. She and her husband owned and operated a jewelry store. They were very community orientated and dedicated to the Alumni Association.

**Stevens Alumni Trophy:** This was the second trophy awarded in the early fifties.

**Wayne Gray Trophy:** This was donated by the class on 1963 on their 25th reunion.

**Fred Carr Trophy:** This trophy was donated by Roland Irish from the class of 1971. It is presented to the class float that shows the most school spirit.

**The George Disnard Trophy:** George came to Claremont as a teacher in 1955 and retired as the superintendent of the Claremont School District. His wife Mary was the Music teacher for more than 25 years. After he and Mary made honorary member, they never missed an alumni banquet until George passed away in 2004. The Alumni Association wanted to do something in his memory and thus the George Disnard Trophy.

**The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce Trophy:** "The Spirit of Claremont Award"

**St. Mary's** also awards a trophy to a class float representing their school.

## Viewing stand location at the Tremont House of Pizza

Emcee to be announced

We invite all **honorary members and teachers** to view the parade together.

## 2024 Parade Fundraiser winners:

Max Alin '62  
Andrienne Goggin Clark '54  
Gardner Chase '50  
Michael Companion '73  
Carl Couture '59  
Derek Ferland '91

Dick Giles '62 (2)  
Charline Benware Hagen '72  
Benjamin Haubrich '67  
Victoria Wood Kitts '97  
Carolyn Bowles LeBlanc '62  
Elizabeth Berdecki Rivers '70



Serving the Greater Claremont New Hampshire Real Estate Market.  
131 Broad St Claremont NH 603-287-4856  
[www.housestohomesnh.com](http://www.housestohomesnh.com)



*Servicing those in our community  
for over 29 years.  
Drop in to see Tammy & Ashley today!*





# Page 12 – What a day! What a PARADE!!

Tel: 603-542-8987 • email: [alumni@stevensalumninh.com](mailto:alumni@stevensalumninh.com) • web: [www.stevensalumninh.com](http://www.stevensalumninh.com) • facebook: [www.facebook.com/stevensalumninh](http://www.facebook.com/stevensalumninh)



Head of the parade down Broad Street with Stevens Combined Band



Fred Hill, Grand Marshal



The class of 1949, 75 year class, Stevens Alumni Memorial Trophy



The class of 1959, 65th year



Class of 1964, 60th year float



55th year, the Class of 1969



The Class of 1974, their 50th year



Class of 1979, their 45th reunion, George Disnard Trophy



Colchester Continentals, Connecticut



Melha Hadji, Springfield, MA



Hill's Band Wagon



Stevens High School Combined Band - see page 9 to join in!



# Stevens High School Alumni Association's 153rd Year Celebration 2024 ~ Page 13

Tel: 603-542-8987 • email: [alumni@stevensalumninh.com](mailto:alumni@stevensalumninh.com) • web: [www.stevensalumninh.com](http://www.stevensalumninh.com) • facebook: [www.facebook.com/stevensalumninh](https://www.facebook.com/stevensalumninh)



Sullivan County ATV Club



Class of 1984's float, 40 years, Wayne S. Gray Trophy



The class of 1989, 35 year class, Clara Hornick Trophy



Class of 1994, 30 year float



Class of 1999, Celebrating 25 years



Class of 2004, 20 years



The class of 2009, 15 year class



Celebrating 5 years, 2019 float, Fred Carr School Spirit Trophy



The class of 2024, Graduating Class



Yankee Doodle Band, Rensselaer, NY



Firehouse Six Band



Parade legend, Leapin' Lena



# Alumni Profiles



## Barbara Houpis DeCook

Class of 1946

By Mark Chamberlain

Barbara DeCook, since graduating in 1946, has missed only one SHS Alumni Day and that was in 2024. She can be readily excused for that, though, as she turned 97 years old that same month and doesn't get out as much as she used to. She has been one of the most loyal graduates of Stevens since her time at the school and still serves as the Secretary for her class, 78 years after she and her classmates donned their caps and gowns. And at the banquets held in previous years, she was always the oldest attending member. She never missed one.

Barbara and her twin sister Lorraine were raised in town. Their father, always in his straw hat, worked at a grocery store on Pleasant Street and was known far and wide in the community. Their mother was a homemaker. Barbara and her sister were very active members of the student body while at Stevens. Barbara loved her years at the school and took part in Chorus, the Drama Club, Intramural Basketball, the Red and Black Yearbook and Junior Prom Committee among other activities. In her senior year, she even served as a Claremont Tax Assessor.

Barbara credits her energy and can-do attitude to her upbringing and specifically, the advice her mother gave her which was "To make your own decisions. Be in charge of your life." And that's what she has done. She also understands that fate sometimes intervenes in life and takes one in an unexpected direction. "Whatever will be, will be" she knows to be true. But the key to success, she says, depends on how you react to what has happened to you. She likes sharing her views on living a fulfilling life and as Secretary for her class, she always closes out her communications to her classmates with the following:

Try to do something every day,  
Don't sit in a chair and wither away,

Hope to see you in June,  
Take care and enjoy yourself always.

After graduation, Barbara began working for the John Hancock Life Insurance company where she remained for 35 years. She was an administrative assistant there and says that one of her roles was to keep all the men in line at the office! As in high school, Barbara kept very active her whole life, for instance, walking two to four miles every weekday to keep in shape and stay strong.

Barbara is thankful for the very good life she has had in Claremont and has been especially appreciative of her loving family and her many good friends in the immediate area and beyond. At this point in her life, getting around isn't as easy as it used to be, so one of the things she likes to do to stay sharp is to watch games shows on television. She also has frequent visitors to her home to keep her company.

We hope to see you at the reunion, Barbara!



## John Ring

Class of 1964

By Mark Chamberlain

John was born in Claremont though his parents were brought up elsewhere – his mother in Brandon, VT and his dad in Hanover. John says the family comes from a long line of hardy New Englanders who arrived in the new world from England and Wales in 1638, making John an 11th generation American.

John grew up in town, first on Broad Street and then on Myrtle and had the good fortune of attending the Way and Bluff schools before the Junior High and Stevens. Given where he lived, John walked to school every day from kindergarten to 12th. While at Stevens, John liked and excelled in Math but wasn't so keen on the sciences, Chemistry in particular. He credits his teachers for providing him a first-rate education and named Paul Jobin and Wade Perkins as two of his favorites. While at Stevens, John not only focused on his studies,

as he knew he wanted to go to college, but also was on Student Council, was an organizer of the Junior Prom and served as the yearbook editor in his senior year. After graduation, John headed to Babson College in Massachusetts to pursue a degree in Business Administration and Accounting.

John finished his degree in three years, and in 1967 began working for one of the "Big Eight" accounting firms. At the time, that was the standard career path for anyone who aspired to become a CPA. You would work for a Big Eight for two to four years and then get your CPA license. He did exactly that and moved back to the Upper Valley to take a position with a Hanover CPA firm in 1969. John worked with them until 1971, when he started his own firm in Claremont.

From the onset of his own business, John worked mostly with family-owned businesses and, believe it or not, still works with some of those early clients today! For many years, he ran his business out of his home on the Charlestown Road and then moved to the Eastman community in Enfield and opened an office in West Lebanon. He eventually moved to Vermont and worked from home for many years until he sold his Norwich home in 2022 and bought a place in New York City. He now splits his time between New York and Miami Beach and continues to work with his clients.

In reflecting on his youth, John said it was a true blessing to grow up in a company town like Claremont. The Joy factory offered steady employment for hundreds of families thus creating a stability in town. Families did well in Claremont and stayed put. That meant that virtually all the students who John started with in kindergarten graduated with him in 1964. Not many towns or cities can offer that kind of experience, and John is forever grateful for it. As a result, over the years, and continuing to the present time, John directs most of his annual charitable donations to local organizations like Stevens itself, the SHS Alumni Association, the CSB Community Center and others.



## Doug Agan

Class of 1975

By Mark Chamberlain

Born in Massena, NY, David and his family explored the U.S. living in several states in David's first five years due to the

demands of his father's job. On a project his dad was on in Bogota, Colombia in 1962, they happened to be using Joy Manufacturing equipment. His father soon made a trip to Claremont to learn more about Joy, took a job there and moved the family to town in 1963. His parents enrolled David in Way School for first grade, and then at St. Mary's after that. David's four siblings, Jim, Michelle, Jeff and Debbie also attended Claremont schools.

In high school, David played soccer all four years and basketball with the local Christian Youth Organization, which included many of his friends from St. Mary's. He cites Mr. Grenier and Mr. Kaplinski as being his most influential teachers at Stevens. He said it was clear they loved their jobs and cared deeply about the learning their students achieved in the classroom. Because Claremont had a large population of post-war, baby boom students in the 1970's, David said this created a fun, spirit-filled environment at Stevens with many students involved in sports, music and other extracurricular activities.

After graduating, David took a few sports jobs, coaching girls Junior High soccer, J.V. soccer at Stevens for two years and coaching and reffing in Claremont's PeeWee soccer league. David moved to Enfield in 1984, worked for a time at Dartmouth Hitchcock and then took a job at Hypertherm where he remained until retiring in 2019. He began as an Assembler and then moved into Research & Development. The company was, and still is, employee-owned and David said this made for a family-like environment where everyone worked hard and chipped in whenever and wherever needed. In fact, such a strong bond was created among David and his former colleagues, they still meet up on a monthly basis for dinners. During his Hypertherm years, David kept one foot in the sporting world coaching many school teams and serving as a referee at countless youth soccer and basketball games.

In the 1990's Hypertherm launched a philanthropic division in order to begin contributing to the local communities. The company encouraged employees to volunteer and gave them paid days off every year to do that. David began offering his time at his namesake if you will—David's House, at Dartmouth Hitchcock. David's House is a resource for people who have family members battling serious illnesses at the hospital. For instance, it provides housing, and other services, for parents if their child is in the hospital for weeks or months at a time.



ENERGY FOR EVERYONE  
**propane**

Propane & Oil Since 1932



Tel: 603-542-8987 • email: [alumni@stevensalumninh.com](mailto:alumni@stevensalumninh.com) • web: [www.stevensalumninh.com](http://www.stevensalumninh.com) • facebook: [www.facebook.com/stevensalumninh](http://www.facebook.com/stevensalumninh)

David eventually joined the Board of Directors for David's House and served in that role for six years. He found this to be a very meaningful experience and is thankful to Hypertherm for instilling that sense of community and volunteerism in him and so many others.

In his retirement, David lives with his wife Kari in Enfield and keeps busy with a variety of projects, volunteer work and spending time with their children and grandchildren.



**Kelly Fontaine**  
Class of 1985

By Mark Chamberlain

How many alumni can say they and other members of their family have worked in the Claremont

School District for a combined 95 years? Kelly Fontaine can. Her mother Lucy, a 1961 St. Mary's graduate, worked in the cafeteria at West Terrace and Maple Avenue from 1978 to 2004. Kelly's dad Dennis, a 1963 Stevens graduate, worked as a high school custodian from 1970 to 2006. And Kelly has been a Stevens Special Education teacher since 1990. In fact her dad's office was located, before recent renovations, directly across the hall from where she teaches today! Kelly is also the proud parent of two Stevens alumni, daughter Brianna (Class of 2012) and son Josh (Class of 2014.)

Kelly reports that she wasn't necessarily thrilled with her time at Stevens. It wasn't that she did not like her classes or her teachers, but rather that she was very shy. High school, as we all know, is a never-ending series of highly social situations which can prove intimidating for some. One of the reasons Kelly enjoys teaching Special Education is that she can create an environment where the students feel they belong and where they can be successful.

Working with students who have significant cognitive challenges is something Kelly loves. And because, by New Hampshire state law, Special Education students can continue their studies until age 22, Kelly has on occasion worked with certain students for eight or nine consecutive years, allowing her to develop strong bonds with them. Kelly earned her Bachelor's degree from Lyndon State in Elementary and Special Education in 1990. After graduation, she moved back home to begin her

job search and, lo and behold, a role opened up that summer at Stevens. She applied, was accepted and began teaching at the high school in September 1990.

The Life Skills program is at the core of what Kelly does. She teaches her students money skills, how to prepare simple meals, how to maintain good health, how to do laundry, how to handle situations like eating out at restaurants and interacting with others in the community. The essential idea is to provide the students with skills they need to become as independent as possible, even if they continue to live with their parents into adulthood. In fact, some of her former students have gone on to employment in the area, and one even works in the high school cafeteria.

This fall Kelly will begin her 35th year teaching at Stevens and will carry on the Fontaine family tradition of hard work and dedication to the Claremont School District!



**Courtney Sharkey Porter**  
Class of 1993

By Mark Chamberlain

Courtney, the daughter of 1973 SHS Alum Rhonda LaPointe, was born and

raised in Claremont and was known, from a young age, to have an extraordinary amount of energy and enthusiasm. This served her well upon entering the Claremont Middle School where she tried out for and won a spot on the cheerleading team. Courtney brought those skills with her to the high school and was selected for the varsity cheerleading team as a freshman, remaining on the squad all four years. In addition, Courtney participated on the soccer team and was Class President in her sophomore year.

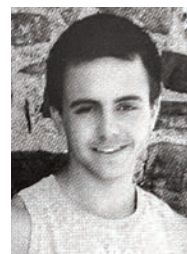
Her most memorable teachers include Mr. Grenier. Not only did Courtney appreciate how much she learned in his English class, but also the fun, supportive learning environment he created. Courtney said the passion for his subject matter was infectious and made for a great learning environment. Mr. Scranton was also influential as he taught, in his Social Studies class, the importance of understanding social relationships and the functioning of society. Courtney took this learning to heart, and in her professional career has focused on edu-

cational inclusion in the communities where she has lived. Courtney also had the great fortune of having a supportive cheerleading coach, Jen Ferland, throughout her four years at Stevens and is now a colleague of Jen's at Stevens, where they both work.

Upon completing her undergraduate degree at Keene State and earning a Master's in Social Work at UNH, Courtney taught for 13 years in the Alstead school system. She then moved to Vermont's Northeast Kingdom where she was the director of the region's Headstart program. In 2013, she moved back to Claremont and was hired into a new role at SAU6 to be the school system's Social Worker. She has remained in that job ever since and currently has an office at the high school from where she covers all the district's schools. Courtney's goal is to make sure all students have the support needed to be successful in school and works closely with families and organizations in town to meet the needs of all SAU students. For instance, she coordinates the annual Back to School festival offering backpacks and supplies to Claremont students and includes partners in the community such as the Elks, Kiwanis, Turning Points, TLC, River Church and others. And she is especially thankful to National Field Representatives as they have been the lead sponsor of the event for several years.

For all the great work she has done in the community, Courtney was selected as the Claremont Citizen of the Year in 2019. She truly appreciated the honor and the fact that leaders in the city recognize the importance of the work she is doing with students and families.

Finally, Courtney is also the proud mom of two children, one of whom finished her high school years in Vermont and the other, Cade who is a 2018 graduate of Stevens.



**Shaylor Duranleau**  
Class of 2005

By Mark Chamberlain

Shaylor is a proud member of a true Stevens High legacy family. Not only did both his parents attend Stevens (Leo Duranleau and Lori Mullen – Class of 1978), his grandfather, also named Leo Duranleau, graduated in 1950.

Shaylor attributes much of his career success to the Sugar River Valley Regional Tech

Center. Established in 1992 in the building next to the Middle School, the center offers technical programs in Building, Machine Tool, Culinary, Engineering and Plumbing & Heating, all designed to prepare students for careers in the trades. When Shaylor was a student, he took the Plumbing & Heating classes as well Computer Networking & Hardware courses that were offered then. He credits Doug Morton, who taught at the center for over two decades, for setting him on the right path by being a great teacher, advisor and confidante.

Shaylor gained work experience, after graduating, at Dartmouth Health in computer networking and with ARC Mechanical in Bradford, VT where he apprenticed and became a master plumber. In that job, he also benefitted from having earned his oil burner tech license while in high school. And during those first few years out of school, Shaylor gave back to the Tech Center by being part of the Trade Committee which would bring in practitioners like him to talk to the students about their careers.

After ARC, Shaylor moved into what's known as "control work." This involves setting up the computer networks and programs which run the plumbing, AC/Heat and water systems of large organizations like hospitals, for instance. After a year in his new role, he was given the opportunity to work in the California office and moved to Anaheim. Out there, he eventually moved to a different company, Sunbelt Controls, and worked on control implementation projects with such organizations as Disney Studios, NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab, and Warner Brothers, among others.

Eight years into his California stint, Shaylor realized he wanted to move back to New Hampshire. He was able to buy the Unity house his grandparents had owned, wanting to keep it in the family, and now happily lives there. For four years though, he was still working in California while owning and maintaining the Unity home. During that time, one of his Sunbelt colleagues was also moving back east, to South Carolina, and was starting up his own company doing similar control implementation work they had done together. Shaylor joined forces with his colleague, and they now run a company called The Graddy Group. They have five employees, and they program and consult for controls contractors across the U.S.

**LOVE'S**  
Bedding  
& Furniture

**Washington Street, Claremont NH**  
—\*—  
**(603) 542-5374**  
**[www.lovesbeddingandfurniture.com](http://www.lovesbeddingandfurniture.com)**  
*"You're going to love it at Love's!"*

**CASH AND CARRY**  
**furniture**



# Yearbook Memories

A sampling of yearbook photos from the years of classes who will celebrate a five-year anniversary in 2025. See you at the parade!



1952 Band



1940 Faculty



1940 Girls Basketball Team



Old Alumni Parade



1955 Prom Grand March



Bowlers in 1955



1960 Golf Team



1960 Ski Team



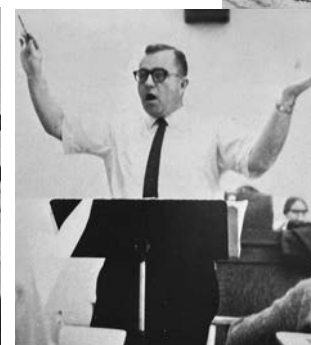
Fred Carr in 1965



1965 Lunch Ladies



1965 Band Members



Mr. Magoon in Action, 1970



Soccer Match 1970



1970 Math Class



Cheerleaders in 1970



1975 Basketball



1975 At Bat



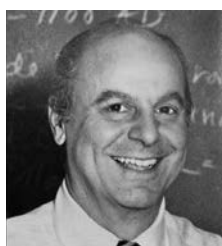
1975 Band Leader Mr. Gader



1975 Band Color Guard



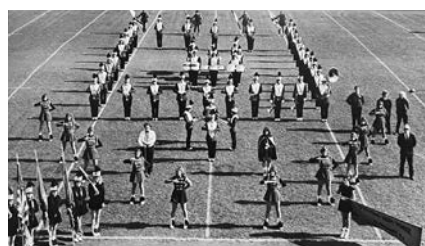
1980 French Class, Mr. Bolduc



Mr. T in 1980



1980 Chemistry Lab



1980 Marching Band



1980 Tennis



1980 Class Couple



# Yearbook Memories



1980 Soccer Game



Rainy Day in 1980



1985 Band Members



1985 Basketball Player



1985 Class Officers



1985 Flutist



Perfect Pitch in 1985



Band Practice 1990



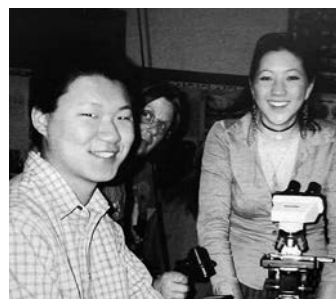
1990 Field Hockey



Shop Class in 1990



Cheerleaders in 2005



Biology Lab 2005

## Glory to Stevens

(From the 1930 Yearbook)

*Glory to Stevens,  
Loyal we sing,  
Now all together,  
Make the echoes ring for Stevens*

*Our team's a Winner;  
We've got the stuff.  
We wear the Stevens' Red  
And that's enough.*

## Something To Crow About !



**The Magnet Theatre**  
*Is Air-Conditioned For Your  
Health and Comfort*

## HANDLY'S



LOCATION? - - - 91 HANOVER STREET  
PURPOSE? - TO GIVE SERVICE AND QUALITY

We are Manufacturers and Salesmen of the Best

## Breads, Cakes and Pastries

also Cooked Meats and Salads of all kinds

WE CATER TO THE EATING PUBLIC  
WE WILL SERVE YOU WITH A BITE OR A BANQUET  
Free Delivery! - Any Time! - Any Place!

## R. J. HANDLY

Phone 651

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL—River Men's Baked Beans  
and Brown Bread

## Class Song of 1945

Lyrics by James C. Kibbey

Farewell dear old Stevens High  
Time has come to say good-bye.  
To books and pens,  
Teachers and friends.

A sad farewell we give to you dear old Stevens High.  
Even though we say good-bye,  
We'll ever be true  
For we all love you.  
Farewell our own Stevens High.

We're starting on life's hard road,  
We must carry our own load.  
O'er stormy seas  
We'll think of thee,  
Our alma mater dear.

From you dear old Stevens High,  
We will never break the tie.  
We'll ever be true  
For we all love you.  
Farewell our own Stevens High.



Tel: 603-542-8987 • email: alumni@stevensalumninh.com • web: www.stevensalumninh.com • facebook: www.facebook.com/stevensalumninh

**DECAMP**  
WASTE SERVICES  
www.decampwaste.com | 603-542-8050  
**CURBSIDE TRASH & RECYCLING**  
Your CHOICE Disposal Company since 2009


Scott Chaffee  
Operations Manager  
Prefabricated Custom  
Homes & Garages  
**LaValley**  
BUILDING SUPPLY, LLC  
Pleasant & Mulberry St.  
PO Box 396  
Claremont, NH 03743  
www.lavalleys.com  
Phone: 1-603-543-0123  
Fax: 1-603-543-1592  
Email: schaffee@lavalleys.com

 **Julie's Icare**  
Julie Richardson, Optician  
Ph.: 603.543.3216  
cell: 603.558.3048  
11 Dunning Street  
Claremont, NH 03743

  
**American Tire & Brake**  
119 Maple Ave  
Claremont, NH 03743  
603-542-8040


**ACE** Marro Home Center  
The helpful place.  
141 Charlestown Road  
Claremont, NH 03743  
Ph: 603-542-7201 Fax: 603-543-0449

**GOLDEN CROSS AMBULANCE, INC.**  
& SPEEDWAY SAFETY SERVICE, INC.  
  
www.goldencrossamb.com

**NHCFCU**  
NH Community Federal Credit Union  
P.O. Box 1150 1-800-439-7781  
98 Charlestown Road (603) 542-7781  
Claremont, NH 03743-1150 FAX (603) 543-0774  
James C. Neilsen IV  
C.E.O.  
NCUA james@nhcommunityfcu.org 

**REED TRUCK SERVICES**  
INC.  
  
**SCOTT REED**  
scott@reedtruck.com 1-800-542-5032  
24-HR CENTRAL DISPATCH

**Stringer Funeral Homes, Inc.**  
& Claremont Crematorium  
Michael D. Stringer  
Ph: (603) 543-3146 Fax: (603) 542-9223  
Email: mstringer@stringerfh.com  
146 Broad Street  
Claremont, NH 03743  
www.stringerfh.com 

 **ROZ CAPLAN, Broker - Owner**  
42 Summer Street  
Claremont, NH 03743  
Each Office Independently Owned and Operated  
O: 603-542-7766  
C: 603-477-3766  
rozcaplan@century21highview.com  
www.century21highview.com

Claremont NH  
543-9744  
24 HR EMERGENCY  
Towing & Roadside Assistance  
Find Us At 96 Summer St  
in Claremont, NH  
**Goe's**  
Family Car Care  
LLC.  
General Automotive  
Repairs Such As....  
\*ALIGNMENTS  
\*STATE INSPECTION  
\*LUBE, OIL & FILTER  
\*BRAKES  
\*TIRES  
\*SHOCKS/STRUTS  
\*WHEEL BEARINGS  
\*DIAGNOSTICS  
\*A/C SERVICE & REPAIR  
AND MUCH MORE....



Principal’s Letter By Michael Herrington EdD

Dear Stevens High Alumni,

As we approach the halfway mark of the 2024-2025 school year, I'm filled with a sense of pride as I reflect on my first full year as principal of Stevens High School. This year, like any other, has presented us with both triumphs and challenges, moments of celebration and opportunities for growth. Through it all, the spirit of Stevens High has shone brightly, a testament to the resilience and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff.

One of the most significant changes this year was the transition from a block schedule to a traditional period schedule. Moving from four 78-minute classes to seven 46-minute classes was a major shift for everyone. Naturally, such a change brought its share of adjustments. However, I've been consistently impressed by the adaptability and positive attitude of our students and teachers. My classroom walkthroughs have revealed a noticeable increase in student engagement, with shorter class periods fostering a more focused and dynamic learning environment. Looking ahead, we're committed to providing teachers with more dedicated planning time, ensuring they have the resources and support needed to maximize student success in this new structure.

Academically, Stevens High continues to prioritize expanding opportunities for our students. We've strengthened our partnership with River Valley Community College, further increasing the number of Dual Enrollment courses available. This year, we're particularly excited to announce the addition of American Sign Language to our Dual Enrollment offerings, providing students with valuable skills and college credit. We're constantly exploring new avenues to enhance our curriculum and equip our students with the tools they need to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

Beyond the classroom, we've made a concerted effort to cultivate a stronger sense of school spirit. This year saw the revival of pep rallies, a tradition that has been met with tremendous enthusiasm. Spearheaded by our dedicated English teacher, Megan Coughlin, these events have become a vibrant celebration of Stevens High pride, bringing together students and staff in a shared atmosphere of excitement and camaraderie. We plan to continue these pep rallies as a staple of our school culture.

Our athletic programs have also enjoyed a remarkable year. In the fall, every single team that competed in playoff contention made it to the playoffs. Our varsity girls soccer team achieved an outstanding season, earning the title of NHIAA Division 3 state runner-up. Our varsity football team reclaimed the Silva Cup with a decisive victory over Fall Mountain, while our varsity boys soccer team proudly brought home the Bernard Cup, also defeating Fall Mountain. Our varsity field hockey team retained the Deschaine/Flint cup with a win over Newport. Our varsity girls basketball team made a strong run to the NHIAA Division 3's final four. Furthermore, Stevie Rheame won the NHIAA division 1 bowling individual championship, a testament to his dedication and skill. These achievements are a source of immense pride for our school and community.

Of course, this year has also presented us with significant challenges. As many of you are aware, we experienced a distressing incident involving four students who brought an incredibly realistic BB gun into the school. This led to a lockdown and a comprehensive room-by-room search by law enforcement. I cannot overstate the gravity of this situation and the profound impact it has had on our students, staff, and the wider community. It was a terrifying moment for everyone involved.

In the aftermath of this incident, I've been deeply moved by the outpouring of support and solidarity within our school community. Our students and staff have demonstrated remarkable resilience, reaching out to one another with compassion and understanding. We have worked closely with law enforcement and mental health professionals to provide support and resources to those affected. We have reviewed and updated our safety protocols, and are committed to creating a safe and secure learning environment for all our students. While the emotional wounds of this event will take time to heal, I am confident that we will emerge stronger and more united. I am grateful for the rapid and effective response of our local law enforcement, and for the students and staff who were able to follow all safety protocols during the lockdown. This is a situation that could have easily gone much worse and I am grateful for the response of all involved.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on our mission of providing a high-quality education and fostering a supportive and inclusive community. We are committed to continuous improvement, and we value the input and support of our alumni. Your connection to Stevens High is a vital part of our school's legacy, and we are grateful for your continued involvement. We hope that you will stay connected with us and continue to support our efforts to provide the best possible education for our students.

Sincerely,

Michael Herrington EdD  
Principal  
Stevens High School

IMPORTANT PARADE REMINDER

For those classes who will participate in the parade, please note the following: NOTHING whatsoever can be tossed from the float as you move along the parade route. This is a safety and liability issue, and our insurance provider is adamant that these rules be followed. Otherwise, we run the risk of not being able to obtain insurance for this event.

If your class wants to distribute candy or other items as you march along the parade route, individuals can do that as they walk alongside or behind the float.

Any violations of this rule will result in your float being removed from the parade. Your float driver will be asked to turn off the parade route and immediately end your class participation in the parade.

Custom cabinetry for every room in your home

Handcrafted in New Hampshire

CROWNPOINT  
CABINETS

www.crown-point.com • 800-999-4994

Work with one of our in-house design professionals

Available direct, nationwide

## The Art Teacher *By Mark Chamberlain*



Generations of Stevens High students had the pleasure of taking class with beloved Art teacher John Bennett starting in 1968 until his retirement in June 2013. That stretch of 47 years at Stevens makes him one of the longest-tenured teachers in the history of the school.

Bennett grew up in Newport and graduated from Towle High School in Newport in 1962 and went on to do his undergraduate work at Keene State College and the University of New Hampshire. He graduated from Keene in 1967 with a degree in Art Education. He also attended summer programs at Southern Connecticut University, while an undergrad, from which he earned a Certificate in Arts Education for grades K – 16. This meant he was qualified to teach students from the kindergarten level all the way to seniors in college.

Bennett took his first job at Fall Mountain High School in the 1967-68 academic year. He was then recruited to join the Stevens faculty and began in September 1968. In his early years with the Claremont School District, art teachers were as rare as hen's teeth. As a result, Bennett shuttled between teaching roles at the high school, the junior high school and the elementary schools. He was one busy man, yet with his powers of persuasion, he was soon able to convince the school board to hire more art teachers into the district.

Bennett told me that one of the keys to his success was establishing trust between himself and the students. When he started working at the high school in 1968, young people were becoming less trusting of figures of authority in U.S. society. He knew that the students had to learn to trust him as their teacher, and he had to learn to trust them as his students. He did this by empowering them to take on projects that would challenge them and help them grow. He worked to help them develop their skills of independent thinking and being open-minded to new ideas, art forms and different mediums. And he wasn't afraid to have the difficult conversations offering constructive criticism and grading projects appropriately. Students quickly learned that if they did not put in the work, Bennett would not just give them a pass.

Bennett was not only working in the classroom instructing students over the decades. In addition, if you happened to see any stage production in Claremont in the 1970's into the 2000's at Stevens or at The Claremont Opera House, chances are that Mr. Bennett had a hand in it. In fact, he was also involved in the extensive restoration of the Opera House itself in the 1970's when it was brought back to its original glory after falling into disrepair over the decades. At the high school, John also served as an advisor to the Drama Club, the senior play and any musical productions that took place. And, as you would expect, he was in charge of designing the sets for these productions.

For a time, Bennett was also a member of Claremont's City Council, a member of the town's Conservation Commission and a Director on the Board of the Claremont Opera House. In fact, the Opera House recently named their lobby in honor of Mr. Bennett. It's clear that Bennett's ideas and influence were felt far beyond the walls of Stevens High in the many years he served the community. His influence was at times felt even wider than the confines of Claremont. After taking a summer course at Harvard on the Middle East, Bennett was able to join a team of academics on a trip to Egypt where they met with senior officials from the U.S. Embassy and the World Bank. Bennett described it as a truly eye-opening experience to see all the beautiful art and architecture in that part of the world and to learn about the region's culture and politics. A once in a lifetime opportunity for sure!

Looking back on his years in the Claremont School District, Bennett said he was especially proud of the quality education he and his fellow teachers offered Stevens students. For instance, Bennett was part of the cohort of teachers who taught the Humanities class to juniors. It was an interdisciplinary course focused on western civilization from Ancient Greece through to the Age of Enlightenment. Several years after it launched, an American Studies class was developed to pick up where Humanities left off and to bring students to the present. Mr. Bennett, along with Mistresses Jobin and Magoon attended a conference each summer that followed the same format as the Stevens courses and thus were able to tweak the classes a bit each year in order to achieve an even higher level of excellence. In fact, the courses were so successful that other schools across the state followed Stevens lead and created similar courses for their students.

Bennett said he especially enjoyed the diversity of backgrounds of the students in the 1970's and 80's. The town, because of its many job opportunities offered by companies like Joy Manufacturing, Tambrands, Sullivan and others, attracted job seekers from all over the country and the world. This resulted in a wonderful mix of families that all came together to create a great sense of community in town. Parents were supportive of the school and its efforts to educate their youth, and that combination of involved parents and dedicated teachers led Stevens to be one of the top performing high schools in the state in the 1970's and 80's.

Bennett shared that his most fortunate and important happenstance in his life was to have met a young woman when he was at Keene State. Her name was Carol Mooney, and not long after they graduated college, he and Carol married. She had also pursued a degree in Education and worked for a number of years at the Bluff School, Charlestown Primary, Fall Mountain High and for many years as the Principal in the Alstead/Acworth/Landon school district. As of the time of our interview in summer 2024, John and Carol had been married 56 years! In their retirement, John and Carol now split their time between homes in Camden, Maine; Port Charlotte, Florida; and Claremont.

### Many Thanks to the Class of 1974!!

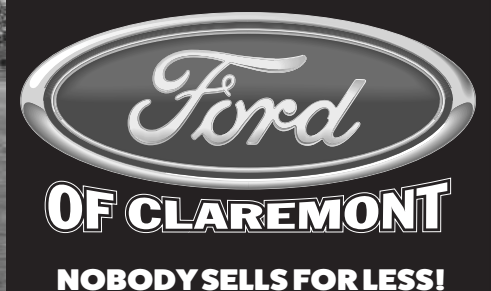
*By Mark Chamberlain*

At the regular monthly meeting of the Stevens High School Alumni Association in February, two members of the Class of 1974 joined to present three generous checks to the Association. Charlene Hayes Reynolds and Melissa Dyer Dube made the presentation and told us the class had been raising money at various events over the past few years and had accumulated \$7,400 to donate! Members of the class made the decision to split the donation among three of the Association's existing scholarship funds as follows:

\$2,5000 to the Frederick W. Carr Scholarship  
\$2,500 to the SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship  
\$2,400 to the Walter S. Paskevich Music Scholarship



(603) 542-9800  
155 Charlestown Rd.  
Claremont, NH 03743  
fordofclaremont.com






## STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONORARY MEMBERS

1950 Aletha Childs *	Raymond LeBouthillier*	Leslie M. Greene *	2008 Charles Gessner
Lyle Ewing *	Victor Pomiecko *	1991 John Scranton	Robert Young
Mabel Johnson *	1979 Frank Connor *	1992 John Caramore	Albert Derosier
1952 Stephen A. Doody *	Joseph Littlefield *	Judith Maculiewicz Orr	2009 Scott Pope
Robert Hadley *	Stanley Kendall *	1993 Barbara P. Richards	2012 L. Paul Couture
1955 Edgar L. Lord *	1980 Frederick W. Carr *	1995 Grace Sundelin	2014 Sandra Binion
Clarence Parker *	1981 John Stoughton	1998 Holly Moody*	Daniel Decker
Willard Rollins *	1983 Roger Grenier *	2001 John Lajoie	Patricia Ganter
1956 F. Lester Trafton *	Andrew Triantafillou	Ralph Silva *	Douglas Morton
1964 Newell Paire *	1984 Richard A. Gader	2002 Alice Clay	Melinda Scott
1965 Wayne S. Gray *	Joseph St. Pierre*	Maryann Erlanson	Rebecca Roisman
1966 Grace Deery *	1985 Christian J. Bottinger	Alfred Kaplinski	2024 Vesselina Alteva
1969 John Roberts *	1988 William Armstrong*	Lillian Scranton	The distinction of becoming an
1970 Normand C. Paquette*	John Bennett	2003 Gene Grumman *	Honorary Member is given to teachers
1975 George F. Disnard *	Karol K. Bottinger *	Joyce Gogan	and staff when they have reached their
1976 Paul H. Magoon *	Angelo P. Righi *	2004 Carita Aarnio	15th year at Stevens High School.
1977 Jesse L. Piper *	1988 Joan Simpson *	Linda Beaulieu *	
1978 Victor Baron*	Richard F. Waldo *	2005 Carol MacDonald	* Denotes deceased member
Paul Jobin*	1989 Loisanne Foster *	2006 David Stockwell	

**Ross & Buffy Girard**  
OWNERS

ASCUTNEY, VERMONT  
(802) 674-6417  
firesidebeverage@gmail.com  
113 Running Bear Trail  
Ascutney, VT 05030



**FIRESIDE BEVERAGE**




**AVERY INSURANCE**  
auto | home | life | business | financial



**Kiwanis Club  
of Claremont**


P.O. Box 615, Claremont, NH 03743  
claremontkiwanis.com  
ourkiwanisauction.com



### American Legion Post 29

119 Broad Street, Claremont, New Hampshire

**Sends their best wishes to the Stevens High School Alumni Association  
for a successful reunion and our thanks to the Alumni  
who have served in the Armed Forces of our Nation.**



**Doolittle's  
Print  
Serve, Inc.**  
Complete Design, Printing & Copying Services

*Now offering Durable  
Outdoor Signs & Banners!*

**603.543.0700**  
84 Elm Street • Claremont, NH 03743  
F: 603.543.1340 • dps700@comcast.net  
www.doolittlesprintserve.com



**ASETEX**  
TIRE & AUTO

3, Charles Street  
Claremont, NH 03743  
(603) 542-2179  
asetextire@yahoo.com  
**asetextireandauto.com**

*Our commitment is Honesty, Satisfaction, Safety & Quality*



**RUNNING BEAR  
CAMPING AREA**

**ROSS GIRARD  
BUFFY GIRARD**

(802) 674-6417  
runningbearvt.com  
contact@runningbearvt.com



## 59TH ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

THE NEWEST GROUP OF ALUMNI MEMBERS, 2024 GRADUATES, AND POST-GRAD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SELECTED BY THE SHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

### POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

#### Class of 2019

Savanna Callum

#### Scholarships Awarded

Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship

#### Class of 2020

Rylee Little Class of 1951, class of 1935 and Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarships

#### Class of 2021

Prescott Herzog	Class of 1950 and Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarships
Makayla Maccioli	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship
Caitlin Stapleton	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship
John Tursky	Rotary Club/Jeff Patten Memorial Scholarship
Julia Tursky	Rotary Club/Jeff Patten Memorial Scholarship
Amanda Wittemann	Currier Perpetual Memorial and Rosinski Family Scholarships

#### Class of 2022

Sean Adams	Class of 1945 Memorial Scholarship
Jenna Bonneau	Bud and Bucky Tucker and Noah Bryant Osgood Scholarships
Zachary Bundy	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship
Dylan Chambers	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Churchill	Currier Perpetual and Class of 1958 Scholarships
Mathew Davis	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship
Amaya Eitapence	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship
Ava Johnson	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship
Austin Jones	Currier Perpetual and Noah Bryant Osgood Memorial Scholarships
Hannah Miller	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship

#### Class of 2023

Matthew Becker	Currier Perpetual Memorial and Rosinski Family Scholarships
Samuel Dalke	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship
Richelle Girard	Class of 1954 and Rosinski Family Scholarship
Stella LaVertue	Class of 1981 and Noah Bryant Osgood Scholarships
Alyssa Paquette	Robert Hughes Memorial Scholarship
Dominic Puksta	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship

## GRADUATING SENIORS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS CLASS OF 2024

Ariana Carr	Dorothy Judd Goodhue Scholarship, Paran Stevens Music Award and Walter Paskevich Music Scholarship
Zandra Colburn	Samuel E. Heller Family Scholarship
Locklainn Hinkson	Samuel E. Heller Family Scholarship
Tyler Christian	"Queeney" Quimby Memorial Scholarship
Izabela Eitapence	Frederick W. Carr Memorial Scholarship and Barbara Richards Business Award
Ethan St. Amant	Marie Grenier Memorial and Noah Bryant Osgood Memorial Scholarships
Lydia Hoisington	Class of 1961 Scholarship
Keyleigh Young	Steve Doody and Magoon Paquette Scholarships
Angelina Lin	Class of 1937 and Robert B. Averill Scholarships
Kaiya Richard	Donald James Rollins Class of 1972, Mike Brousseau and The Milford Osgood Scholarships
Rowan Brothers	Guy K. C. Wilson and SHS Alumni Scholarships
Jason Demars	John Ring CPA Class of 1964 Scholarship
Cameron Ferland	John Ring CPA Class of 1964 Scholarship
Siena Mann	Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship
Isabelle Gleason	Magoon/Paquette Memorial Scholarship
Emma Kainu	Jean Lambert-Cheney Class of 1955 and SHS Alumni Scholarships
Nicholas Bailey	Joseph Rosinski and Piwowar-Blichaz Family Memorial Scholarships
Terry Thibedau	Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship and Class of 1965 Anonymous Cash Gift Award
Elise Smith	Dr. Carl M. and Lillian Stearns Memorial Scholarship and The Lilyanna Johnson Family Scholarship(established by the class of 1996)

Madalyn Minckler, Landon Norton-Avery, Ady Vire and Matt Wilmot all received Noah Bryant Osgood Memorial Scholarships. This Scholarship Fund was established by Noah's grandmother in 2022.

Madelyne LaVarnway, Alana O'Connell, Lucas Belisle, Kiley Bundy, Cody Pellerin, Maya Rice, Troy Richardson, Eva Sarapin, Koledyn Casey, Hailey Davis, Misal Farhan, Jackson Fellows Emily Stevens, and Daniella Varela all received SHS Alumni Scholarships

**Stevens Alumni Association is proud to have presented scholarships in the amount of \$97,800 to the seniors and post-grad students.**



## CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS – CHECK THIS OUT

There are scholarships available to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students as well as post college graduates. The criteria is that a letter of intent and need be sent to the alumni office prior to April 15 of any given year. Applicants must also include a short biography of their accomplishments, a recommendation from one of their instructors, and a transcript for the first semester of their current classes. Please fill out the cover letter and send with the above indicated documents. This form can be found on the Alumni website.

SHS Alumni Association • PO Box 710 • Claremont NH 03743 • Attn: Carolyn LeBlanc • Email: [alumni@stevensalumninh.com](mailto:alumni@stevensalumninh.com) or [nhsno@comcast.net](mailto:nhsno@comcast.net)

Tel: (603) 542-5114

Fax: (603) 543-1570

# B&Z

**BUCKLEY & ZOPF**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
EST. 1946

233 Broad St., P.O. Box 1485  
Claremont, NH 03743  
[www.buckleyzopf.com](http://www.buckleyzopf.com)

Anthony F. DiPadova	<a href="mailto:ADiPadova@BuckleyZopf.com">ADiPadova@BuckleyZopf.com</a>
Alexander W. Scott	<a href="mailto:AScott@BuckleyZopf.com">AScott@BuckleyZopf.com</a>
Michael A. Fuerst, Of Counsel	<a href="mailto:MFuerst@BuckleyZopf.com">MFuerst@BuckleyZopf.com</a>
Frank A. Natoli	<a href="mailto:FNatoli@buckleyzopf.com">FNatoli@buckleyzopf.com</a>

# APC PAPER

A Division of ProAmpac



**Kit 'N Kaboodle Thrift**  
Second hand clothing & household  
Portion of proceeds benefits  
Lost My Way Animal Shelter

Hours: Wed - Sat  
12PM-6PM

16 Tremont Street  
Claremont, NH 03743



E-mail: [laurie.j62@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.j62@gmail.com)



**Dues  
Donations  
and  
Fundraiser Tickets**

Please use the red one-page form included in your newsletter to pay your annual dues, to make any scholarship or fund donations, and to purchase your fundraiser tickets.

For your scholarship and funds donations, be sure to clip the box to the right, mark your choices, write your name and class year and include it in your envelope with your separated fundraiser tickets and completed form.



**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

Albert D. and Helen F. Leahy Fund	_____
Bud and Bucky Tucker Scholarship	_____
Class of 1935 Vo-Tech Scholarship	_____
Class of 1937 Scholarship	_____
Class of 1945 Scholarship	_____
Class of 1949 Enhancement Program K-8	_____
Class of 1950 Scholarship	_____
Class of 1951 Scholarship	_____
Class of 1954 Scholarship	_____
Class of 1958 Scholarship	_____
Class of 1961 Scholarship	_____
Class of 1964 Scholarship	_____
Class of 1981 Scholarship	_____
Denis Prudhomme Memorial Scholarship	_____
Donald Rollins Memorial Scholarship	_____
Dorothy Judd Goodhue Memorial	_____
Dr. Carl M. and Lillian Stearns Memorial Scholarship	_____
Duncan Littlefield Scholarship Fund	_____
Emery Currier 1944 Perpetual Scholarship Fund	_____
Frederick W. Carr Scholarship	_____
Guy K.C. Wilson Scholarship	_____
Jean-Lambert-Cheney '55 Scholarship Fund	_____
Lillyanna Amara Johnson '96 Scholarship Fund	_____
Magoon/Paquette Scholarship	_____
Marie McCarthy Grenier Mem. Scholarship	_____
Michael Brousseau Scholarship Fund	_____
Milford Osgood Scholarship	_____
Noah Bryant Osgood '22 Scholarship Fund	_____
Olney "Queenie" Quimby Scholarship	_____
Paran Stevens Music Award	_____
Robert B. Averill Scholarship	_____
Rotary Club/Jeff Patten Scholarship	_____
Samuel E. Heller Family Memorial Scholarship	_____
SHS Alumni Memorial Scholarship Fund	_____
Steve Doody Scholarship	_____
Walter S. Paskevich Scholarship	_____
Wayne Carter Photography Scholarship	_____

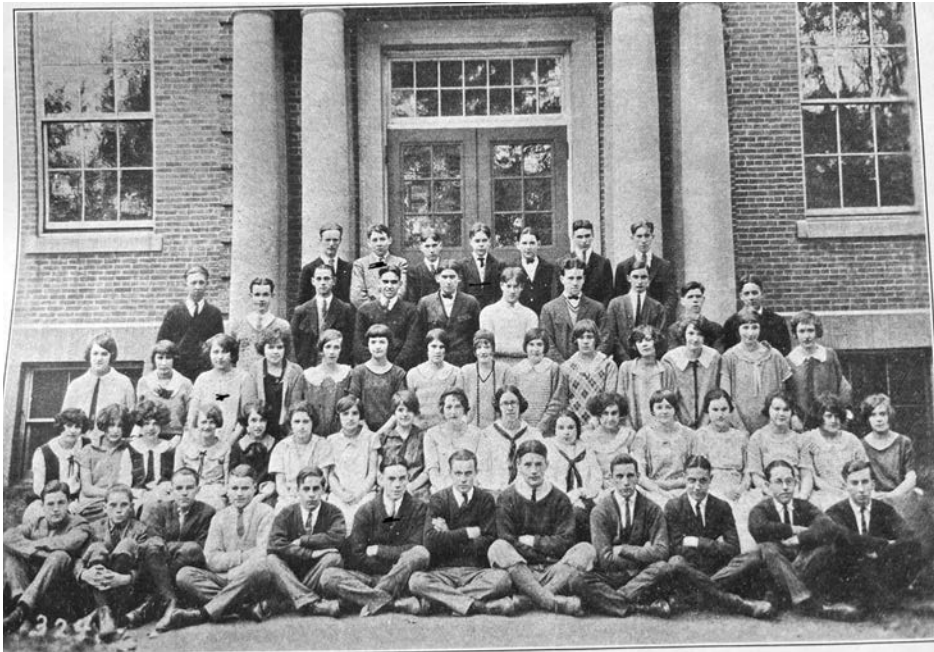
**STEVENS HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

CMS/SHS Band Fund	_____
Fund for Future Generations	_____
SHSAA General Fund	_____

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_





STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 710  
Claremont, NH 03743

Non Profit Org  
U.S. Postage

**PAID**

Wht Riv Jct, VT  
Permit No. 73

*RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED*



Painting by '49 alum Abbe Bailey

**Alumni Day  
Events  
June 14, 2025**

Parade Theme is:  
**“A Year  
to Remember”**

**Parade kicks off promptly at  
10:30 a.m. on Broad Street**

Following the Parade:  
**Annual Business  
Meeting/Luncheon**

*Catered by the  
Old Courthouse*

Luncheon cost \$10 (Buffet style)  
**Stevens High School Cafeteria**  
We will elect Executive Board members,  
vote on the 2026 parade theme, and draw  
the Parade Fundraiser winners.

*(enter gym via doors facing parking lot to right of school)*

**Parade route:** Broad Street > South Street  
> Pleasant Street > Opera House Sq.  
> Broad Street

**See you at the parade!!**

**The Stevens High School  
Alumni Association’s  
Mission is...**

- .....to keep an informed and active membership proud of its heritage.
- .....to hold an annual meeting as set forth by the first graduating class of 1871.
- .....to keep active the membership by holding a yearly celebration in June to socialize and reminisce of our life at Stevens, both then and now.
- .....to continue the friendships, good will, and camaraderie within each class.
- .....to continue the tradition of an alumni day parade.
- .....to keep the membership informed through an annual newsletter.
- .....to be a support group when called upon by the administration, staff, and students at Stevens High School.
- .....to assist, through the established scholarship funds, graduating seniors in their quest for further education.