



STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2026 Newsletter



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Stevens High School Alumni Assn. Named Nonprofit of the Year

The Stevens High School Alumni Association was named the 2025 Nonprofit of the Year by the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce. The Association was formally celebrated on April 2, 2026, with fellow honorees Kylee Plummer (Current Senior at SHS), Model Youth; Benjamin Thresher (Class of 2005), Young Professional; Richard “Dick” Girard (Class of 1961), Citizen; and Lundgren Subaru of Claremont, Business of the Year.



Stevens Alumni Association Officers & Volunteers

This award honors nonprofits for exceptional community service and positive local impact. Given to an organization that contributes to and promotes the economic growth, stability, and gives generously of themselves in time and resources to the community.

The Stevens High School Alumni Association has embodied these ideals for over 150 years.

In 2025, the Association’s impact was clearly demonstrated when it responded to funding shortfalls in the Claremont School District. The Alumni Association stepped forward in a remarkable way—mobilizing resources, coordinating fundraising efforts, and ensuring that students could continue to participate in athletics, music, theater, and other extracurricular activities. Their efforts helped maintain a sense of normalcy for students during a time of uncertainty.

The Association’s broader commitment to education is clear: from 2021 to 2025, its scholarship program awarded more than \$416,000 to over 300 students, supporting both recent graduates and alumni. This funding directly enabled recipients to enroll in colleges, universities, and career-technical education programs that they might not otherwise have been able to afford. To be clear, the scholarship program has existed much longer than the last four years, but that is a remarkable investment in our future generation in such a short window of time.

Beyond direct student support, the Alumni Association positively affects the Claremont community. The annual Alumni Parade draws hundreds of alumni and visitors, generating an estimated economic boost for local businesses each year and increasing citywide community engagement. As it approaches its 155th reunion, the Association’s events continue to attract large audiences and promote economic activity.

Run entirely by volunteers, the Stevens High School Alumni Association reflects the dedication recognized by the Nonprofit of the Year award. Their work not only supports students and schools but also strengthens the fabric of the entire Claremont community. This recognition from the Chamber honors both recent achievements and a legacy of more than a century.



Stevens Alumni Day June 14, 2025 The 154th Annual Celebration!

Parade Day didn’t dawn as bright and sunny as we would have liked, but never the less, the weather did not deter us from having another successful parade. Dick Girard and his parade committee made it look easy to line up almost 50 participating units and just on time with minutes to spare. There is a lot of work involved to make all of this happen without any mishaps. If you are up and about by 6 a.m., you will see Dick and his crew



Proud 2025 Seniors celebrating their trophy

coning off areas and setting up stakes for the class floats, bands, cars, horse drawn wagons, and the list goes on. On Friday night Dick has to make sure the police know where to find each float as they have to be inspected for safety issues before their float entry can participate in the parade.

The parade starts in front of the high school led by the Claremont Police Department motorcycle officer, Lucas Finamore followed by the Sullivan County Sheriff, Jayson Almstron.

Next came the Stevens Alumni float with logo and Stevens High School band joined by past SHS alumni band members dressed in snazzy new red and black crew shirts provided by SHS Alumni Assoc. and of course the Music Director, Taylor Webb. There were so many compliments about how well they played that they will be combining their musical talents again this year.

There are five trophies plus a \$200 cash prize that are awarded the floats determined by a panel of judges. The following floats were selected: The Alumni Memorial Trophy to Class of 2025 “the Graduating Class” – sponsor Lavalley’s Building Supply; The Klara Hornick Trophy to Class of 1975 for Milestones & Highlights – sponsor Golden Cross Ambulance; The Wayne Gray Trophy to Class of 2015 for “Back to the Future” sponsor Stringer Funeral Home, The Fred Carr School Spirit Trophy to Class of 2000 for “New Year’s Eve” sponsor NFR, The Disnard Trophy to Class of 2010 for “Our Senior Prank” sponsor Joe’s Car Care, Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce Trophy to Class of 2005 for “Guitar Hero”.

The parade marshal (s) are chosen each year by the class celebrating its’ 25th reunion. This year the class of 2000 chose Paul and Judy Couture. Paul is retired principal of Stevens and his wife, Judy is a retired teacher. Stevens High School Principal Michael Herrington rode in car owned and driven by Melissa Ward. He has only been principal a few years but is very supportive of Stevens Alumni Assoc.

Fred Hill is our newest honorary member also riding in the parade and will be introduced and recognized at the luncheon. To attain this honor a teacher must have taught at Stevens for 15 years. Mr. Hill has taught at Stevens for more than 15 years and has worn many different hats including Social Studies, Civics, American History and is now working in the Life Skills Programs.

Alumni officers, Janet Mower Eno, secretary, Carolyn (continued)

Bowles LeBlanc, Treasurer, and Beverly Hanks Janell, Asst. Secretary rode in a carriage and team of horses provided by Bruce Streeter followed by older grads in some beautiful older cars from the 30's, 40's 50's and 60's.

Next came the Prom King and Queen, Giana Bovill, and Malachi Capel and the Home-

coming King and Queen Sara Gaspard and Connor Miller riding in a horse drawn carriage provided by Phil Warren out of Alstead NH.

Bands, fife and drum, bektash and other performing units included: Colchester Fife and Drum, Mt Sai Nai #3 Motor Corp, group of go carts driving up a ramp over a limousine, Friends of Fiske Free Library, Leapin Lena, owned by American Legion Post #25 and driven by Jason Avery. Leapin Lena has been a part of our parade for many years and is a popular crowd pleaser. Other units included: NH Pipes and Drums lead by Oliver Bate-man, P.E. Perrenials Jazz band led by Parker Eastman out of Ascutney Vt., Mt Sinai #3 Cycle Unit, Melha Shriners Unit, Claremont Motor Sports NH Liquor Commission, Car Nutz Car Club from Newport NH., Fire House Six Dixiland Band under leadership of Ed Evensen class of 1967. SHS Cheerleaders, Coach Emily Charest, Marlborough Jr. Fife and Drum Corp out of Hebron CT., Hill's Bandwagon, and Claremont American Legion Post 29 Color Guard.

Other classes and floats participating: Class of 1955 riding in Running Bear Campground People Mover truck owned by Mark Girard and driver



Todd Girard, Class of 1956, Roger Whitemore, Class of 1965 riding in NHMS Tram, driver Steve Lizotte class of 1980, St. Mary's Class of 1955 riding in NHMS tram driver John Simonds,

Wall That Heals replica of the Vietnam War Memorial, The Keene American Legion Band, Stevens class of 1966 driven by Myron Wa-

dleigh in his classic 1966 Pontiac, class of 1970, classic car driven by Debra Mathews, St Mary's Class of 1965 celebrating 55 years of memories truck provided by LaValley's, Highlights of 1975 – Unique signs by Ray St. Sauveur. Class of 1985 Lisa Decauteau, car and driver Michael Moore, Class of 1995 – Chasing Toy's. class of 2020 – Graduation Year, Class of 2025 – "GRADUATING CLASS" Truck provided by SG Reed, Sullivan Cty ATV Club, Claremont Fire Dept and Golden Cross Ambulance Service.

Following the parade, alumni members gathered at the cafeteria for the luncheon catered by The Old Courthouse. The annual meeting followed with the agenda including voting for the slate of officers, taking care of any old and new business. The membership was provided with a list of parade themes for 2026. The theme of Movie Villains was picked for this year.

The luncheon was very well attended with many compliments of the caterer so The Old Courthouse is again going to cater this year's luncheon.

The parade date for 2026 is June 13th so mark your calendar.

STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SLATE OF OFFICERS 2025-2026

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

Donna Leahy Cornett '63

Treasurer

Carolyn Bowles Leblanc '62

Executive Board

David Zerba '63

Douglas LeBlanc '63

Heather Girard Williams '06

Elyse Gagnon Crossman '06

Donna Leahy Cornett '63

Nominating Committee

Russell Fowler '62

Kenneth Coulombe '59

Janet Mower Eno '62

Suggest a Parade Theme for 2027!

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 2027 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, 2027. In the subject line of your email, type "Parade Theme."

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER

Greetings to my fellow alumni!

Greetings to my fellow alumni:

I want to thank you, the SHSAA membership for continuing to send dues and donations to support this organization. It is because of you, we can have an office to work from and pay the yearly expenses. We have a reserve account where when possible, we save funds "for a rainy day" and can dip into when necessary, but we would like to continue to build this fund.

We send out about 6300 newsletters annually and if we all paid our annual dues of \$10.00? I'll let you do the math. Right now we average around \$7000 annually, and with extra sent for the general fund/operating fund, we can "get by". Your dedication to your organization, "The Oldest High School Alumni Association in the USA", is so very much appreciated and will continue to keep us solvent.

Some people still think that the annual parade is free, not so. We pay anywhere from \$15,000 to \$16,000 to bring this spectacular event to Claremont. Alumni members come "home" from all over the country to participate or watch this parade and join in the festivities that are planned for their class reunions. Please continue to help keep this annual Alumni Weekend successful for years to come.

To the area businesses, we thank you for continuing to support and believe in the traditions and values of Stevens High School Alumni Association.

Carolyn Bowles LeBlanc '62, Treasurer, SHSAA

SHS Alumni Association Income and Expense Report

July 1st, 2024 – June 30, 2025

INCOME

July 1, 2024 balance forward	.2870.83
Interest	.2.37
Misc refunds	.152.35
Dues	.6067.00
General Fund	.6939.50
Parade Donations	.690.00
Cornhole Fundraiser	.1,085.00
Cornhole Prize Sponsors	.500.00
Plant Sales	.465.50
Music Fund	.220.00
Yearbooks/Mugs	.61.00
Newsletter Ad Sponsors	.2,450.00
FFG(fund for future generations)	.130.00
Parade Fund Raiser	.5,170.00
Poinsettia Sales	.10,089.00
Parade Float Sponsors	.800.00
Luncheon	.800.00
Scholarships donations not transferred	.4,957.50
Paypal	.6,393.67
Paypal	.4,319.35
Total Income	.54,163.07
Transfer from Music Fund/T-shirts	.732.00
Currier Food allowance transfer	.500.00
Transfer from invest for Admin Comp	.3,000.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	.10,500.00
Transfer from Parade Fund	.5,250.00
Total Transfers	.19,982.00
Total Income and Transfers	.74,145.07

EXPENSES

Rent	.9,000.00
Verizon	.461.74
Insurance	.1,935.00
US Postal	.358.41
Doolittle's Print Serve	.135.00
Office Expenses	.579.20
Esscor: computer updates, clean up	.834.97
Dale Flewelling new Alumni sign	.1,850.00
Parade	.11,279.40
Cornhole Prize Winners	.500.00
Poinsettia Expenses (DS Cole)	.8,280.58
New Kurig	.143.41
Brayshaw, newsletter, print sort mail	.3,007.53
Fees/expenses website, Go Daddy, MS	.567.00
Donations, thank you gift cards	.699.58
Chamber Commerce annual dues	.187.50
Year book ad 1/2 page	.190.00
Salaries	.2,500.00
Comcast	.3,102.30
Parade fundraiser winners	.1,850.00
Catered annual luncheon and desserts	.2,128.81
Senior gifts	.540.00
Kaiser (new promotional pens)	.495.75
Scholarship transfers	.526.00
Admin. Compensation	.3,000.00
Ink Factory (T-shirts for band & alumni)	.732.00
Colonial Florist (luncheon)	.299.99
Food/refreshments for meetings	.460.07
Vicki Landry (tax return)	.650.00
State of NH (state report)	.75.00
Tr to Reserve	.10,000.00
Maple Ave. supplies (to be reimbursed)	.272.10
Music Stands	.650.00
Total	.67,291.34
June 30, 2025 balance	.6,853.73

PRESIDENT'S LETTER 2026

Greetings to my fellow alumni!

With our 155th Alumni reunion upon us, we again gear up to make it another great weekend to remember. Saturday, June 13th we begin our weekend festivities with the much anticipated parade. The theme this year is "Movie Villains" and we urge the 5-year anniversary classes to get their theme registered. Remember it doesn't have to be just 5-year classes, any class can enter a float.

Note: Graduation is June 11th and will coincide with the alumni weekend festivities.

This will be a special year for me; it is my 65th class reunion. Wow! Where did all those years go? This is also my last year as parade chairman, it is time for someone to step up and take over the reins of organizing this prestigious annual parade that is enjoyed and anticipated by so many people. I will be more than happy to assist and guide the new parade chairman to make the transition run smoothly.

This past year has been a very active year for our Alumni Association, Last June I met with the high school principal, Michael Herrington and discussed ideas of what we could do to help the school and students. His first response was to ask if we could fix or replace the sign in front of the high school. This sign was donated by the class of 1953 on their 50th reunion. It worked well for many years but due to time, age and outdated software, it became hard to maintain. I then called the company that had originally installed it and asked if they would come and discuss different options of installing a new one and of course the cost for such a project. While waiting for the estimates, the news broke that the Claremont School District had a deficit of nearly \$5 million dollars. They immediately cut funding to all extracurricular activities including sports and music. In light of this new financial crisis, I immediately advised the principal that the sign would have to be put on hold.

In talking with the principal, we discussed ways to help fund the cuts to all extracurricular activities. Principal Herrington asked if the Alumni Association would manage donations from the public to help keep the sports, music and other activities active.

I then called a meeting with officers and board members to get their thoughts and with their approval, we moved ahead with plans on how best to handle incoming donations. Needless to say, donations started pouring in from organizations, businesses and individuals. Without saying, our committee of volunteers stepped up and have worked tirelessly to see this thru.

In June, we were also approached about applying for a grant, so again a committee was formed to gather the information and documents required to complete the application. Denise Liveston's husband, Tom, volunteered many hours to helping us meet the deadline of applying for this grant, so thank you Tom.

In the Fall, we again held our annual Poinsettia Fund raiser and sold over 300 plants. On May 17th our third annual Corn Hole tournament will be held at Running Bear Campground. The monetary prizes are sponsored by SG Reed Truck Service, DeCamp Waste Disposal, Time Out Bar & Grill (Nick Koloski), Sundaez and one anonymous donor. The money raised from both of these fund raisers goes to maintain our operating fund.

We have come so far to make Stevens Alumni Association what it is today. Monthly meetings with 15 to 20 members present, an annual luncheon and meeting that has grown very popular and well attended, and a parade that boasts over 50 units and attended by thousands from all over the country. Note: Luncheon catered again

this year by The Old Courthouse, Newport, NH.

Stevens Alumni Association is an organization to be proud of with a strong and powerful membership of over 7600 active and inactive. The inactive membership list is extremely large. I know that if we could get the updated addresses for these members, we could add them to the current mailing list. Therein lies one of our major problems; not enough volunteers to work on this project. It is time consuming and quite frankly at times gets discouraging. If anyone wants to come forward and offer help, it would be much appreciated.

We are also looking for help at the alumni office. If anyone wants to be involved, please come to a meeting, get acquainted and see what you think. We are open to new ideas but also want to maintain the traditions that made this great organization what it is today.

When we think of alumni weekend, the first thought that comes to mind is the parade, and the alumni festivities along with class reunions, but we also have to remember that first and foremost, the goal of Stevens Alumni Association is the presentation of scholarships to deserving graduates of Stevens High School. We honor these students at class night. Last year we were proud to present \$93,300 to 58 seniors and post-secondary students. Not bad from that first scholarship we gave in 1962 of \$100. The scholarship investments are healthy and continue to grow through the guidance of our investment advisor, Becky Vittum.

In closing, "Thank You" to those who have faithfully supported us year after year, and to those of you who have not been able to, it is not too late to start. Remember, it is not necessary to pay back years' dues. Any amount is very much appreciated. Every dollar counts.

I want to thank the businesses who support our newsletter and believe in Stevens Alumni Association and also the businesses who make it possible for the winning floats to each receive a monetary prize of \$200.00. We suggest that if your class received a \$200 cash award for your float entry, please send the sponsor a Thank You note!

The future of this organization is dependent on you, the membership.. We need more people to step in and fill the positions as they become available. If the interest slips away and members do not get actively involved, the light at the end of the Alumni Tunnel will be extinguished. Please, get involved. Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month from September thru May. The meetings are open to all Stevens graduates.

Lastly and so important to me, I want to thank everyone for all the cards, donations and condolences on the passing of my wife, Patricia Leamond Girard of 62 years. She was partial to our parade and looked forward to it every year. She never said no when asked to help out in any capacity. All donations in her memory will go into the parade fund. She would have liked that.

Thank you all for allowing me the pleasure of serving Stevens High School Alumni Association as your president and parade chairman.

Best Regards,

Sincerely,
Dick Girard
Proud member of the Class of 1961
And Stevens High School Alumni Association

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@stevensalumni.com**

Class News

Please visit www.stevensalumni.com
Newsletters are now available there.

1956

Myrna Wark Giroux '56
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Ron Whittemore drove his convertible with his daughter to represent our class in the 2025 Alumni Parade (Thank you, Ron!) and met up with Ken and Peg Hale Moore, John Balasaro, and Myrna Wark Giroux to attend the annual Alumni Association Meeting at the high school. Otherwise, this has been a quiet year for us.

Sadly, Ronald Devoyd, Richard Landry, and Wayne Thalasinos passed away since the last newsletter and have been added to our "In Memoriam" list.

On a brighter note, class plans are in the making for our 70th reunion festivities this year. They include a float based on our 1956 Junior Prom theme, Moonlight and Roses, and dinner at The Chase House in Cornish. We look forward to celebrating this milestone!

Though I'm retiring as class representative this year, we will continue to keep in touch and communicate via phone, email, and snail mail as per our updated class roster. Thanks to all who've been so good at sharing class information and news of interest over the years.

1965

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Several class members commented on the great time they had at the class 60th reunion in June 2025 highlighted by a dinner at the Common Man and the Saturday Alumni parade. In all, we brought back nearly 40 class members including spouses for the weekend.

We concluded that it was so much fun that we should try to put together an informal gathering in two years rather than wait five years. We realize travel is increasingly difficult for many of us. The thought was that we might try to coordinate a beer and pizza event with the 1964 and 1966 classes. More later....

In class news, Rob Rathbun reports that he likes the idea of a combined gathering in 2027. He is still doing genealogy research full time. Give him a call if you need advice locating ancestors. He also reports that he had a nice Christmas 2025 gathering with family in the foothills of the Smokeys.

Joan McCusker Johnson thinks an informal get together would work well ...and she might actually get there for a change.... Joan and husband Ron have been battling a variety of illnesses but putting up the good fight, staying optimistic and looking ahead.

Judith Blight Hollowood is adjusting to life as a widow. She looks forward to soon finishing her term as president of her HOA and perhaps staying on as secretary. She notes that managing an older condo complex is complicated and can be weighty. Time for a rest.

Buzz and Suzie Sawyer still split time between Lake of the Ozarks in the summer and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas in winter. Buzz claims he has slowed down a bit but still plays golf enough to stay out of trouble. Suzie produces amazing Intarsia while still golfing. They were blessed in September with their first great grandchild, Amelia, who lights up their lives.

Henry Sanders is debating how much longer he wants to go through the labor of heating with wood. He goes through 8 or 10 cords a year in Hancock, NH living well off the beaten track. A year or two ago, he did install a standby generator. Guess he got sick of candlelight in thunderstorms. Henry and

older brother Richard continue to enjoy ski slope access under their "super senior" season tickets and Henry still tears up the tennis courts with among others Ben Haubrich (SHS '67). Ben claims Henry may have lost a step or two.

Gary Bissonette missed our 60th reunion to visit with family members only available in that period. In addition, he visited one son in Vienna (including daughter in law and grand daughters) at Christmas time. He took in holiday markets, the palace, museums and a holiday night light show. In mid January, he went to Dallas to see his other son. He stays in Hilton Head for golfing until mid April and returns to West Virginia for the summer.

Donna Young has retired from her dog grooming business after 31 years but is not sure she likes retirement yet. She does plan to spend more time at her place in Englewood, FL to avoid NH winters. She is an avid traveler but has no exotic trips planned for this year.

MishaA Inazuma Hiro (Mike Adamovich) mentioned a year or two ago that he was focusing on taking full advantage of the arts and culinary opportunities along the California coast while living in Half Moon Bay. Apparently he was serious as he indicates he took in 42 plays, musicals, operas or concerts last year.

Sandy Roy Schaier loved the 60th reunion last year. Right after the event, her son surprised Sandy and husband Warren with a trip to Iceland where they used a 4 x 4 to travel to spots that perhaps they were not supposed to go. Geysers, waterfalls and recent volcanic activity were obvious attractions. A granddaughter is a UNH student spending a semester at the University of Bologna (IT). In April, Sandy and Warren are visiting and it is their first trip to Italy. Two grandsons are working and have their own little ones while the youngest grandson is a high school freshman and into computers, flying and the Civil Air Patrol.

Jerry Eastman and wife Karen stayed closer to home in Cornish this year where they invested in a solar array for the roof. They managed to set 10 cords of wood in the shed for the winter and visited coastal Connecticut and Maine as well as the notches and waterfalls of NH and VT. They spent time with two daughters, two collegiate granddaughters and two granddogs. They also visited nearby friends from the past several decades and helped friends adjust to the loss of those no longer with them. They envision a slower pace but not until after a March trip to Florida and stops in the Carolinas along the way.

Pam Belisle Holt reports no big changes for her. She is still living in a retirement community where there are plenty of activities to keep her busy. She missed the 60th reunion event but says she is definitely interested in a 2027 gathering with the other classes if we can pull it together.

Joanne Noles Ruel spent two weeks in Sicily last spring and will return to Europe this year with a Rick Steves Europe Tour. She says these trips work well for a single traveler and keep it stress free. During COVID, Joanne spent time doing Ancestry research and found many photos of our school groups on line. Contact her for info on how to see them. She visits the Fiske Free Library regularly when doing research and notes that the Library has lots of local news articles on their website.

No travels this past year for Roger and Cindy Adams. In March 2025, Roger took a dive on a concrete sidewalk and fractured his right patella. Two surgeries and nearly four months in a knee brace eliminated his golf season and limited a lot of other things. Cindy had a new hip installed in November.

Both look to be back in action this year with a summer venture to Slovenia in their plans.

After our 60th gathering in Claremont, Sharlene Bradley Tracy visited old teaching friends from Raymond, NH on the Cape. She included visits to the Sandwich Glass Museum, Chatham, Plymouth Plantation, Provincetown and Wellfleet. A niece has recently purchased the Lincoln Inn in Woodstock, VT and is renovating it for guests. Sharlene and husband Lionel had a chance to visit there this past January.

Tony Usko and Judy are still in Florida where they have lived for many years. Judy has had some health challenges recently but meets them with a positive outlook. Tony usually takes in the Daytona 500 in person but watched it with Judy this year at her rehab facility.

I have tried recently, as Ron Garceau did for many years, to keep an eye out for obits related to class members who have passed on. Rob Rathbun has also helped as his dedication to genealogy keeps him close to that research. We are not perfect and may miss someone occasionally. If you are aware of someone we have missed, I hope you will let me know.

Ann Marie (Waldron) Burke grew up in Glens Falls, NY and joined us at Stevens for her senior year. She passed away on January 26, 2026. She endured cancer struggles in her 30's but worked through them and became active with support groups for the rest of her life. She was a 40 year teacher in primary education and reading as well as being a principal in the Springfield, VT system.

1970

Gary Perron and Denise Liveston

The long journey to get the class gift for our 50th year celebration for Stevens High School was finally completed in June 2025! Between COVID, changes with staff in the performing arts department and changes in the administration the process took much longer than anticipated. Also, halfway through the process the performing arts department deemed that an upgrade of the sound system was of greater need. So, a change in plans took us on a new path.

Our next hurdle came when trying to find a contractor. Once we had a contractor the process proceeded quickly. Even though we had a shortfall of funds the project went on with the SHS administration promising the rest of the funds.

Thanks to our contractor and his company who donated their labor for the job the sound system updated was finally completed.

Thank you to all classmates who donated to the class gift. We hope you have a chance to hear the sound system in the future when you attend an event that is happening at Stevens High School.

The Class of 1970 needs a class representative. If you would like to be our representative for the Alumni Association, please contact the alumni office and let them know.

1974

Charlene (Hayes) Reynolds

2026 has arrived and with it our 52nd year out of high school. The last year certainly went fast!

As far as class news and activities are concerned, it has been both a sad year and a fun year. Let's start with the fun! As is the tradition, the class gathers across from the Elks

Club to watch the parade. We had the pleasure of having Elaine (Rosen) Groundwater, Sue (Dalton) Sadonsky, Melissa (Dyer) Dube, and all the way from North Carolina, Norm Morin plus myself. We saw several other classmates wandering around before the parade. After the parade was the Alumni Luncheon at the high school. Elaine was busy with her brother, but the rest of us attended the luncheon. It is a great luncheon for a small cost. Always good to see other alumni there and catch up on the happenings within the alumni association. Will you join us in 2026?

As mentioned in last year's article, the class was able to make a donation to the alumni association for three scholarship funds. The amount donated from the class was \$7400. It was split between the Alumni Memorial Fund, the Frederick W. Carr Scholarship Fund and the Walter S. Paskevich Music Scholarship. Melissa Dube and I made the presentation to the alumni board on February 19th. Photos are on the class FB page (Class of 1974 Stevens High School, Claremont, NH).

After the fun activities, we move to the sad news from the class. We lost 2 classmates this year, Both losing a short battle with cancer and both gone too soon. Debbie Moodie passed away on July 20th. She had been living in Enfield. Vanessa (Yurek) Clark passed away on October 24th. She had lived in Florida for many years. They will be missed.

We will continue to grow the class fund for future parades and reunions. Even with the donations to the alumni, we still have a good class fund, but we do need to keep increasing it for the future. Dues are \$10.00 a year (separate from alumni dues). Checks can be made payable to SHS Class of 1974 and sent c/o Charlene Reynolds PO Box 81, North Hartland, VT 05052. Additional donations to the class fund are always welcome. Please provide a note stating where you want the funds applied (dues and/or donation).

2026...a milestone year for most of us! Turning 70! Seems like yesterday that we were 18. Some of our classmates have already hit that big number, while most of us will get there this year. Lots of things have changed in these many decades but the friendships we made in high school still live on and over the years we have gotten to know many classmates that we never knew in school. This is something to be thankful for every day.

Please let me know if you have moved, if I need to update your email address or phone number. We want to be able to keep in touch with you! The class email address is stevensclassof1974@gmail.com. Plus, there is always FB messenger if that works for you on the class page or my page. Even updating with a friend and asking them to pass the information along will help keep us up to date.

Stay well and healthy in 2026. If you need cheering up or know a classmate that does, please let us know. We are always here for you!

1975

Sue Dansereau
SHS Class of 1975

SHS Alumni,

2025 was truly a banner year for the SHS Class of 1975. Our planning began in February 2024, and the dedication of our classmates made every milestone meaningful. We were honored to receive the Klara Hornick Trophy, a recognition that reflects the spirit and teamwork of our class.

A special thank you goes to our classmate Debbie Moore Bond, Co-Owner of Doolittle's Print Service, for creating our outstanding posters and banners. Debbie listened carefully to every detail I shared, and her exceptional work helped

make our class float truly remarkable. Debbie, our class sincerely thanks you. Also, a special thank you to our great Carterer Carol Bacon St. Pierre. Our food was amazing!

Our fundraiser, which included seven separate drawings, was a tremendous success. It was a perfect example of what can be accomplished when a class works together as a team—you will always come out a winner when everyone contributes.

Our class float was assembled at my home, and I was honored to have so many classmates participate. A heartfelt thank you to my brother Bimbo and my nephew Kyle Danseureau for building the walls for our 24' LaValley truck. We are also grateful to Cindy Michaud for preparing the food and donating the venue decorations.

On June 14, 2025, we celebrated our 50th Class Reunion at the Claremont Country Club. Debbie and Linda, managers of the CCC worked with me from day one to ensure every detail was in place for our special day. Their support helped make our reunion a wonderful success.

Seeing classmates laughing, smiling, shaking hands, hugging, and talking nonstop reminded us all of the strong bonds we share. We were fortunate to have two professional photographers—our classmate Julia Russell and her spouse JAY. Jay took our beautiful class photo on the Country Club greens with a stunning backdrop. We thank you both for preserving these memories.

We also want to recognize Scott Currier, who traveled the farthest—coming all the way from Arizona—to join us. Scott, thank you for making the trip to be with your class.

I am truly honored to be a member of the SHS Class of 1975. My classmates placed their trust in me to help organize our reunion, and it was a privilege to serve in that role.

To all SHS Alumni—enjoy your reunions and make wonderful memories.

1976

Dear Classmates:

Our 50th high school reunion is fast approaching. Your local classmates are hoping that as many of you that can attend will attend. We have again booked the Claremont Elks Lodge on Saturday, June 13 2026, from 7 pm to 11 pm. The Elks Lodge is located at 54 Pleasant Street, Claremont, NH. There will be all night hors d'oeuvres and raffles. Music by the Minute (father/son team of Kevin and Matt Laplante) will be our DJ's for the evening. We had a great turnout and lots of fun at our 40th reunion. The cost will be \$75 per couple/\$40 per person.

The theme for this year's Alumni Parade is "Movie Villains". During our first meeting on November 10, 2025, some of the ideas tossed around were Carrie, Gotham City Villains, and

Thriller. We are happy to hear all kinds of ideas from classmates. We have plenty of time and will not be meeting again until February 9, 2026.

If you haven't already done so, please join our facebook page, "Stevens High School Class of 1976, Claremont, NH". That is where we will be posting information and updates about getting together to work on the float. A flatbed has been secured for the parade, free of charge. All are welcome to work on the float

The Class of 1976 currently has \$1291.00 in its bank account. The 50th reunion class traditionally makes a monetary contribution to the Alumni Association, part of the reason why we have increased the price to attend the reunion. When we meet again next year, we will be planning ways to try to increase our bank account in order to have both our reunion and make a decent contribution from the class.

As we will not be doing a mailing to all classmates, if you are still in touch with people from our class, please direct them to the facebook page to join or email any of the classmates below. Mail addresses are old and would not be worth the cost of postage. We are also happy to email anyone with info if they do not have facebook.

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1979

Alison (Hathaway) Gagnon
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As we get closer to our 50th Reunion in 2029, we continue our efforts to put together a comprehensive database of classmates' contact information to keep everyone apprised of what we are planning and to hopefully get more classmates involved with the reunion process. We are trying to gather email addresses and phone numbers in addition to correct mailing addresses. The Alumni Association has been an invaluable resource for us, providing mailing addresses for several classmates, but some of their information is outdated. We are so grateful that the Alumni Association covers the cost of mailing this valuable newsletter every year. We also appreciate being able to use this forum to reach out to our classmates all over the country, so please remember to pay your SHS Alumni dues!

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have a steadfast group of classmates and a couple of their significant others who have been a dedicated part of the Reunion Committee for the past several years. Jo-Ann (Boone) Kleyensteuber and Linda (Young) Mardanes have graciously stepped up to be Class Treasurer and Co-Treasurer respectively, and Sherrie (Bugbee LaClair) Fontaine and Alison (Hathaway) Gagnon continue in

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the role of Class Secretaries. We invite our classmates to follow us on our private Facebook page, **Stevens High School Class of 1979**. If you want to update your contact information, you can email Sherrie (sherrielaclair@yahoo.com) or Alison (alisonagnon44@gmail.com).

Several classmates braved the weather and met at the Middle School to watch the 2025 parade together. Gloria (Carpenter) Irons and her husband, Bob came up from Florida and Ron Lique and his wife, Pat were also in town from Michigan. Zan (Morrow) Barnard and her husband, Keith were also home for the parade. Sandy Berube, Janice Bailey and Candy (Combs) Royce attended the Alumni Luncheon at the high school cafeteria along with Pam Tilton and Alison. It was a fun afternoon and so great to reminisce with everyone. This was actually a first for many of us and it was very enlightening to participate in the Alumni Association's annual business meeting.

We want to keep the momentum high and continue generating enthusiasm for our 50th reunion and our fundraising efforts! It will be here before we know it and we need to raise enough money to be able to present the Alumni Association with a generous gift, which is tradition for the 50-year class, as well as pay for all the float materials and the reunion afterparty. We held a couple of very successful fund-raising events since last year and we are planning a few more, including a bus trip to spend the day at Foxwoods Resort Casino in the spring. This trip will be open to anyone who wants to participate, so stay tuned. Details will be forthcoming on our private Facebook page as well as other social media resources. Over the years, we've had some very generous classmates who have donated money to help pay for our floats and afterparties. 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 3 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.

The Memorial Banner on our 2024 float honored the names of nineteen of our classmates who have passed away. A picture of that banner is available to view on our class Facebook page. In last year's SHSAA Newsletter article, we listed the names of another three classmates who had passed since our 45th reunion. Sadly, we've lost four more

in the past year: Russell Morrow, Brad Martell, Terri (Mongeon) Rondos and Jeff Schneider. We hope to stay current regarding the class Memorial Banner, so if there are any classmates whose memories we have inadvertently failed to honor, please let Sherrie or Alison know via email, or you can send a private message through Facebook.

We have had several class meetings in the past and plan to have many more in the future. We have been able to live stream, so all classmates are invited to attend, either in person or on-line. We always post the meeting date and the zoom link on our Facebook page and we welcome all fresh ideas and perspectives to help make our class reunions continue to be successful. Because we are a Bonafide non-profit entity, minutes, including our financials, are distributed to all participants shortly after our meetings. Therefore, in the spirit of full transparency, Alison would be happy to send a copy of the minutes to any classmate who would like to have this information. Please reach out to Alison, either via text or email and she will send you information.

We are looking forward to seeing many of our classmates at the Claremont Middle school to watch the parade together again in 2026. the parade in 2025.

1981

Mark Chamberlain, Class of '81

You can find me on Facebook and Messenger

Every reunion weekend, we hear so many SHS Alumni exclaiming "Where has the time gone?" Well, this year, that is likely to be a common refrain among our classmates, especially considering our next reunion after this one is our 50th! Yet, despite getting up there in age, our energy and spirit have not subsided. I am happy to report we still have a bunch of live wires as classmates, living near and far. And we know how fortunate we all are to have such great classmates who have remained friends over the decades since the day we graduated from Stevens on June 18, 1981.

With the theme of this year's parade being "Movie Villains," we chose Star Wars as our float theme. The first movie, "Star Wars: A New Hope" was released in May, 1977, just as we were about to graduate from junior high. The film dominated the box office that summer, became a cultural touchstone and was the beginning of many sequels and prequels. The second in the series, "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back" was released in May, 1980 as we were finishing up our junior

year. These two films came out at pivotal times in our youth and included some nasty villains. It's for those reasons, and more, we chose Star Wars as our theme. A lot of work has already gone into the float, but we will put the finishing touches on it the night before the parade. We will do that at Stan's house on NelMar Heights. Please mark your calendars and join us there as we are sure to have fun and will need the help to finish the float. Regarding the float itself, you will have the option of walking alongside it or riding on it.

Now for some updates on our classmates.....

Ron Nelson, after working 36 years at Sturm Ruger took some time off last summer and got in lots of golf and "honey-do" items around the house. He started a new job in the fall and is happy to report all is well at the new employer. Ron and Tammy have been married for 44 years and have one son in the Army and a daughter who is a professional photographer. Ron and Tammy's two grandsons are following in their father's footsteps by pursuing careers in the U.S. Armed Services. Ron has been hard at work on many aspects of the float since the dark days of winter, and we are eternally grateful for the time he has put into the project.

Carol Young Vivian retired from Claremont Savings Bank at the end of 2025 capping a 40-year career at the bank! She held many different roles over that time and was part of the senior executive team at retirement. She and Chuck now spend their time at their beautiful property in Weathersfield and make frequent visits to friends and family in the area and beyond.

Laura Snow Gilbert continues to be a primary driving force in keeping all of us connected. Her annual summer get-togethers at her and Kevin's house on Redwater Brook Road are always well attended by our classmates and spouses and are never without lots of fun and laughs as we play lawn games, enjoy beverages and food and each other's company. Kevin and Laura also keep busy with their six grandchildren who live in Claremont and New London. And Laura is coming up on her 20th year working at APC Paper in Claremont.

Stan Marro retired in December after 17 years at Crown Point. He started making wine at home a few years ago, and now that he has more time to focus on it, he is working on getting licensed to establish a home winery. Nancy Dole McKenzie and her husband Dave moved back to the area and are now enjoying the retired life in New England. Both of Rick and Patty DeSchaine's two daughters married since



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our last reunion, and their granddaughter Adeline arrived on the scene late in 2025. Rick continues to work at Crown Point Cabinetry where he has been employed since 1982.

Lori Avery is selling her house in Grantham and putting down roots in Florida. She's able to continue her work at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine which is great because it's a job she loves, and she knows she's making a difference in people's lives. Diane Friend, also in the medical field, currently works at Alice Peck Day and has been a nurse for 40 years working in hospitals in the Upper Valley. She has always loved working with her patients and plans to continue in the job as long as she can. She and Mike also enjoy spending time with their kids and their grandchild Charlotte, who will turn two this summer.

Lori Reynolds Hagerty retired in July 2025 and continues to live in South Carolina where she has been for 19 years. She has two grandchildren living in the Upper Valley though, so now that she's retired, she will be spending more time visiting this neck of the woods. We all look forward to seeing more of her.

Mark Breen is living in Portsmouth and working at the National Passport Office there. He and his girlfriend Sue live together and plan to get married soon. He also keeps busy with pickleball and travel and looks forward to seeing everyone in June. Mark's daughter is graduating this spring from the Rochester Institute of Technology, bringing a nice respite from tuition bills!

Erin Cole Roth lives in Albuquerque where she has been for decades, but she will soon be spending more time on the East Coast as she and former high school sweetheart Mark Gedney are engaged to be married this year after reconnecting at a class get-together in 2024! Mark is a professor of Philosophy at Gordon College where he also serves as the Dean for the School of Humanities and Social Science. Erin meanwhile has been enjoying getting Mark acquainted with the beautiful state of New Mexico.

Candy Winot Reed works as the Sullivan County Mobility Manager helping residents meet their transportation needs. She is passionate about volunteering and making the community a better place. As such, she is a member of the Claremont and Newport Rotary clubs, volunteers with 603 YouthCan group, the Stevens High School Alumni Association and serves on a few non-profit boards. She lives in Claremont and enjoys spending time with her mother, her two children and her granddaughter.

Charlene Marcotte Lovett, after retiring from the Army in 2003, returned to Claremont. Since then, she has been elected to numerous positions, serves on several local and state boards, and is active in Rotary. She and her husband Bob split their time between Claremont and South Carolina. They both enjoy traveling, having recently visited Poland and New Zealand.

Mary Ferland Neuges, after spending several years in Claremont caring for her parents, now lives in North Carolina, not far from where her daughter lives. Mary is enjoying retirement and reports she loves the more temperate climate there, compared to what northern New England has to offer.

She lives near parks and other locations where she takes long walks which has helped her regain her health after being mainly focused on her parents health for so long. She reports she has a cat now, named Mocha, and she describes her as sassy like her owner!

As for me...my husband Shin and I split our time between our place in Manhattan and a home in Claremont. I love the retired life and serve on two non-profit boards, do a bit of gardening in the summer, do lots of hikes, travel to international and domestic locations every year and probably spend too much time playing pickleball. I am also proud to report that one of the boards I serve on, I do so alongside Charlene Lovett and Candy Winot Reed! The three of us are commissioners on the Claremont Public Housing Authority.

I am sad to report we have lost ten classmates since our last reunion. They include Richard Adams, Bobby Bladen, Gail Gokey Cutts, Lisa Kelly, Laura Johnson Love, Todd Martell, Tim Patch, Brett St. Aubin, David Westover, Brenda Cota Vaughn and Stuart Wilkie. They are all sorely missed, and we will honor them with a plaque on the float in the alumni parade.

As I close out this letter, please don't forget to pay your SHS Alumni Dues this spring - still only \$10. When you complete the payment form included in this newsletter, you can also take the opportunity to donate to the Class of 1981 scholarship. Each year we award \$1,000 to an SHS graduate pursuing further education. You are also able to make the payment online at stevensalumni.com

Note that we also need to begin fundraising for our 50th reunion gift to the school. It's a long-held tradition for the class celebrating its 50th to make a meaningful donation to the school, and we will honor that tradition in 2031. You can make checks payable to SHS 1981 and send to Laura Snow Gilbert at 392 Redwater Brook Road, Claremont, NH 03743.

2006

Hello Class of 2006!

Hard to believe we will be celebrating our 20th reunion this June! Plans are starting to take shape, and we hope to see you all! We have registered our float and will be participating in the parade, and invite you all to join us. Look for us lined up on Broad Street, and be sure to arrive before 10am to join the fun.



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We will be having some building sessions throughout May and early June, and we welcome anyone local who is available and wants to help with the creation and construction of the float to join us.

We are also currently working on plans for an informal gathering on Saturday, June 13th in the early evening at Studio 34.

We will post in our Facebook group updates (Stevens High School Class of 2006) but for those who don't use Facebook please feel free to email stevensclassof2006@gmail.com for more info on scheduled work sessions, parade details, and reunion timing.

Please don't forget to send your alumni dues to the SHSAA; they're now available to pay online. For those who are able, there are options to contribute to our class posted in our group, but there is no required class contribution to participate.

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Alumni Profile

SHS Alumni Scholarship History



Charlene Marcotte Lovett
Class of 1981

Charlene was born and lived in Exeter until she was seven years old when her family moved to Claremont. Her father's family was originally from Claremont, so they had strong ties to the area. Volkswagen had offered her father a dealership in Claremont, and so they moved to town in December 1970 when he decided to take that job opportunity. Once they settled, Charlene attended Way School.

Though Charlene's parents did not attend Stevens, as they grew up in other parts of New England, her paternal grandmother, Marion Easter, graduated from Stevens in 1919. Her paternal grandfather was from a Catholic family and probably attended St. Mary's High School.

Reflecting on her time at Stevens, Charlene says she loves to learn and that she greatly enjoyed being in school. Because she had to work throughout high school, there really wasn't time for extracurricular activities as she worked most evenings. A favorite teacher was Mrs. Pomiecko, who would have Charlene over to her house for tea where they would discuss literature. Another was Mr. Magoon, for whom she often typed up lesson plans

and worksheets for students.

During her senior year at Stevens, she enlisted in the Army on the Delayed Entry Program. In less than a month after graduating, she was on a plane to Ft. Jackson, SC, for basic training at 17 years old. Following basic, she went to the Defense Language Institute to study Russian. For the next 22 years she served in military intelligence, retiring as an officer in 2003.

After retiring and working in the business development sector in Washington D.C. for almost six years, Charlene returned to Claremont with her husband, Bob, and daughter Marion. Marion went on to graduate from Stevens in 2017, as the third generation in her family.

Because her community had prepared her so well for a successful career, Charlene wanted to give back to it. So, once back in town, she served in numerous elected positions including as a Claremont School Board member, a State Representative, City Councilor and Mayor of Claremont for six years. She continues to serve her community by being on numerous boards at both the local and state level.



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One of our highlights each year was to invite and recognize seniors and post grad students to the annual banquet. Unfortunately when Covid hit and we had to cancel the banquet, we have not been able to again organize this much anticipated gathering. Everyone enjoyed the scholarship presentations and meeting friends and classmates to talk and reminisce.

The high school invited us to do our presentations at class night and we thank them for that.

The banquet is not "off the table" just on the "back burner" until such time as we can bring back this event.

A little background on our scholarships:

To apply for scholarships, seniors begin with filling out an application which includes their need, financial status, high school achievements, class standing, a short biography of their four years and reason for applying, recommendations and any other pertinent information that they may deem reason for qualification.

Second, third and fourth year college students are also welcome to apply for the scholarships that have been determined by the donor to be used by students in their sophomore, junior, senior and post grad college years. There are a number of specific scholarships available to them. The criteria states that a letter of intent and financial need be sent to the alumni office prior to April 15 of any given year. The student must also include a short biography of their accomplishments and highlights of their college experience, and a transcript for the first semester of their current classes along with the cover sheet. The cover sheet is found on our website.

The selection process is then put into the hands of the Scholarship Committee who work many hours, sometimes well into the night, trying to match the scholarship guidelines of the parameters set by the donors to the student applying. The funds for these scholarships come from donations and gifts. That money is invested and only the interest on the investment is available to support the scholarships unless otherwise instructed. We are extremely fortunate to have a wise investment team and a dedicated scholarship committee.



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1956 Paul Dansereau	1961 Rodney Napsey	1972 Janet St. Laurence Patridge	2018 Jordan Page Adams
1956 Richard Landry	1961 Joanne Smith Schnyer	1972 Richard Royce	

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 if you would like to take part.



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- ◆ Sullivan County Sheriff, Jayson Almstron
- ◆ Golden Cross Ambulance Service
- ◆ Brent Wilmot, CFD, 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
- ◆ D. J.Girard, 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 Jr High, and all alumni members who participated. We hope this will become an annual part of our parade.

Thank you to our Corn Hole Tournament fundraiser sponsors: S G Reed, Joe's Family Car Care, Americana Bar and Grill, Nick Koloski, DeCamp Trucking, and one anonymous donor.

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

- ◆ Debra Moore Bond, Dick Girard, Janet Eno, Carolyn Bowles LeBlanc, Sonya LeBlanc Lawson, Elyse Gagnon Crossman, Heather Girard Williams, Janet Mower Eno, Donna Leahy Cornett, and Denise Mozden Liveston
- ◆ 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, Donna Cornett 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. You can also navigate to the site by pointing your smart phone camera at the QR code above.



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Cornhole Tournament 2026!!

For the third consecutive year, the Stevens High School Alumni Association will hold a cornhole tournament fundraiser at Running Bear Campground in Ascutney, Vt. If the weather does not cooperate, there is a pavilion at the campground to hold the tournament.

The format will be Blind Draw which means that individual players will be partnered up at the event which levels the playing field for the tournament by randomly matching very experienced players with those who are less so. Bags fly at 12:00. **Prize money is \$500.00** sponsored by: *Lundgren Subaru of Claremont, S.G. Reed Trucking, DeCamp Waste Services, Sundaez Ice Cream bar and an anonymous donor.*

What: Stevens High Alumni Association Cornhole Tournament

When: Sunday, May 17th. 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



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2026 Parade Chairman Letter

News from the Parade Chair
Richard "Dick" Girard '61

Greetings Fellow Alumni,

The Alumni Weekend events kick off Saturday, June 13th with the much anticipated annual parade. The theme this year is "Movie Villains" This is our 155th reunion and our 78th consecutive parade with the exception of 2020 when we had to cancel due to the Covid Crisis.

If your class has not registered a float theme yet, the registration form is on the website, stvensalumni.com. - click on the documents tab. Your theme should be registered asap as no duplicate themes are allowed. The sooner you register the better your chances, one theme title per class.

I would recommend that a representative from your class take a ride up Broad Street on Friday, in the late afternoon or evening, to find your classes' spot which will make it easier for you and our staff to park your float/unit on Saturday morning. Float parking will start around 7 a.m.

The Claremont Police Dept. will be inspecting floats on Friday evening for safety issues.

Judges will start viewing floats for trophy winners at 9:00. There are five trophies, Klara Hornick, Wayne Gray, SHS Memorial, Fred Carr School Spirit and the George F. Disnard. There are also \$200 cash awards for each winner. The sponsors who make these monetary prizes possible are Stringer Funeral Home, Golden Cross Ambulance Service, LaValley's Building Supply, NFR (National Field Representatives) and Sundaez.

As always, the parade steps off promptly at 10:30 sharp. For the past few years, since the reconstruction on Pleasant Street, I have been rerouting the parade down Glidden St. back onto Broad and disband at the high school. This year we will go back to our original route down Pleasant St, to the Square, left around the bull pen and back onto Broad St.

I want to thank the following for their help every year to make this parade such a success:

Claremont Police Dept. for traffic control and float inspections for safety issues.

Claremont Fire Dept. for getting the banners up and the building owners for permission to hang the banners.

Thank you to my dedicated crew for all the preparation, staging, directing units to their place in the line-up, cleaning up after, etc. to make this parade go smoothly.

Thank you to all former band members who returned to join the Stevens High School Band for their parade performance. We invite you all to participate again this year. Please contact Taylor Trudeau at twebr@sau6.org.

A reminder that the cost of the parade is not cheap, and can easily run between \$16,000 to \$18,000 dollars. We are dependent on members paying their dues and buying the parade fund raiser tickets that go out in the yearly newsletter. This fund raiser has been very successful and a big help towards the cost of the parade. We also have a parade fund account that member/individuals can donate to. Please support your Alumni Association continue this prestigious parade for future generations to come.

For the last two years, I have said that I would be retiring as parade chairman upon my 65th class reunion. My reunion is this year and my last year as parade chairman.

We need someone to step forward to take over the title of parade chairman to organize and carry on the tradition of this annual event. I will help and guide as much as I can. Anyone who is interested please call me so we can meet and discuss what the duties of this position are. I can be reached at 603-543-6398 or through email dick@goldencrossamb.com

I look forward to seeing everyone on June 13th.

"Thank you" in advance!

Dick Girard '61, Parade Chair, and SHS Alumni President

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 will be Steve Smith from WCNL
We invite all **honorary members and teachers** to view the parade together.

2025 Parade Fundraiser winners:

Julie Maglathlin
Christian Panasuk
Mike Tetu
Sandra Bodge Flint
Scott & Nikki Hall
Lowell Toof

Elizabeth Rivera
Harold LaValley
Robert Hunt
Chris Saunders Record
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Junior and Senior Prom Kings and Queens



Class of 1965 - 60th year



Saint Mary Class of 1965 - 60th year



Saint Mary 1970 float - 55th year



Stevens Class of 1975 - 50th year



Stevens Class of 1975 - 50th year



Stevens Class of 1995 - 30th year



Firehouse Six Dixieland Band



Claremont American Legion



The Wall That Heals



Parade crowds at the Claremont Elks



Stevens Class of 2000 - 25th year



Class of 2010 - 15th year



Stevens Class of 2015 - 10th year



Class of 2025 - Graduating class



2025 Class celebrating



Muskets on Pleasant Street



The Stevens High School Combined Band



Stevens High School Band



Junior Ancient Fife and Drum unit



High five!



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And of course, Leapin' Lena makes her annual appearance!

Remembrances

Stevens High School Alumni Association

announces with sadness the passing of four dedicated and loyal members of our organization:

Mary Picknell Woodman class of 1961 and past president of Stevens Alumni was always ready to lend a helping hand. For many years she faithfully attended meetings, parade and served as hostess at the luncheon. She made sure the coffee and special punch was ready to serve when we all arrived. She would arrive early at the banquet and help with whatever needed doing.

Elizabeth (Betty) Murray Gierko class of 1955. She also was a past president of the Association for many years. She was dedicated to her class and helped organize their 70th reunion in 2025, attended meetings, and had a wealth of knowledge about the history of SHS Alumni Association.

Barbara Young Ferland class of 1957 was a board member and volunteered her help on many committees. She was a quiet lady but always supported SHS Alumni in any way she could.

Patricia (Pat) Girard class of 1962 was a dedicated member of our Association and worked alongside her husband Dick for many years to help ensure the success of our annual parade; She loved parade day. She was always ready to help whether for her class, Dick's class, or for the Association.

These women were a vital part of the heart and soul of SHS Alumni. They will truly be missed.

Mary Elizabeth (Picknell) Woodman

*–Stringer Funeral Home
Class of 1961*



Mary Elizabeth (Picknell) Woodman, a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully in Claremont, N.H., on October 20 at the age of 82.

She was born in Claremont, NH., on December 23, 1942, the youngest of three children born to Erwin and Margaret (Breck) Picknell.

Mary spent her life in Claremont and graduated from Stevens High School as part of the class of 1961. Mary's roots ran very deep in Claremont. Her family, the Tylers, Emersons and Brecks were instrumental founding families of Claremont, a lineage she was very proud to be a part of. Her ancestor Colonel Benjamin Tyler and his family helped to found and build the Union Episcopal Church in West Claremont as well as several of the mills that Claremont was known for. Mary served the Church in many ways and was a devoted and active congregant.

Mary never shied away from the responsibility of community involvement. While raising their two sons, Stephen and Charles, she actively supported her husband, Robert Woodman, in his many years on the Claremont City Council and other board involvements. Mary also maintained her own affiliations, serving as the elected Claremont School District Secretary, the secretary of the Claremont, Cornish and SAU #6 School Boards. She also held officer positions for the Stevens High School Alumni, the Sullivan County Farm Bureau, and Sullivan County 4H.

Mary was a hard-working woman. She had a long career and in 2011, Mary retired

from her secretary position at KUA. Throughout her retirement she found enjoyment in her volunteer roles and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Later, one of her greatest joys was her great-granddaughter, Margaret (Maggie), her "grocery shopping buddy".

Mary is survived by her sons, Stephen (Kelly), Charlie (April) of Claremont, her grandchildren, Erin Woodman of Hartford, VT, Tyler Woodman (fiancé Toni) of Hadley, Mass, Samantha Bryant (John), and Evan Woodman both of Claremont, great-grandchildren, Kacey and Keegan Woodman and Margaret Bryant, two brothers, Robert Picknell of GA and William Picknell of FL., a nephew, Dana and nieces, Cindy and Angie.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, Robert Woodman, her parents, Erwin and Margaret (Breck) Picknell, and one nephew, Sean Picknell.

Visiting hours will be held at Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad St., Claremont, on Tuesday, October 28th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a service at Union Episcopal Church on Wednesday, October 29th at 11:00 a.m. Followed by the burial at West Claremont Burial Grounds. A reception for family and friends will follow at The Union Church Parish Hall, Claremont.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Union Church Building Fund at P.O. Box 902, Claremont, NH 03743 or Stevens High School Alumni Association at P.O. Box 710, Claremont, NH 03743.

Elizabeth "Betty" Gierko

*–Stringer Funeral Home
Class of 1955*



Betty passed away peacefully on January 31, 2026, at the Jack Byrne Center in Lebanon, NH. Born on April 12, 1937, in Montpelier, VT, Betty was the oldest of twelve children. To many of her siblings, friends, and family, she was a second mother, and we often joked that she had been raising children her entire life. Fiercely protective of those she loved,

Betty always tried to do the right thing to the best of her ability. She was known for her candor, her sure sense of right and wrong, and her deep loyalty to those in her circle.

Betty was predeceased by her husband of 45 years, Richard Gierko; her parents; and her siblings Margaret Murray, Shirley (and Frank) Decoteau, Sheila (and Tom) McKinney, Joan Murray, Vicki Goodhue, Robert Murray, Jerry Murray, and Douglas Murray.

Betty is survived by her two children, Stefan Gierko of Claremont, New Hampshire, and Sharon Ayer of Springfield, Vermont; her grandson, Larry "Tre" Ayer III, of Springfield, Vermont; her sisters, Gail Patten of Lebanon, New Hampshire, and Glenora Bennett of Newport, New Hampshire; her brother, Jack Murray of Claremont, New Hampshire; sisters-in-law Carolyn Murray of Laconia, New Hampshire, and Doris Murray of North Conway, New Hampshire; and a large extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins, their respective families, and cherished chosen-family friends.

Betty was deeply involved in the Claremont community. Over the years, she served as a Library Trustee, a member of the Claremont Action Network, a past president and long-term member of the Stevens High School Alumni Association, and a devoted member of the St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church community in Claremont.

She was perhaps best known for her many years as a para-educator and as the In-School Suspension monitor at both Claremont Middle School and Stevens High School. She was firm, but always fair and deeply committed to the students in her care.

Betty's family would like to thank the staff at Horizon Dental Associates and the Valley Regional Hospital Emergency Room for their care during her emergency. We would also like to thank the staff of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Neurology Critical Care Unit—especially Tori, Jess, and Erin—and the staff at the Jack Byrne Center—especially Dr. Meredith MacMartin, Jessica, and Marion—for their compassionate care at the end of Mom's long and meaningful life. We cannot say enough about the incredible support Betty and our family received.



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There will be no calling hours or funeral Mass. The family will have a private family burial. The family will also request that a Mass be said in her honor at St. Joseph's and plan to announce a community gathering to celebrate Betty's life later in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider making a donation in Betty's memory to the Jack Byrne Center or the Stevens High School Alumni Association in her memory.

For donations to the Jack Byrne Center, gifts can be sent to: Medical & Healthcare Advancement, Dartmouth Health, One Medical Center Drive (HB 7070) Lebanon, NH 03756. (Please note on your check or in the online note that the gift is for the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care Gift Fund in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Gierko.) For credit card gifts, please make a gift online at <https://dhgeiselgiving.org/cause/palliative-and-hospice-care> or call 603-653-0700.

For donations to the Stevens High School Alumni Association, gifts can be sent to: Stevens High School Alumni Association, PO Box 710, Claremont NH 03743. (Please note on your check that the gift is for the Jeffrey A. Patten Memorial Fund in memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Gierko.) For credit card gifts, please make a gift online, designated to Jeffrey A. Patten, at <https://stevensalumni.com/product/contributions/>.

Barbara A. Ferland

-Stringer
Funeral Home
Class of 1957



Barbara A. Ferland, 85, passed away peacefully at home on February 14, 2026,

surrounded by her loving family, after bravely struggling with her health for the past seven years.

Born on April 16, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Olga Nash and Roy Young. She was also predeceased by her beloved husband, Lucian Ferland; her brother, Doug Young; and her very special Aunt Elizabeth Quimby.

Barb shared a love of travel with her late husband, Lucian. Some of their favorite places to visit were Hampton Beach, Lake George, Las Vegas, and Tennessee. She treasured those trips and the memories they made together.

She was a devoted racing fan and made many cherished trips to Loudon with her family over the years. Her favorite drivers included Dale Earnhardt, Dale Earnhardt Jr., and Martin Truex Jr. Race weekends were special times filled with excitement and family bonding.

Barb was a longtime member of the Stevens alumni community and a loyal member of the Moose Lodge. Throughout her life, she worked at Idlenot Dairy, King's Department Store, Ames Department Store, Claremont Flock, and Holson Photo Company. She also dedicated many meaningful years to working at Bluff School in the reading program, where she touched the lives of many children.

She is survived by her loving sons, Stephen and his wife Cheryl, and Kevin and his significant other Melissa (Seymour); her cherished grandsons, Garrett Ferland and Jeffrey Aubin; her best friend, Lucy; her beloved little dog, who was wonderful company; and her special young friend, Gracie, who helped keep her mind off her pain. Barb and Gracie loved to sing together and share long, heartfelt talks.

Barbara will be remembered for her love of family, her strength, her loyalty, and the joy she found in life's simple pleasures. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visiting hours will be held Thursday, February 19th from 5 to 7pm at the Stringer

Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street, Claremont, NH.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 20th at 11am at the funeral home with burial to follow at Mt. View Cemetery.

Patricia "Pat" Girard

-Stringer
Funeral Home
Class of 1962



Patricia "Pat" Girard, 81, of Claremont, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2025, surrounded by her loving family, following several recent health challenges.

Born on November 5, 1944, in Claremont, Pat was the daughter of Christine and Plummer "Lefty" Leamond. She married the love of her life, Richard "Dick" Girard, and together they shared 62 wonderful years. Pat was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose greatest joy was her family.

She is survived by her husband Richard; her sons Ross (Buffy), Dale (Allyn), and Todd (Brandi); eleven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren, with two more expected to join the family in the very near future; her sister Pam Haynes of Leesburg, Florida; a niece, and brother-in-law Kenneth "Gee" Smith. She was predeceased by her sister, Judy Smith.

For the past 25 years, Pat and Dick divided their time between Claremont and Daytona Beach, a routine Pat cherished—especially because she never liked the cold and was always ready to head south before winter arrived.

Pat lived a life filled with energy, curiosity, and adventure. She and Dick enjoyed traveling together, including cross-country road trips and flights in the family airplane—experiences she embraced wholeheartedly. Her favorite car

was her mustang aptly named "MY-BTR." Whether traveling between Claremont and Loudon or simply out for a ride, she cherished the open air and sunshine on the road.

She was always up for something new, whether it was four-wheeling in the side-by-side or kayaking on the water. No matter what the destination or the activity, she found joy in the journey.

Pat worked in several roles that showcased her dedication and warm spirit. She began her career as a hairdresser, owning a parlor in her home. She later worked in the Claremont School District cafeteria, forming lasting friendships. After she and Dick purchased Golden Cross Ambulance, she contributed her skills in the office until their retirement. Even then, Pat stayed active, working in the credentials offices at both New Hampshire Motor Speedway and Daytona International Speedway. She loved reconnecting with her extended racing family each season, a tradition she deeply treasured until her health no longer allowed her to continue this past year.

At home, Pat's kitchen was a gathering place. She was an amazing cook, always ready to feed family, friends, and anyone who happened to stop by. She cherished every visit and every family gathering. An avid reader, she often had a book open on her phone—even while working at the track.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, December 7th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Stringer Funeral Home. A Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 8th, at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church. A private burial will take place in the spring.

Pat will be deeply missed, but her love, spirit, and sense of adventure will remain in the hearts of her family and friends forever.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Stevens Alumni Association, PO Box 710, Claremont, NH 03743.



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training at Cornell University, following which he went to Grand Rapids, where he had lived for the past five years.

1917—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ayer and son John have moved from Rutland, Vermont, to Lowell, Massachusetts.

1919—On May first, J. Albert Nault, Stevens, 1919, and Miss Florence Scranton of Newport were married. They are making their home on Park avenue.

Benoit Goulet played in the hotel orchestra for the winter season at the Kirkwood Hotel, Camden, S. C.

1920—Ethel L. Cowles, who taught in Laconia High School this year, will be the Home Economics teacher at the Keene High School next year. She will also be the manager of the Faculty House.

1922—Ruth Frye is to teach at the Bluff School next year, and Vera Whitcomb '23, who taught in Merrimack, N. H., will take her place at the Bartlett school.

1923—Leonard W. Lewis, of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, has been elected to membership in the Skull, a senior honorary society. This society is composed of students who have been most active in their class for the furtherance of Tech spirit and the betterment of the school in general. "Ted" was one of the eight juniors elected into the membership of that society.

1924—Carol H. Adams, a student at the School of Practical Arts and Letters of Boston University, has been honored recently by being chosen among the number of students to represent the school's glee club at the Y.M.C.A. camp at Camp Moqua, Poland, Maine.

Miss Rosamond Foster, who has been assistant accompanist for the Smith College glee club during the past year, has been chosen as the accompanist for the next college year.

1925—Harrel D. Elmer of the University of Vermont has been elected as one of four to serve as Gold Key men during their sophomore year.

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In the short space available, it would be impossible to give a complete description of Columbia University, but I shall do my best to give a short, concise description of it.

Columbia University is the largest University in the world and many people think that one cannot derive the full benefits of college from it. This is



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM OF 1920-21
Top Row, left to right—Gloria Fletcher '21, Damaris Small '21, Paul Crowley, Coach; Alpha Edwards '21, Sylvia Quinby '21. Lower Row—Dorothy Ramsay '21, Eva Danvers '21, Manager; Sarah Russell '21, Captain; Anita Gaudette '21.

Poem.
HOW I, '06,
Are trying hard our credits to fix,
We feel our troubles are most through
As we come to the place in 1907
We do not claim we're very wise
Though some of us will win the prize
But let us just look back a ways
And see again our childhood days.
We entered the primary grades when small,
Knowing hardly a thing at all.
We reached the Grammar in '06,
Attempting to write on a little slate,
But after a long and dreary wait
We marched in through "the iron gate."
Soon after came the high school ring,
And up in the hall we paraded to sing.
Our Freshman year was closed in style
In spite of visits to the ash pile.
We should a Freshman of to-day
Would be glad to get out of it "that way."
Even Sophomore year had plenty of work,
But none of us our duty did shirk.
And such as Sophomores did our share
(But none of us did trousers tear).
Then came our Junior year to be told
When we chose the colors Crimson and Gold.
The present Juniors who claim to know all
Beside the Seniors look few too small.
It is now we see our final year,
Yet only a part of us are here.
Though a part dropped out and left their books
Some have joined us, Miss Baker and Brooks.



SENIOR CLASS OF 1921
Top Row, left to right—Dawson, Ramsay, Jarvis, Edmonds, Ainsworth, Danvers, Beaudry, Coats, G. Burke, Ledoux, McLaughlin, Jones. Third Row—E. Burke, Ordway, Richardson, Bush, Fuller, G. Tewksbury, Harris, Penniman, Wheeler, Hooking, Small. Second Row—Gilbert, O'Rourke, Keardon, Ordway, Deemore, Heller, Mack, V. Tewksbury, Compaine, Aubert, Perry, Pagnin, Leahy, Moody. Bottom Row—Brown, Bralley, Duffy, Easter, Thomas, Fletcher, Carroll, Russell, Benjamin, Prudhomme, Spaulding, Cadwallader, Powers.



"THIS IS OUR FACULTY."
To the members of the Class of 1921:
Your class has been the first to have had a guidance teacher during all four years of high school. In my interviews with each member of your class this year I have been impressed with the results of that program. You have shown that you have done some clear thinking about your future plans, and you have had more definite ideas about your work after high school graduation.
All of us who know you will have been pleased with your willingness to cooperate for the welfare of the school. Your efforts to build a strong character and to develop a good personality should pay rich dividends in the years ahead. High scholarship is very desirable, but the above qualities are all important.
As this is being written in the late fall of 1920, we are again at war. The onset of the world must trouble you as young people. World events happen so quickly that none of us can predict what the situation will be when your graduation day arrives. My only bit of advice to you would be: keep yourselves strong physically, mentally, and spiritually; do each day's task to the best of your ability; and look forward with courage and confidence to a world which one day can live in peace.
To each and every one of you, I wish a happy and successful life.
Sincerely,
Stephen A. Hoody

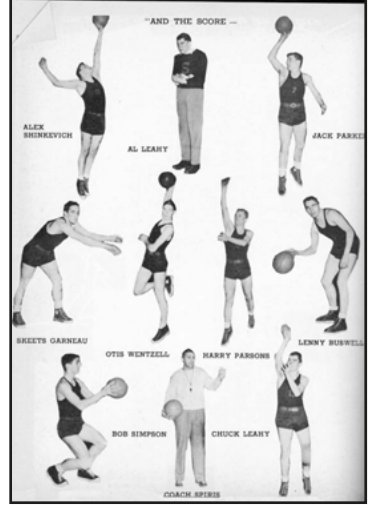
S. H. S. Athletics.
The manager of the basketball team, George Hoban, is looking for more games to add to his nearly filled schedule.
The Freshman of S. H. S. have organized a basketball team, and as a strong class spirit is shown in the school, the other classes will also have teams which will do their best to defeat the "freshies."
The boys of S. H. S. are aware of the fact that the spring athletes are not far in advance, for they are already getting into condition by long distance running. This is not all, for most of the boys who have the vulgar habit of smoking, have given it up and are taking good care of themselves. By all experience, we will have as good a team as last year's, although the loss of Jenks has considerably weakened us. We all have sympathy for the other schools who partake in the G. M. I. A. A., and wish them the best of success, as we are sure that S. H. S. will leave them to follow their dust.
The delegates of Windsor, Springfield, Lebanon, Richards and Stevens High schools met at Chatham, Feb. 19, 1906. Bellevue Falls did not send any delegates for some unknown reason. The former president, George Brooks, presided. The meeting opened by the reading of the treasurer's report. The secretary's report was next read, and was followed by the election of officers which are as follows: F. W. Han- blich, Pres., Stevens; Chas. McArthur, Vice Pres., Richards; L. Boyd, Secretary, Windsor; G. A. Crowell, Treasurer, Lebanon. Executive Committee: Hanblich, Chairman, Stevens; Leavitt, Richards; Guttersen, Springfield; Chase, Lebanon; Jacobs, Stevens; Furrow, Bellevue Falls.



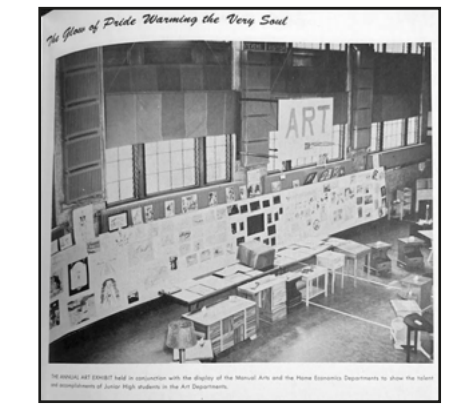
The Personal Satisfaction of a job well done.
THE ANNUAL MANUAL ARTS EXHIBIT is held in the gymnasium in May. Here is seen an excellent display of the skilled work done by high school students under professional supervision. At a Book Exhibit held last year several of these pieces were given for outstanding craftsmanship.



FOOTBALL TEAM OF 1920
Top Row, left to right—Benjamin '21, Manager; Cummings '22, Sheldon '24, Crowley, Coach, Second Row—Upton '22, Cobby '22, Gilbert '21, Carroll '21, Capote, Quinby '20, Boardman '21, Jarvis '21. Bottom Row—Thomas '21, Davies '22, Perry '21, Tewksbury '21, Dawson '21, Companion '21.



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The Glow of Pride Warming the Very Soul
THE ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT held in connection with the display of the Manual Arts and the Home Economics Departments to show the talent and craftsmanship of Junior high students in the Art Department.

ALUMNI NOTES
The annual reunion of the Stevens Alumni Association will be at Pine Grove Park this year, on Monday, June 28. There will be many interesting features at the reunion this year, as there have been previous years.
The first event will be a baseball game between the Alumni and the Stevens Varsity teams, at 3:30 p. m., probably to be held at Monmouth Park. At 6:30 supper will be served at the park pavilion, followed by the business meeting. The address of the evening will be given by Senator George F. Moses. After the meeting there will be dancing inspired by Prince Kavanagh and his nine masters of melody until midnight.
Letters to all alumni telling of the affairs this year have been sent out by the secretary, and the committee feels assured of an even more enjoyable get-together than was enjoyed by the association last year.
It will be of interest to those who are Alumni and to those who will be Alumni that the Stevens High School Alumni Association is the oldest high school alumni association in the world. This year is the fifty-fifth anniversary of the association.
1915—Mrs. Harold W. Finch, (Ethel England), of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is returning to Chatham to make her home here.
Miss Eleanor Foster sailed on Saturday, May 22, aboard the Leviathan for Europe, where she will spend several months in Paris with her sister, Mrs. Roger Sessions, of the class of 1916.
1916—Harold W. Finch, who graduated from Stevens in 1916 and from the University of New Hampshire in 1921, died on May 16, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, after an illness of nearly three months. He had taken special



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A Thank You from the President

By Dick Girard

Dear Stevens High Alumni,

It has been an extremely busy year with so much going on that I want to send out a sincere thank you to the Alumni membership.

I want to thank Debbie Bond and the staff at Doolittle's Print Serve for their help every year with the newsletter, printing the parade signs and other print jobs.

Thank you to all for supporting the Alumni Association throughout the year and those behind the scenes (volunteers) who help make alumni weekend a success.

Thank you to CPD for handling traffic control and keeping the parade route clear, the CFD for putting up the banners and to GCA for medical coverage.

Thank you to the businesses and individuals who sponsor the float prizes, and the Corn Hole Tournament every year, to the businesses who purchase ads in our annual newsletter to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Your support is so very much appreciated.

As most of you know, it was announced late last summer that the Claremont School District was dealing with a 5+ million deficit and that all extra curricular activities including athletics and music would be cut.

The Alumni Assoc. was asked by Stevens High School Principal Herrington if we would agree to take on the responsibility of holding all donations in a separate account with many categories of where donations would be designated.

Details were worked out as to how funds would be paid out and a tracking mechanism put in place. A committee was formed to take on this responsibility and we were off to the races. Citizens, businesses, schools came together and donations started pouring in.

It is so heartwarming to know that so many people put their faith and trust in Stevens Alumni Assoc. to carry out the important task of funding music needs, athletic needs and so many other extracurricular activities.

I did not name any one specifically because I might miss someone but you all know who helped whether donating time, money, or in any other capacity.

Thank you everyone for supporting Stevens Alumni Association.

Dick Girard
Stevens Alumni President



Alumni President Dick Girard prepping signs for the alumni parade, 2025

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.

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A Message of Gratitude to the Stevens Alumni Association

The Stevens Alumni Association has been absolutely instrumental in our success this year; quite frankly, SRVRTC would not have survived the year without their constant and reliable support. Their involvement has provided a vital sense of security for our donors, who can give with the total confidence and trust that their money is being handled professionally and directed exactly where it is needed most. This seamless management of donations has allowed us to keep our programs running and our students focused on their futures during a critical time.

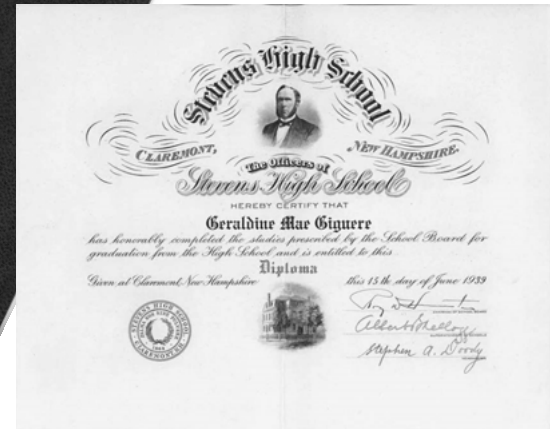
Through this journey, SRVRTC and the Alumni Association have built an incredible relationship rooted in a shared commitment to excellence. We are proud of the bridge we've built between career preparation and lifelong community involvement. Looking ahead, I am eager to see our CTE students graduate and join the ranks of the Alumni Association themselves, continuing this vital cycle of giving back to the community that supported them.

The impact of this support is felt by a significant portion of our student body; currently, 144 students are taking a class at the tech out of 418. That is 34% of Stevens that takes a class at SRVRTC!

With sincere gratitude,

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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	2025 Fred Hill
1970 Normand C. Paquette*	John Bennett	2003 Gene Grumman *	The distinction of becoming an
1975 George F. Disnard *	Karol K. Bottinger *	Joyce Gogan	Honorary Member is given to
1976 Paul H. Magoon *	Angelo P. Righi *	2004 Carita Aarnio	teachers and staff when they have
1977 Jesse L. Piper *	1988 Joan Simpson *	Linda Beaulieu *	reached their 15th year at Stevens
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POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Jessica Lawson Akerly

Scholarships Awarded

Robert Hughes Scholarship

Class of 2019

Savannah Callum Webb

SHSAA Memorial Scholarship

Class of 2021

Caden Ferland

Currier Perpetual Memorial Scholarship

Class of 2022

Sean Adams

Rosinski Family Memorial Scholarship

Jenna Bonneau

Noah Bryant Osgood Class of 2022 Memorial Scholarship

Zachary Bundy

Currier Perpetual Scholarship

Olivia Churchill

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Mathew Davis

Currier Perpetual Scholarship

Amaya Eitapence

Currier Perpetual Scholarship

Ava Johnson

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Austin Jones

Noah Bryant Osgood Class of 2022 Memorial Scholarships

Hannah Miller

Currier Perpetual and Class of 1950 Memorial Scholarships

Class of 2023

Matthew Becker

Currier Perpetual Memorial & Class of 1958 Memorial Scholarships

Samuel Dalke

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Lilyanna Amara Johnson & Class of 1996 Memorial Scholarship

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> Broad Street

See you at the parade!!

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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.
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