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Alumni Day Memories

As we put last year behind us, we thought it would be fun to reminisce with photos from reunions past. In fact, this whole issue is dedicated to celebrating memories of our common alma mater - Stevens High School.

Do you see anyone you recognize in this mix of parade photos from 2016, 2015, 2021, 2010 and 2006? Not only did high school make memories, but reunions do too.

Please join us for this year's celebration on October 2nd and help us make up for last year - and then some. It's going to be an amazing year!!



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Suggest a Parade Theme for 2022!

The parade theme is usually voted on at the annual business meeting in June. To give more of you an opportunity to voice your opinion, we will choose the theme from suggestions submitted at our meeting in October at which time we will bring forth five themes to submit to the membership at the annual business meeting in June...So, please submit your ideas to us before Sept. 10, 2021.

My suggestion is: _____



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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to my fellow Stevens Alumni!

As you are probably aware by now, we have moved the date of our annual alumni festivities and parade to October 2nd, 2021. We hope that with this change, the pandemic will be even more contained and give everyone the opportunity to venture out without the fear of Covid-19 lingering in their minds. We made this change early because of the need to book bands and other units that have to be made months in advance.

We are also hoping that this fall date might coincide with Homecoming weekend and also the annual Chili cook-off event.

We have cancelled the banquet again this year for multiple reasons: we cannot hire a caterer for less than \$40 a plate; the closeness of attendees having to sit together is also a deterrent. We will not have a luncheon buffet for the annual meeting although, at this time, we intend to have the annual meeting following the parade. THIS is a tentative plan and we will keep you informed of any changes.

We had planned a more spectacular parade as this is our “150 Reunion” and will book as many of our marching units as we can. However, we are finding that some units are still not travelling to participate in parades. That is understandable and we will do the best we can to make this a parade that everyone will remember and enjoy. I do know that we will have a combination of last year’s 5-year classes along with this year’s 5-year classes taking part which will increase the size of the parade and with the two themes; it should be a fun time for all.

We also had to consider the travel involved for members coming from across the country to take part in their class reunions, and we hope that this date change will be more convenient for them also. We are in uncharted waters as we have never had to cancel alumni weekend of all class gatherings, the banquet and the parade. To my knowledge, only one parade has ever been postponed due to rain only to rally later in the day and proceed as planned.

Again, the date for our 150th reunion is Saturday, Oct 2nd, 2021 with a theme of “SHS Alumni Association Celebrates Our 150th Reunion Celebration”. Last year’s theme of “Board Games” is also available, so having two themes to work with should be interesting and lots of fun for both the participants and the on-lookers.

To move on, we have a new improved website that is more user friendly. It has been active and up and running for a few months now. Members have asked to be able to pay dues and donations thru the website and this is a viable option to members wishing to pay thru Pay Pal. Mark Chamberlain, class of 1981, worked diligently with Jeremy Ryan of Advantage Creations to get this website set up with things that you, the membership, have asked to be able to see on the website plus other items of interest. We hope that you will all visit the website at stevensalumninh.com and see what you think. We are always open to new ideas.

Mark has written a short article on the website further on in this newsletter with more detailed information so please be sure to read and offer comments. (see page 17)

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank David Hale, class of 1961, for all his work to set up the original website and to maintain it for so many years. His diligence and patience thru the years was very much appreciated so AGAIN, THANK YOU DAVID!

Dick Girard has written an article about the parade and has included the new and extended route for this 150th year’s celebration. Please read and if you have comments, let Dick know. This is a first for all of us and we want to make it as spectacular as possible. (see page 16)

With no festivities last year, the dues and donations were down slightly, but we will do the best we can to make this “150th

A Message from your Treasurer

Greetings to my fellow alumni:

As you can see from the report, our operating account is still in the black. The parade donations received from last year will be used towards this year’s 150th celebration parade. The parade as some still think, is not free, We have to pay for every group to participate and the cost is usually between \$15,000 and \$18,000. We will do our very best to make the 150th Celebration an event to remember with pride, honor and the distinction of being a part of this: The Oldest Active High School Alumni Association in the USA.

The Association’s Board voted in February to move the parade and alumni festivities to Oct 2nd in hope that we would attract more participation in the parade, as well as, making more spectators feel safer to venture out and to watch our traditional annual parade.

The good news is we expect more class participation as the 5-year classes from 2020 will combine with this year’s 5-year classes to create many interesting floats. Last year’s theme of “Board Games” is still open as well as the theme for this year of “Stevens Alumni Association Proudly Presents Our 150th Reunion Celebration 1871 to 2021”.

Annual dues continue to raise over \$7000 and there have been more donations come in for the parade which is encouraging. Still, with an active membership of over 7300, that is less than \$1 a member. To those of you who continue to pay your dues and send additional when you can, we thank you very much.

Yes the Covid 19 has struck so many people so very hard and some have suffered the ultimate loss of a loved one. We have had to change our whole way of life, which less than two years ago, we took for granted. Stevens Alumni Association has suffered as well as have all non-profit organizations, but we have remained strong and will continue to do so with the help of you, our membership.

reunion a spectacular event for everyone. Again, it has come to my attention that people think that outside units and bands, the fife and drum, bagpipes and drums, horses, bektash and other specialty units are free; they are not. The cost for the parade every year is between \$16,000 and \$18,000 and with this year being a special year for Stevens Alumni, we would like to book more units, but as I had said earlier, a lot of units are still not taking bookings for parades. We will do the very best that we can to make Stevens High School Alumni Reunion Weekend the best ever. Help us do that. If you have never paid your dues, it is not too late to start. The annual dues are still \$10 and I will say it again if the 7500 members of this great organization paid their dues? You do the math.

We also have a tee-shirt fund raiser thru the Ink Factory in Claremont. Orders will be taken for tee shirts, long sleeve shirts, sweat shirts. Elyse Crossman, and Heather Girard are working with The Ink Factory on this project. There will be more detailed info along with pictures of the design towards the back of this newsletter. A good way to support your organization. (Page 20)

On behalf of Stevens Alumni Association, I extend our sincerest condolences to any of you who have lost loved ones due to this horrendous pandemic.

Best Regards,
Doug LeBlanc, President
Proud member of the Class of 1963
And Stevens High School Alumni Association

With the loss of the banquet, we can no longer do some of the traditional things we used to do, such as honor the oldest attending member or the member travelling the farthest distance. We also honored the seniors and post-grad students with the presentation of scholarships. Another tradition such as the 25 and 50 year classes proudly introducing their classmates and presenting the Alumni Association with a monetary donation to either help with scholarships or the operating account will no longer exist, but the memories will.

These traditions were and are an important part of what makes Stevens High School Alumni Association such a unique organization. The banquet was the special event where representatives from all classes could mingle and reminisce about their days at Stevens High School.

Maybe one day, it will happen again, time will tell.

Carolyn Bowles LeBlanc ‘62
Treasurer, SHS Alumni

SHS Alumni Association
Income and Expense Report
July 1st, 2019 – June 30, 2020

INCOME	
July 1, 2019 balance forward	.8416.10
Dues	.7015.00
General Fund	.6425.00
Parade Donations	.1150.00
T-shirts, Mugs, Yr. Books, Cookbooks	.137.00
Newsletter Ad Sponsors	.2000.00
Parade Fund Raiser	.4145.00
Poinsettia Sales	.8425.00
Interest	.6.40
Total	.37,719.50

EXPENSES	
Rent	.5500.00
Verizon	.598.91
Insurance	.2050.00
US Postal	.2671.55
Eagle Times, Print Newsletter	.1723.17
Office Expenses	.615.48
Laptop	.614.97
Poinsettia Expenses (DS Cole)	.5568.05
Luncheon	.199.82
WOTM Donation luncheon	.200.00
Merchant Services	.36.70
Donations	.1351.23
Tax Return	.675.00
Go Daddy - 1 year	.102.05
Salaries	.250.00
Quality	.1238.62
Misc. Expenses	.395.84
Meeting Refreshments	.142.86
Parade	.1650.00
Comcast	.1572.92
Senior Gifts	.600.95
Float Prize Winners	.600.00
Doolittle's Print	.1203.88
Esscor Service Calls	.212.98

Total	.29,774.98
June 30, 2020 balance	7944.52

Carolyn Bowles LeBlanc ‘62, Treasurer, SHS Alumni

Class News

Please visit www.stevensalumniinh.com
The 2007–2021 Newsletters are now available online.

Class of 1946

Hi, are you still with me?

75 years is a long time and for all of us who are still here "Bless You".

We had a great Alumni Day last year and it was so nice to see the classmates who attended,

Thanks so much for coming.

I haven't heard from many classmates, but here are a few. Pauline Desnoyer Kelley is doing well and is enjoying her family. I've heard from Bob Parker, and he is doing well in Maine and is taking wonderful care of his wife Thelma. Homer Fletcher is also busy with his family caring for him. Mary Dole Coolbeth lives in Keene and calls me and we have a good talk.

It is sad to tell you that Lloyd Wilson passed away. What a wonderful gentleman, always enjoying helping our class on Alumni weekend; a hard worker. I'm sure other classmates have passed on, but I'm not aware of it. If you know of some of our classmates that have passed on, I would like to know. Write me at 4 Orchard Rd., Claremont, NH 03743 or call 603-542-6763. Thank you so much.

As I always end my letter with a poem, so, here is mine this year:

*I want to be an angel and never do a thing
but play upon a Golden Harp, and
sing, and sing and sing.*

Take care of yourselves and enjoy life.

Love to all,

Barbara (Houpis) DeCook
Class of 1946 Alumni Secretary

Class of 1951

Hello, fellow classmates.

We are down to just a few of us to celebrate our 70th Anniversary on October 2, 2021.

If anyone can make it, get in touch with me by any of the following:

E-mail: glavalley@lavalleys.com

Telephone: 603-454-5365

Mail: PO Box 869, Newport, NH 03773.

I hope to hear from you.

Gerry LaValley

Class of 1953

2020 was not a good year for any of us! We are hoping for a better '21. We have lost a good friend, classmate, and avid alumnus. John Goodrich passed away this past year. John was always a huge part of our festivities, float building, and parties. He will be sorely missed.

It does not seem possible that we will miss yet another of our yearly June get-togethers due to COVID 19. We have to keep our chins up and stay healthy for in 2023 we will be celebrating our 70th. It doesn't seem possible, but you can do the math for yourself.

We're looking for news from any of our classmates. Please keep in touch with Bev Janelle – 603-542-4697 or Bev Perin at 603-272-2086. Stay safe and healthy and don't forget to keep in touch!

Bev Blake Perrin & Bev Hanks Janelle

Class of 1955

As we anticipate the New Year, we hope you are all safe and well.

An update for our "65" Reunion is resuming along the lines of last year's activity. This will be a gathering on Friday evening, the parade and banquet through the afternoon or evening. The Association is working on the best solution possible under the CDC guidelines. We are still unsure what that looks like for June in the city.

I still have most of the reservations put in place last year for Friday evening and the Trams to ride in the parade. Remember the questions on last year's letter!? Our budget is quite small and we would appreciate those who have not paid their dues of \$25.00, to send it along. Without an increase of funds, plans will be changing. If you have any thoughts, please let us know.

Should everything be cancelled again, I will return funds requested. Thank you.

My mail address is 161 Old Church Road, Claremont, NH 03743. For further information you can email me at (bettygierko@yahoo.com). Keep an eye out for the SHS Alumni Association mailings or possibly another letter from us directly.

Health and happiness to each of you.

Betty Gierko

This coming 2021 celebration has a new look. The Alumni Board extended the date for this Homecoming Celebration to October 2, 2021. Some of you might remember Homecoming Weekend which was combined with the high school with sporting events and a banquet in the Frederick w. Carr Gymnasium. It will also look a bit different as we are hoping that the City's annual Chili Cook Off contest will be a part of the events after the parade. We're in the very, very beginning stages of this new combo. There will be more detail coming to each of you as soon as it's available. In the meantime, keep track of the progress of the "worker bees" as it becomes available on SHS Alumni's web site and Face Book page as well as the SHS web page.

Class of 1956

Hello, Class of 1956.

As we have been staying at home, wearing masks, and social distancing for most of 2020 into 2021, most of us have little to report.

Our primary source of class activity, information, and contact, and many ours of hard work over the years, Charlie Fletcher, had a long bout of health issues this past year but is now feeling well again. That's the good news! Since he's in the process of getting a new computer, he's unable to receive emails at this time, so please contact him by phone or snail mail.

Sadly, Demorest Howard passed away last February. Though

unable to attend recent SHS reunions, Demorest kept in touch with classmates, and we send our deepest sympathy to his family.

It looks like the Alumni Parade is on, so we can make plans to ride in a car or cars for classmates who would be participating, with everyone's safety a priority in regard to the virus. As the time grows near, we can do whatever is necessary to accommodate everyone as caution requires. We've discussed meeting up at Moody Park on Saturday afternoon of Alumni Day for our 65th reunion, as we can arrange for safe seating, and there is cover in the event that it rains. We would provide lunch, desserts and cold drinks.

Looking forward to meeting up in June, we'll keep classmates posted in regard to plans for our weekend. Until then, keep safe, and call, write or email with any suggestions for our special day.

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Class of 1961

As we all know and have experienced, 2020 was a very hard year! One of the many hardships was that we couldn't see friends and classmates, and Alumni weekend was cancelled. Our SHS class of 1961 could not have our annual get together after the parade. We are all hoping that we WILL be able to gather for our 60th Stevens High School reunion. As you all know by now, Alumni weekend has been changed from June to October; that gives us a better chance. One way or the other, I will be sending out a class letter in the summer.

We had the Claremont Country Club booked for Friday, June 11th, so, we hope we will be able to change that to Friday, October 1st. No other plans for that evening have been decided yet, as we haven't been able to have planning meetings. The same is true for the parade on Saturday, October 2nd. We do have a people carrier booked. This year is also the 150th anniversary of the Alumni Association, so there is plenty to celebrate and plenty of possibilities for float decoration. Please send any ideas or wishes you have.

Sadly, we had two classmate deaths this year. Noel Fontaine last January (2020) and Donald Foster in October.

I hope to be in Claremont in October and see many of you. Anyone reading this; please pay your alumni dues. It really helps keep the Alumni Association going.

Maureen O'Donnell
omaureen43@aol.com

Class of 1963

I image that everyone is more than ready for our lives to return back to normal. Hope that everyone who plan to have their shot, have at least had one.

Now we can look forward to October 2, 2021. Let's hope that we have a beautiful fall day. If you plan to attend Alumni Weekend, please

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plan well enough in advance because we are planning the 150th year plus 2 years' worth of anniversaries in one year.

I have been updating our class roster. If you have not received emails or snail mail from me, please let me know. What I need for our roster is – spouse's name (if applicable), address, telephone number, email address (if have) and whether you are on Facebook. Also, whenever you change any information, please get with me. I would love to keep our class information up to date.

I am still looking for any information on Susan Arlin or Suzanne Boardman. If anyone knows of where they are, please let me know.

Donna Leahy Cornett
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Class of 1964...."forever young at heart...."

The year 2020 has come and gone and to many of us, it couldn't have happened soon enough. Hopefully we are all rebounding and that the vaccine has helped start us back to some semblance of normalcy, whatever that may be.

Seems to be my yearly lead in lately with our class newsletter but it is what it is. Throughout northern California the past year, or for that matter throughout the west, it was another year of terrifying wildfires with record numbers and record acreage burned. In and around northern California numerous large fire burned for several weeks, destroying hundreds of homes, hundreds of thousands of acres of timber, and disrupting the wine harvest to the point many vineyards were left unharvested due to severe smoke taint. This may be the new norm what with global warming. So far though, record low rainfall and snowpack may portend another year of disastrous wildfires.

And of course, Covid-19. No one knows for sure what the future holds relative to this virus and its mutations. Only time will answer that question. But we're already a year into its effects and the future does look brighter. Stay safe and follow the guidelines and we'll get through this!!

Anyway, not much in the way of news from the class of '64. Even after hitting the phones again, phone calls went unanswered, or voice-mails never returned. So it is what it is and that's that.

I did hear from a few that have kept me up to date on their comings and goings. Al Burns writes in his Christmas letter from Louisiana that prior to the Covid-19 shutdown, he and Jeanne did participate in the Mardi Gras parade again. Don't know how many years they have done that or how many crawdads they've consumed, but I'm sure it's a lot!

Larry McElreavy writes from the Carolina's that all is well and that as of this letter, he may (or may not be) hanging up his coaching spikes. If you do follow football, Larry was involved with Coastal Carolina football up until 2019. Coastal Carolina became a ranked team this year, which takes several years to achieve. So kudo's to him as he was a part of that team's development.

Larry also sent me a picture of our 8th grade graduation. Although the picture has seen it's better days, numerous familiar faces can be seen. I will make copies and send them out to all, or post it on our Alumni class column, or both. Perhaps someone out there may have a better copy that they could find. If so let me know and I'll post it or better yet, mail a copy to all.

Gary Thornton and I do keep in contact throughout the year as Gary reminds me of pertinent dates, like when our cross country team won

the TSV championship, or state title, or when our track team did this or that. Sort of reliving our youth!!! I have a scrapbook of my high school years, with articles and some pictures mostly related to sports. So I thumb back through it when Gary reminds me of our team's significant achievements. I'm sure others out there have done the same.

Gary has a grandson who is a terrific runner, one who he follows very closely. He is only 15 and runs a 4:16 mile.....but loves the distance events. Has some of the features of Uncle Gary who was one of our great ½ milers!!

It's also fun to revisit the pictures attached to those articles to see who had hair and how much! The crew cut was very popular!

Donna (Diamond) Cover actually wrote over a year ago, after the 2020 Alumni news went to print. She and family hitched up the wagons and left the east coast and went westward ho!!all the way to Boise, ID. Closer to children. And she's love'n it!! Boise is a great city with all the amenities of a large metropolitan area but with a vast outdoor playground but a few miles away.

Tom Davis wrote and assured me that after he missed our 55th, he'll be there for the next one, Covid-19 notwithstanding. Okay Tom, I'll hold you to that. Heck, you even live in Claremont! Maybe you could take Uber!!

I do talk to my good friend Jon Trottier and his lovely wife Caryn throughout the year. They live in Rochester, NY where Jon worked for and retired from Eastman Kodak. Jon has been struggling with an illness for a few years but is upbeat and thankful for having Caryn and friends to support him.

Sonny Lunderville says that they sold their home of 37 years and moved "up the road" a little ways. Sort of downsizing..... but that pool and outdoor cabana will be surely missed!!

Now on to Alumni Week 2021. With Covid-19 causing last years Alumni Week to be canceled and the 2021 event moved to fall, all eyes are focused on the last days of September and first part of October, 2021. As of this writing we are adapting to the date changes and moving ahead with plans for our class gathering. What better time to assemble than in early fall when the foliage should be, perhaps, in full swing! What a great backdrop to a great event!

The Alumni Association will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary and our class will be proud to join in with the festivities! Think about it... .150 years for our high school!!!! All classes are invited to attend and participate in the parade and banquet. So think about packing your bags if you're from out of town and come join the rest of your classmates in celebrating a terrific milestone!! If you're from Claremont and the surrounding area, it's a given...we'd hope you'd attend!!

Be sure to make reservations as soon as possible as many places have already been booked!

Tentatively our plans are as follows:

No float construction but we are looking to get a "ride" for or class. An old yellow bus would be great if we can find one. Sonny Lunderville has started a search so more will come down later. And we might decorate it with stuff!!!

Thursday, September 30 we'll meet at Ramunto's Pizza parlor from 5 till 8 pm. A room has been reserved. For those who want to start early, we can do that as well!!

Friday, October 1, Phil and Margo Estabrook will host us at their property in North Newport. We'll do a BBQ. They have a new piece of property that has a barn on it which Phil says will be a great venue for

a gathering. More will follow in a class mailing.

Saturday, October 2 will be the parade. We'll assemble at 9:30 near the high school. More will follow when more details are known. Afterwards, Jackie and Harold Hall have once again opened up their home for our class gathering. It'll either be a simple BBQ or will have finger foods catered. The catering will depend on how many people will attend and IF we can get a caterer. Jackie is working on that. Either way we'll eat, drink and be merry!!

So that's our reunion in a nutshell. A separate mailing will have already been sent by the time you read it here. Here's hoping we can have a great turn out as it is the 150th celebration for our Alumni Association!!

Now for some sad news. As we grow older, it is inevitable that we periodically lose classmates as time marches on. Since the last class newsletter, three classmates have passed away.

Louise (Belkovicz) Yacovone passed away January 17, 2020 after a courageous struggle with leukemia. Louise was born in Battlecreek, Michigan on February 22, 1946. After graduating from Stevens, she graduated from North Hampton Commercial College to become a secretary, working many years for Pratt and Whitney in Hartford, CT. Becoming interested in teaching, she went back to school and graduated from Rivier College with a B.A. in special education, her true calling.

She had a special gift working with children with many reaching out to her over the years to thank her for believing in them. Eventually she returned to Claremont as a substitute teacher at Claremont Middle School.

Louise was bright light with a kind and compassionate spirit. She said that life to her was all about balance and that you should love oneself, family and friends. She touched the lives of many over the years; she worked with developmental and physical disabled youth at Crotchet Mountain; volunteered for Special Olympics as an adaptive instructor at Ascutney Mountain; and was a strong advocate and mentor for those experiencing mental health challenges, leading recovery workshops in NH and VT.

She leaves behind her daughter, Lauren Ragonesse (husband Eric) and granddaughter Scarlett; sister and best friend Connie and her partner Craig Newman of Jericho, VT; and several cousins, extended family, and numerous friends.

While at Stevens, Louise was a member of the Thespian Society, Dramatics Club, Christmas Choir, and tennis and field hockey teams. She attended one year of high school in Franklin, PA as her father was an engineer with Joy Manufacturing Company in PA before relocating to Claremont.

Suzanne (Cassin) Davis passed away on July 12, 2020. She was born on December 10, 1946. Beyond this, no other information is available regarding Suzanne. While at Stevens, she was a member of the Dramatics Club and Red and Black yearbook committee her senior year.

Sandie (Page) Miller died in Watauga, Texas on January 20, 2021 after a short but courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Newport, NH on March 31, 1946 and graduated with our class in 1964.

Sandie spent many years in the electronic industry and was a people person. She loved being surrounded by family and friends and spent time working on crafts and making home made gifts.

She is survived by her husband, William Miller and her four children;



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Lori, John, Robin and Shelley; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She also is survived by brother William Page of Charlestown, NH; sister Lillian Rzeczyck of Claremont; and Sherry Grenier of Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews.

And finally in this regard, the class of '64 passes on its condolences to the family and friends of those classmates who have passed and to all our classmates, and their families and friends, who have lost parents, spouses, siblings and friends this past year.

REMEMBER!!! Pay your yearly dues to the Alumni Association and throw a little extra in as well. It helps support the work they do from producing the parade to the yearly distribution of scholarships to deserving students and more!!

If you have any questions, suggestions, comments, or know the whereabouts of some of our lost classmates, drop me an e-mail, or call. News is always great!

Sincerely,
Tom Osipowich
707-888-9959

or: kateandhalle@comcast.net

Class of 1965

At this writing, plans are for the 2021 SHS Alumni Parade and reunions to be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021. The COVID crisis forced an early decision based on the need to schedule bands, parade units and other reservations. I hope many of you will be able to attend and enjoy the cooler October air in Claremont.

During the year, I have heard from several class members although personal encounters have been very few due to COVID restrictions.

Judith (Blight) Hollowood and husband Jim live in Durham, NC after moving from Harrisonburg, VA. Their involvement in Osher Lifelong Learning keeps them busy and allows them to be of value to colleagues through distance learning. As an example, they teamed up for a presentation on Ike's pre-presidential career including his early command experience during the flu pandemic when he was credited with minimizing mortality. They have also been zooming with their church group in Durham. Seeing her son Glen's success with his garage woodworking shop sideline to his University work, Judith observes that she believes, in the age of COVID, people with hands-on hobbies have it better than others.

Joan McCusker Johnson has gone an entire year without seeing her grandchildren other than via Zoom. Like everyone else, she hopes COVID restrictions are improved adequately in 2021 to allow a return to something resembling normalcy. Her grandchildren are grown now and living in Milford, NH and Flagstaff, AZ. She lost an 18 year old dog this year but added black Lab grand pups in both Flagstaff and Milford. As with everyone else, all her planned trips in 2020 were cancelled. She hopes 2021 will be kinder to all our classmates.

Ron Garceau and wife Sue have been avid travelers for several years. With travel wings clipped this year, he planted a serious garden for the first time in a while. Both sons provided Ron and Sue new grandchildren. Ron lives in Sunapee and one son is in Etna, NH, the

other in Georges Mills. That provides opportunities for socially distanced cookouts without long travels. They have invested in a new camper and took a test run in September mostly just west and south of New England. Ron observes that with so many people camping to avoid other vacation restrictions, he now has to plan reservations well in advance for campground spots.

I understand Gary Bissonette had a few rough days with a bout of COVID in November but has recovered fully. Joanne Noles Ruel reports only that she is still staying safe and healthy.

Bob Paradis and wife Dot both had bouts with COVID with Dot spending 5 days in the hospital. Both have fully recovered. In September, they traveled through Claremont on the way to visit Maine with their son and his family. They stopped in town briefly for photos at the Broad Street Park bandstand and monuments. They have also welcomed their first great grandchild.

We added contact info this year for three classmates who had not been in touch for a while. Gary Roberts still lives in Claremont. Dennis Ford has also asked to kept in contact. Old friend Bob Belisle spends the summer in Claremont and the winter in central Florida. On Facebook, I note he travels through Asheville, NC on trips north and south to visit relatives. He is also an ardent recumbent bike user on the rail trails of Florida. Happy to have Gary, Dennis and Bob in the fold...
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Speaking of Florida, Rick and Becky Call Carr now live full time in Naples FL near their son Nick and family. Matt Ferriter and wife Diana split time between Narragansett, RI and Florida where both continue to work on their golf games.

Mishaa Inazuma Hiro (Mike Adamovich) still lives in Half Moon Bay, CA. He has lamented regularly in 2020 the lack of social distancing and masking among you on folks headed to beaches near him. He has seen first-hand the disaster that California's COVID approach has allowed to develop. Rob Rathbun is still in Franklin, TN working (safely) on family genealogy and looking forward to the time when he can travel again.

Buzz Sawyer and wife Suzie still split time between Lake of the Ozarks, MO in the summer and South Texas in the winter. Both continue as avid golfers. Carolyn "Snookie" Towle still lives in Claremont and continues to give back to the community and school system in many ways.

Edith Parker Posselt and husband Hal live in Storrs CT near UConn's campus. They enjoy arts events as well as top quality basketball competition. Steve Bryan still lives in Maine with daughter Robin in Bangor. He has some health issues but gets good assistance from the VA in Bangor.

Joel Stanley, always quiet as a kid, says he has found his voice. He lives off the grid in Maine and has been a lifelong activist, artist, street minister and small businessperson. He recently reconnected with his Japanese daughter after 30 years without contact. He is in good health and enjoying the woods and mountains of NH and Maine.

Jerry Eastman and wife Karen still live in South Cornish and have missed the annual visits to and from daughters living in the Northwest

and in Florida. Henry Sanders and wife Kit live in Hancock, NH. Henry is still an aid skier and enjoys his "super senior" season tickets covering Sunapee and Okemo.

Pam Belisle Holt lives in Hooksett. She is divorced and has two kids; a son, daughter in law and grand-daughter in Gunnison, CO, and a daughter, son in law and grandson living in New London, NH. She has a summer place in Wells, ME and enjoys crafting and a variety of activities with a women's group in Warner, NH. Before COVID, Pam volunteered at a hospital in Manchester in their special care nursery cuddling newborn babies. She hopes to get back to it soon. She also looks forward to the reunion in October.

In our own case, my wife Cindy and I have never had a year with less travel than in 2020. We are fortunate that our son and his family are within 15 miles in eastern CT. Further, we live in a rural area where walking and hiking trails are abundant and distancing from crowds is not a huge problem. Between chasing a 6 year old grandson and welcoming a new born in December 2020, we consider ourselves very lucky. Our 2 year old Springer Spaniel demands a walk every morning and thinks he is a sled dog so I get a workout without a gym. With the advice of Linda (Lefevre) Buzzell and her engineer husband Tim, we have designed above ground planters for our vegetable garden. The goal is avoidance of weeding, bending and knee damage. We will let you know how it works out. I have not yet figured out a plan to get the firewood to cut, split, deliver and stack itself.

We lost two classmates in the past year and send our condolences to their families. Joseph Michael Parrotto passed after a four-year battle with cancer. He was a proud Viet Nam war vet with Army service from 1966-1969. He worked in the auto industry in NC and FL before moving back to NH to be near family. At SHS he was a member of the color guard, cross country team, and the Varsity "S" Club.

Hazel Redlands-Pyle passed away at her home in Bradford, VT in March 2020. She spent her early years in Virginia and was a member of our senior class moving to the Claremont area. Among classmates, she is remembered as being kind and outgoing. She served on the senior play staff. She was philanthropic and enjoyed the outdoors and traveling.

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Class of 1968

We local '68's are looking forward to Alumni Weekend and seeing many classmates on October 2nd when, with any luck, it will be safe to travel and gather. We have no big plans. These days, just leaving the house seems like an adventure. And boy, are we ready for an adventure!

Hope to see you then,

Mully
(Marilyn.Blight@gmail.com)



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Class of 1970

50th/51st Class Reunion

YES!!! It is happening!!!! We will finally celebrate our 50th class reunion. Plans are in the works. We have sent out a letter to classmates. If you didn't receive one, then we likely do not have a valid mailing address for you. To see what it going on, go to the class website:

shs-class-of-1970.my-free.website

We encourage you to check it often for updates. If you have questions, send them to the class email. You can also share your email with us and update your mailing address, too.

stevensclassof1970@gmail.com

See you in October.

Class of 1974

What a year 2020 was! I hope that by the time you are reading this, the world will be in a better place and we will be able to get together again.

2021 is a year of most of turning 65. Many of us are getting ready to retire from full-time jobs or have already done that. Maybe we are working part-time or not working at all; but we are all keeping busy.

The endo for 2020 brought us the news that Charles Holmes passed away. He had lived in Dorchester Center, MA for many years and led quite a varied life since high school. He still had a large family living in Claremont. Although he had not attended any class reunions (that we know of); we still mourn the loss of one of our classmates at such a young age.

Many of our classmates are suffering with serious health issues. We show our support for them with messages on FB and through the US Mail. If you know of a classmate that needs cheering, please let someone know so we can spread the word.

The class is hoping to have a float in the 2021 Alumni parade. Because it is not a 5-year reunion; we do not plan on making a big splash this year. We are supporting the 150th (actually the 151st) year of the Alumni Association by entering a float. We will have to start planning this spring; hopefully in person but we cannot make hard plans until we know how things are. The parade theme is open; if you have an idea for the float, we would like to hear it.

With the float in mind, we need to make sure we have everyone's mailing address and email address updated. Do you know of a classmate who is not getting updates from the Alumni Association or the class? Do you know how to contact them? If you would share that with the class, it would be great; we will also update the Alumni Association. You can contact the class email at stevensclass1974@gmail.com.

2021 brings us that much closer to our 50th class reunion in 2024. We would like to present a gift at the reunion and that requires collecting dues and donations (and possibly fundraisers as we get closer). The class dues are \$10 a year (they are separate from the SHS Alumni dues). Dues and donations can be sent to "SHS Class of 1974" in care of Charlene (Hayes) Reynolds, PO Box 81, North Hartland, VT 05052. Please put a note in with payment to tell where the dues are to be applied.

If you have not checked out the class FB page (Class of 1974 Stevens High School, Claremont NH); we hope you will. It is where we post the news of classmates and where we let you know what we are doing. If you are friends with a classmate that is not connected to other classmates, we hope you will let us know so we can connect (or at least

steer them toward the class page).

We hope that you and your family remain healthy. We hope you will reach out if you need some cheering on or cheering up in this crazy time. We hope to see many of you at the parade this year and hope that you will plan on attending the 50th reunion in 2024.

Charlene (Hayes) Reynolds

Class of 1986

In October, the class of 1986 will celebrate its 35th high school reunion, alongside the SHS Alumni Association that will observe its 150th year as the oldest active high school alumni association in the nation. While it is unlikely that we will hold our traditional parade, lass part, and other in-person alumni events, our class is proud to commemorate this import milestone. After 35 years, nostalgia sets in. In 1986, we were in the final stretch of our senior year, amidst current events such as the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger, the Iran-Contra affair, the re-opening of the Statue of Liberty, and the fall of President Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines. The price of gasoline was k\$1.13, the Chicago Bears were the Super Bowl champs, and the New York Mets won the World Series. Michael and Jennifer were favorite baby names, Prince's "When Doves Cry" was a popular song, as was the TV sitcom "The Cosby Show," and perms and denim were all the rage. While a lot has changed in thirty-five years, much remains the same, including a strong connection to our alma mater, classmates, hometown, and a vault of fond memories associated with this wonderful annual tradition. Cheers to 35 years!

*Stephanie A. Triantafillou, President
Class of 1986*

Class of 2006

The Stevens High School class of 2006 is thrilled that our 15-year reunion coincides with the Alumni Association's 150th reunion! We have a small group that has quietly been planning since our last reunion 5 years ago but are currently looking for more members of the class to join our planning efforts; if you are interested in helping plan the reunion, design and assemble to float, participate in the parade, and/or assist with fundraising efforts please contact Amanda (Benware) Barton at (603) 558-3117 or benwarea@gmail.com or Elyse (Gagnon) Crossman at (603) 504-2803 or elyse.crossman@gmail.com. Additional information will also be shared in our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shs2006nh>. We have float planning meetings scheduled for 5/20, 6/17, and 7/22 please check the Facebook group or contact Elyse or Amanda for location and time information.

Our first fundraising event of the year will be a yard sale on May 29th. We are looking for items to sell as well as people to help staff the event. If you'd be interested in donating items for sale or staffing the sale please contact us.

Saturday, October 2nd in the evening we will be celebrating our reunion at Arrowhead Recreation Area. Again additional details will be shared in our Facebook group as we get closer to the event. We look forward to seeing everyone and catching up on October 2nd!

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are now available online.**

Stevens Alumni sends a

BIG THANK YOU

to the following businesses for their generosity in making it possible to give both 2020 and 2021 parade trophy winners a cash award. There will still be five winners from those floats entered that did not get to participate in a parade in 2020 because of the Covid pandemic; as well as float entries for this current year, 2021. So, put your thinking caps on, and get those floats registered with Dick Girard A S A P.

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Message from the Secretary:

"Grads", please take note and notify us if:

1. You move
2. You have knowledge of any deceased alumni members
3. You get married (please state your maiden name and your married name)
4. Your year of graduation

My thanks to you!

Viewing stand

The location has changed to
Tremont House of Pizza,
not Pleasant Restaurant as in previous years.
EmCee - *Steven Smith* from
WCNL CCTV

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



American Legion Post 29
119 Broad Street, Claremont, New Hampshire
Sends their best wishes to the Stevens High School Alumni Association
for a successful reunion and our thanks to the Alumni
who have served in the Armed Forces of our Nation.



SHS Honors



Judge Albert Dennis Leahy, Jr., '51

Judge Albert Dennis Leahy Jr. passed away on April 19th at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his parents, Judge Albert Leahy Sr. and his wife Helen Leahy, his brother Charles Leahy and his two infant children, Robert and Caroline Leahy.

Judge Leahy, known to most as Al or Albie, was a life-long resident of Claremont before moving in 2019 with his wife, Patricia Henry Leahy, to Exeter, NH. A graduate of Stevens High School (1951), Al then graduated from Yale University (1955). Following his graduation from Yale, Al joined the United States Marine Corps where he served as a lieutenant. During his time in the Marine Corps, he was a General's Aide at Twentynine Palms in California and later oversaw drill instructors at the San Diego Marine Recruit Depot. Upon completing his tour of duty, Al decided to follow in the family footsteps and attend Harvard Law School (1961) to become an attorney. His father, Albert D. Leahy Sr., was both an attorney and district court judge and his Uncle, John Leahy, was Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Superior Court. Both Al and his brother Charles returned to NH to establish life-long careers as practicing attorneys. While in law school, Al met his soon-to-be wife, Patty. Three months after their first date, he proposed and the two of them were married for almost 61 years. After graduating from law school, Al and Patty return to Claremont where Al joined his father's law firm, Leahy & Denault. In 1972, Governor Walter Peterson appointed Al to succeed his father as the Presiding Justice of the Claremont District Court. During his time on the bench, his particular joy came with his work in the juvenile court system where he felt he could potentially play a part in changing a young person's life for the better.



John Goodrich Obituary

John Goodrich was a veteran of the US Army and served as an officer in the adjutant general corps. John initially worked for Sears, Roebuck & Company serving as a manager in St. Albans, VT and Rumford, ME. In 1962, he was employed as a teacher of the Marketing Program at Stevens High School and the ski coach. He served in those positions until 1971, when he became Director of Vocational Education. John was one of the original Vocational

Directors in NH and spent much of his career in the development of regional vocational education centers for secondary students. He was responsible for the development of the Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center in Claremont.

He retired in 1993. He was active in many civic and professional organizations. A partial listing includes the Claremont Rotary Club, the NH Advisory Board for Vocational Technical Education, and the State & National Associations for Vocational Technical Education. John was also involved in the development of summer youth programs, which were designed to provide vocational training for disadvantaged youths. In 1986 he received a Presidential Award for the development and operation of

Always wanting to support the local community, Al volunteered to serve on many boards including The Claremont National Bank, The Claremont Savings Bank and he also served as a trustee of the Valley Regional Hospital. Al later stated that one of his proudest moments was being one of the founders of what has since become known as West Central Behavioral Health which ensures access to support services for those in need. Al loved his hometown of Claremont. In 2001, after 40 years, he retired to spend more time with his family and friends. Throughout his life, he was an avid golf and tennis player and enjoyed spending countless hours playing both sports with his wife, children, grandchildren and his wonderful Claremont friends.

It was time with family that brought Al the greatest joy. He was a wonderful father and beloved grandfather to his five grandchildren, Kyle, Tyler, Morgan, Helen and Jackson. No matter where family gathered, whether in Claremont, the family camp on Crescent Lake, vacation trips to Maine or time in St. Simon's Georgia, Grampa could always be counted on for his witty comments and sense of humor. Whether doing a "boomba" cannonball off the dock and into the lake, adding his unexpected but hilarious descriptors when playing Mad Libs, Sunday morning doughnut runs, or endless rounds of mini-golf, Grampa was always a favorite with his grandchildren.

Al is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patricia Henry Leahy, his daughter Alison Angle, his son-in-law Jeffrey Angle, his son William Leahy and his daughter-in-law Bethany Leahy, his five grandchildren, family members Mary Susan Leahy, Barbara Leahy and his nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers and to pay tribute to Al's love of Claremont, donations may be made in his memory to the NH Charitable Foundation's "Fund for Greater Claremont." To donate, please visit www.nhcf.org or mail a check directly to the Foundation.

a summer job program, entitled Project Solve. John retired from education in June 1993 after 32 years of service. Following his retirement, John worked part-time as a member of the Construction Management Presentation Team for Baybutt Construction, Keene, NH for four years.

In 1997, John fully retired and enjoyed winters in Ft. Myers, FL, and also spent time traveling, golfing, fishing, and enjoying his family. He also remained active by serving as a member of the Board of Directors at the condominium associations in both locations.

John was predeceased by his wife of 51 years Joanne (Doten) Goodrich and his sister Jean Ebger. The surviving family includes his wife, Ernestine (Ostenson) Goodrich of Ft. Myers, FL; two daughters, Karen Goodrich and her partner Michael Higgins of Meriden, NH; Kathryn Hanson and her husband Peter, of Goshen, NH; his grandchildren, Amanda Bevilacqua, Jeffrey Hanson and his wife Krystal, Lauren (Maiola) Maynard and her husband Trevor and Ryan Maiola; five great grandchildren, Chloe and Sophia Hanson and Quinn Carter of Rochester, NH and Chase and Avery Bevilacqua of Goshen, NH along with nieces, nephews and cousins.

There are no visiting hours and a private graveside service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations may be made in his memory to Stevens High School Alumni General Scholarship Fund or Hope Hospice of Ft. Myers, FL.

Rock & Prince Tribute

Sadly, we say farewell to Jim and Sue Fitch's beautiful team of horses, Rock and Prince. They proudly pulled a beautiful handmade wagon, and were the ride of choice to many alumni classes and alumni officers for more than 11 years. Their previous owner, Bob Simmons also participated in our annual parade. Spectators, young and old looked forward to watching this pair of Belgians prance their way thru the parade route, Jim and Sue lost both Rock, and Prince this past Spring and they will be missed by all of us.





Marshall M. Gelfand, '45

Marshall M. Gelfand CLAREMONT — Three generations said a loving goodbye to Marshall Morris Gelfand, formerly of Claremont, New Hampshire, who passed April 1, 2021, at 93 years old, an impactful life well-lived. Marshall is survived by his children, Todd Evan Gelfand (Doreen), Elizabeth Gelfand Stearns (Richard) and Dean Loring Gelfand (Marcie); along with eight grandchildren, Brian Gelfand (Monica), Ilana McBride (Marcus), Gregory Stearns (Gabriella),

Jacqueline Stearns (Spencer), Ben Gelfand (Samy), Sophie Gelfand, Ella Stearns and Andrew Gelfand; along with four great-grandchildren, Ayla, Addy and Riley Gelfand and Lively McBride.

Marshall M Gelfand was born on Dec. 14, 1927, in Claremont, New Hampshire. Marshall's parents, Annie Senoff Gelfand and Isaac N. Gelfand, both immigrated from Russia in the early-1900s settling in Claremont, New Hampshire, where they lived for over 50 years. Annie and Isaac had three children, Edith Gelfand Takiff (b.1921), Natalie Gelfand Remis (b.1923) and Marshall Morris Gelfand (b.1927). Isaac spent his life as the local tailor in Claremont, working under the eponymous sign, I.N. GELFAND TAILOR FINE CLOTHES. This century-old sign lives today in the Gelfand family home in Orford, New Hampshire. Marshall graduated from Stevens High School in Claremont in 1945. He was the editor of the Stevens High School yearbook, played varsity basketball, was awarded the DAR History award and was a graduation speaker. Marshall graduated from Syracuse University in 1950, with a degree in accounting from the Whitman School of Management. He was welcomed into the 25-man pledge class of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. These two events began a lifetime of dedication, leadership and service to his beloved Syracuse University and to Sigma Alpha Mu. In 1983, Marshall was appointed to Syracuse University Board of Trustees, and remained a trustee emeritus. Marshall was instrumental in the establishment of Syracuse University Los Angeles. In 1996, Marshall received the George Arents Pioneer Medal and in 2007, the Melvin A. Eggers Senior Alumni Award, the highest honors that Syracuse University bestows. Marshall's lifetime of leadership of the Sigma Alpha Mu Eta Chapter is memorialized by the dedication of the fraternity house in his name on the Syracuse campus. Marshall

served his country in 1946 as an enlisted Naval Correspondent based in Washington, DC, and again during the Korean War in 1951, serving 20 months at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Marshall graduated from New York University School of Law in 1956 and became a member of the New York Bar Association in 1958. In 1959, he became a partner at Lawin & Futter, a New York accounting firm. Marshall became the accountant and business manager for Peter Paul & Mary, Bob Dylan and Neil Diamond in 1966. These clients launched a direction that changed his career and the industry he helped build. In 1967, Marshall opened his own accounting firm which, over the next 55 years, grew into the largest international business management firm in the entertainment industry, Gelfand Rennert & Feldman, LLC. Today, Gelfand Rennert & Feldman represents clients in all facets of the entertainment and sports industries, along with high-net-worth families. While the firm's success has reached great heights, it was the 500 employees and nine offices worldwide that Marshall remained most proud of.

Marshall married Judy Jaffe in 1955 at the Pierre Hotel in New York City. They lived in Forest Hills and Great Neck, New York, followed by a move to Palm Springs, California, in 1973, where they raised their three children. Marshall and Judy were both philanthropic leaders in Palm Springs. Marshall served as president of the Palm Springs Art Museum, The Barbara Sinatra Children's Center and Temple Isaiah. Their philanthropic work is permanently honored with their own star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars. Marshall established The Judy Fund in 2004 in memory of his wife, Judy, who died of Alzheimer's disease. The Judy Fund is the largest family fund in the history of the Alzheimer's Association, and has raised over \$9 million in support of Alzheimer's research and care. In 2014, Marshall received the Sargent and Eunice Shriver Profiles in Dignity award for his work with The Judy Fund. After Judy's passing, Marshall met and married Jacqueline Rudman, and they spent 12 wonderful years together in Rancho Mirage, California. If the measure of a person's life can be determined by how they were loved and the positive impact that they made on the world around them, then there can be no doubt that Marshall M. Gelfand lived a rich, happy and successful life. Marshall will be buried alongside Judy in a private family ceremony at Wiefels & Son Mortuary in Palm Springs, California. On a future date, there will be a Celebration of a Life Well Lived. Pickles with Papa will continue, every Sunday, in his memory. Donations can be made in Marshall's memory to The Judy Fund at the Alzheimer's Association: online www.alz.org/judyfund; or by mail to The Judy Fund, Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601.

In Memoriam

In memory of members who have left our world...

JANUARY 1, 2020- DECEMBER 31, 2020

1930 Marion Fitch Lauer	1951 John Sawyer
1937 Carolyn Woodward Emond	1952 Robert Beauman Sr
1940 Norma Currier Nemkovich	1952 Donald Perkins
1941 Rose Pesarik Maley	1952 Marilyn Fausse Rosinski
1941 Marion McClure	1953 Marick Gibson
1941 Dr. John C. Patten	1953 John A. Goodrich
1943 Margaret Hill Hackett	1953 Chester Heath
1943 Gordon P. McKinnon	1954 Stephen Colby
1943 Thelma McSwain Rees	1954 Charles Goodhue
1944 Claire Lepitre Fontaine	1954 Barry R. Hale
1944 Harold F. Osgood	1954 Albert H. Lepitre
1945 Elizabeth Berry Manos	1954 Katherine Marro Moore
1945 Wanda Soboll Perras	1954 H. Randall Parker
1947 Patricia Smith Parent	1955 Jean Lambert Cheney
1948 Barbara Sterling Bullock	1955 Beverly Jarvis Domey
1948 Patricia Miles Gould	1955 Barbara Johnson Vaaler
1948 Ethel Clough Jarvis	1956 Donald Amell
1949 Al Blake	1957 Herbert DeCamp
1949 Carolyn Papps MacDonald	1957 Jane Simms DeCamp
1949 Elinor Fletcher Moulton	1957 Robert F. King
1950 Jane Stoughton Davidson	1957 Paul McNair
1950 Rev. Robert C. Densmore	1957 Bruce Wilson
1950 Paul Obymako	1958 Alexander Crowder
1950 John Rawson	1958 Ruth Price Hubbell
1950 Barbara Wentzell Wilson	1958 Patricia Landry Starosta
1951 Leila Wirkkala McDanolds	1960 Marie Gladue Curley

1961 Noel Fontaine
1961 Donald Foster
1961 Rodney Hannaford
1962 David Harrington
1962 Sandra Robinson Watkins
1964 Louise Louise Belkovicz
Yacovine
1965 Gregory McGowan
1966 Harrison Abbott
1966 James Chandler
1966 Linda Small Moore
1967 Kenneth Lewis, Jr
1968 David L'Heureux
1968 Carleen LaFountaine
Suojanen
1969 Peter Batchelder
1969 Ronald Killoran
1969 Peter McCusker
1972 Brian Leszkiewicz
1972 Stanton Nutting
1972 Liane Oliver Westcott
1973 Cindy Barton St. Aubin
1973 David Zekos
1974 Charles Holmes
1976 Nancy LaPointe
1976 Linda Denis Schneider

1976 Paul Walron
1977 Leston C. DeGowin
1978 Elizabeth Condon Roy
1979 Alexander Puksta
1980 Sherrie Morse
Bulkley-Pierce
1980 David Companion
1980 Jeri J. Craigie Kangas
1981 Wendy E. Carter Downing
1981 David Westover
1982 Tammie Bean
1982 Michael Papps
1984 Joseph H. Madeja
1986 Tammy Simms
1987 Dustin B. Burnett
1994 Jeffrey Stockwell
1997 Jody Metcalf Murray
1997 Abraham Piluszevska
1999 Timothy Jarred Raymond
2001 Tyler Litevich
2001 Gary Van Guilder
2002 Anthony Michael Ouellette
HM Holly Moody
William E. Sebert, Teacher

If we have missed a member, please contact us with your information.



This newsletter is dedicated to every SHS GRADUATE from 1871 to the present. Here we go down **Memory Lane....**



A FAREWELL. Another June has come. Examinations, report cards, promotion, graduation, are once more the order of the day. Again comes the June number of the Red and Black, bidding farewell to another class of departing graduates. But the Red and Black has also a different farewell to say this June, of a kind which it has never said before. When the next Red and Black is published, the old building will be a thing of the past. The Red and Black is very happy to think that we are to have a new building, and hopes to make itself better than ever in its new home. Yes—but in spite of that, it feels a little of that sorrow at the loss of the old which we experience at the loss of some dearly loved friend. For what friendship could be stronger or truer than that which has bound together the school and the paper through prosperity and adversity? They have helped each other in countless ways—championed each other's wrongs, rejoiced in each other's successes, honestly and disinterestedly tried to remedy each other's faults—and, through it all, have stood shoulder to shoulder with a rare and unflinching loyalty. And now the parting has come at last! One old friend, having kept pace with the spirit of the times and advanced into up-to-date-ness, must at last lose sight of the other, already so far out-distanced and left so far behind in the past. Inevitably, the old order has given place to the new.

But, after all, these regrets can do no good, and serve only to make the parting harder. And so let us, with smiling faces, launch the old building, like a once famed and glorious vessel, on her last voyage; and let her go to her honored resting-place, departing, as she first came in the pride of her youth, with all sails set and colors flying!



STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION

The meeting of the Alumni Association this year will be entirely different from previous meetings. Since no hall in town is large enough comfortably to accommodate the Alumni, the meeting will be held at Pine Grove Park.

The meeting will begin at 3:30 p. m. with a ball game, S. H. S. vs. Alumni, directed by Mr. Parker, the coach at Stevens.

At the same time as the ball game, the S. H. S. band, under the direction of Mr. Ladd, will present a band concert.

About six supper will be served in the pavilion. This supper is under the direction of Sigmund Heller, Class of 1920.

After supper the meeting will be called to order by John W. Dow, '92, president of the Association. After a few short messages and a moment of serious silence in memory of those of the school who have gone, an address will be made by Ernest W. Butterfield, State Commissioner of Education.

Following the meeting the dance floor will be cleared and the orchestra of Pine Grove Park will play for dancing until midnight.

The Association owes gratitude to the above mentioned, to Leonard Powers '21, Secretary; to Louis Colivas who has made the out-of-doors meeting possible; to Miss Brackett and Miss Schnyer (Class of 1923 of the Commercial Department) whose pupils mimeographed and mailed the announcements; and to many others in and out of the school, not one of whom has said "no" to a request for co-operation and assistance.



Dedication

In appreciation of his twenty years of hard work in Stevens High School, the Class of 1945 dedicates this issue of the Red and Black to Mr. Willard Rollins, able teacher of mathematics, faithful and patient director of the band, and esteemed friend.



Faculty



First row, left to right: Willard Rollins, Robert Hadley, Stephen Doady (headmaster), Lyle Ewing, Milford Osgood, Robert Haskell. Second row: Mabel Johnson, Leona Tremblay, Priscilla Patenaude, Dorothy Minor, Elaine Brown, Alice B. Schriber, Elsie Harrison, Irma Willey, Altha Childs. Third row: Edgar Lord, Jeanne Bertocci, Olive Lawrence, Enid Taylor, June Bucko, Charlotte Sives, Marguerite Foley, Harry Moore, F. Lester Traiton (superintendent).

In Appreciation...

Geraldine Kittredge LaValley



Gerry, you led our Class of 1951 as our Valedictorian. You have continued to be our leader in planning all of our many reunions. Both you and Harold, through your dedication and generosity, have greatly enriched each of the reunions of the Stevens High School Class of 1951.

Each of your classmates wishes to thank you.



The School Motto "No reward without effort" is reflected in its educational pattern.

the mind in abstractions. Working together to create a picture or story in music resulted in a feeling of satisfaction that each had contributed a part of the whole. In dramatics we expressed our feelings and ideas and portrayed our fellow humans. The school library became a source of information and pleasure. From the various books we learned of people from other lands, of new ideas and inventions, and something of the complicated world that adults must contend with. The school paper was an opening for our ability to write and for the need to share our thoughts.

The opportunity to work and to train for business was offered us. Here we learned how to attain security and how to be thrifty. The big climax of our social events was the Junior Prom where our conduct and graciousness were complimented. Thoughts of our future role in the world were crystallized by a career day and our participation in the city government. Through careful preparation and experience shall we be able to trace our pattern of life to perfection.

The physical aspect of school was the basis of our loyalty to our teammates and to the school. Training and self-discipline for sports coordinated our minds and bodies. We were taught to lose gracefully and to win graciously. We learned to respect our opponents

and to play hard but fair. The rules of the game made for a good contest that required sagacity and teamwork to construct a solid moving unit. The various sports gave us a chance to condition our minds and bodies and yet relax them from a tedious routine. The physical education we received has a very definite part in our pattern for life.

Thus, throughout our days of high school, our life's pattern has been gradually cut. We will no longer have the protecting walls of Stevens or the companions of our youth to surround us. Each will go his own way with a memory of the past four years in his heart. The crowds at the football games, the class discussions, the dances and parties, and the commencement exercises will become a faded picture only to be brightened in occasional retrospect. The background of our school days will be with us in whatever we do wherever we go. Because of the teachings and guidance of a devoted staff and the spirit of a wonderful school, we shall face the future with confidence. Under the will of God, we are now ready to assemble the material cut from our pattern into the finished product of our life.

Frances Hart,
Editor



That Each May Fully Realize,



THE ST. PAUL'S SCHOLARS — Bernard Fallo, James LaBounty, John McNamara, Robert Marro, and James Madden debate a question in the library. These boys were selected for advanced summer study on the basis of their excellent high school records.



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Advice and Counsel

To The Class of '65 —
It is with mixed emotions that I congratulate you upon your graduation. As your principal and as a parent, I am proud of your careers here at Stevens. Your many academic and extracurricular accomplishments have been a source of satisfaction to our school and to me personally. It seems incredible that your high school years are now completed. It is small wonder that I review the past four years with nostalgia, well remembering your first year at Stevens. However, we should not dwell upon the past and its many wonderful moments. Instead, it is to the future we should look, using the past and its lessons upon which to build a better life for all. pleted a rigorous educational experience. Stevens has demanded and I am certain I speak for all of us when I say you have just com- expected your very best. While here you have acquired practical knowledge intermixed with broad cultural opportunities. You have had the benefits of a dedicated faculty. The values you have gained in this school can bring you dividends of happiness, understanding and wisdom if you accept the responsibility of serving mankind to the best of your abilities. Stevens has made every effort to prepare you for the future. It is now up to you. Someone once remarked that there is plenty of room at the top, but the toughest part of getting there is finding your way through the crowd at the bottom! My graduation wish for each of you is that you reach the pinnacles of your chosen careers, but in so doing you never lose your humility, honor and respect for others.

Frederick W. Carr, Principal



Mr. Carr looks up to face another problem in the ad- ministration of the school.



WAYNE GRAY

Mr. Gray's presence was deeply felt at Stevens for 29 years and now is far more deeply missed. For these reasons and many others, the Red & Black has been dedicated to him. No dedication however could possibly reciprocate Mr. Gray's own dedication to Stevens and us students. Therefore, respecting his desire for a quiet unnoticed departure, we consider a more fitting tribute be that each person who reads this page feel his own appreciation for Mr. Gray rather than that the Red & Black attempt to hold the feelings of 29 years of students.



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THE CLASS OF 1980 WISHES TO DEDICATE THEIR YEARBOOK TO: RAY BEAULIEU



Ray Beaulieu, better known to the students and faculty as the one and only Big Red, is one of the best loved and most respected members of the staff at Stevens High School. His attitude and eternal enthusiasm are always present whether he is at work in the cafeteria or cheering our team on at a football game. Big Red's tremendous spirit has spurred our team on to many a victory and comforted them in their defeats. As far as most students at Stevens are concerned, Ray Beaulieu is the spirit of Stevens.

DEDICATION



The Class of 1981 of Stevens High School wishes to dedicate this year's Red and Black to Mrs. Hazel Pomiecko, a teacher of English at Stevens. Students respect and admire Mrs. Pomiecko because, both in school and out, she is always most willing to assist students in any way she can. She goes beyond her duty as a classroom teacher and becomes more like a friend to her students. It is for these reasons that the Seniors of 1981 wish to honor one of their favorite teachers, Mrs. Hazel Pomiecko.



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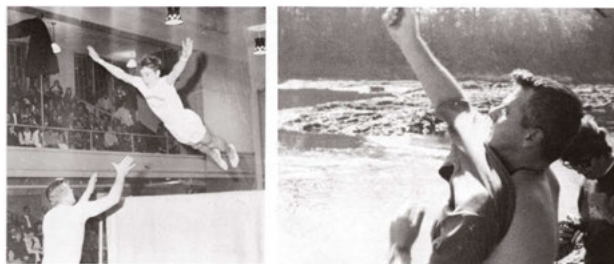
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1990 DEDICATION 1990



The 1990 Red and Black yearbook staff would like to thank Mr. Greene for his dedication throughout the years. He came to Stevens in 1969 as a physical education teacher. Before coming to Stevens he was a teacher at Vilas High School and Fall Mountain Regional High School. Since he has been at Stevens, he has obtained the job as athletic director, obtained a job as varsity soccer coach, started project challenge, coached a school gymnastics display, and started many trips. Some of the trips are the Allegash, Andriscoogen, solo, back pack, and winter survival.

Mr. Greene, we would like you to know that all you have done has not gone unnoticed, and it is very much appreciated. THANK YOU MR. GREENE.

1996 Le Belle Cadre



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2001 SENIORS



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2005 A Ski Bummin' Season



Senior, Amber Brodeur, shows us how a backstroke is done.



First year coach, Lindsay Davis, has lead her swimmers to many first place finishes.



With the help and encouragement from their coach and fellow teammates, junior Lashley, Paige Coulter, and senior Lashley make their last year a good one!



Front row: Alicia Dale, Katja Kleyensteuber, Wyatt Harlow, Abbey Rouillard, Mrs. Granter. 2nd row: Seth Quelch, Ashley Stankevich, Victoria Webster, Caitlin Cullison, Timothy Bureau, Kirsten Burrows. 3rd row: Emily Tibbals, Chantelle Huse, Teagan Mitchell, Erin Woodman, Jiye Ahn, Alyssa Foisy. 4th row: Rei Muroi, Jennifer Caquette, Daniel Seaman, Geoff LeBlanc, Ethan Matice, Josh Stutavant. Missing from Photo: Joshua Parker, Warwick

PRINCIPAL



I have always tried to approach the Red & Black "principal's message" as an opportunity to define the character of the graduating class. There are, however, many characteristics of this Class Of 2008 which have made it unique throughout the last four years, not the least of which are its leadership qualities and its ability to reach a bar set high. This is, after all, a class which had two of its members in the past four years serve as student representatives to the Claremont School Board, which has been able to boast three Eagle Scouts, and which turned in strong performances during the growth of our theater arts program in plays such as "Romeo & Juliet," "Ondine," "Grease," "The Tempest," and "Our Town." This has also been the class to make significant contributions to athletic program growth, especially in sports such as football, lacrosse, and swimming. With a theme of the "masquerade" for its Junior Prom in 2007, the Class Of 2008 was able to demonstrate that it had fare to balance its quiet greatness.

The Class Of 2008 was unique with its four sets of twins. Unfortunately, this class was also the class which sustained loss - the loss of classmates Olivia Cople and, during its senior year, Aaron Branch, a friend to many in the class.

In this year of the presidential primary as hosts to former President Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, Stevens High School heard a lot about the excitement of competition and the boost associated with being a "come back kid" or an underdog persevering to take the lead. The Class Of 2008 knew a little bit about that experience as well, coming from behind financially, to unify, to rally, and to push toward that finish line with class.

On behalf of the staff of Stevens High School, it is my pleasure to extend to you a vote of confidence based on our belief in your ability to go off into the world to be unique in your pursuits, to continue to exhibit quiet greatness, to lead with class, and to prosper. Happy Days, Class Of 2008.

2011

Dedication

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."

The 2011 Red and Black is dedicated to Ms. Joanna Bitter for her tireless pursuit of the perfection. To many students, Ms. Bitter is simply a science teacher; to others she is an inspiration. Ms. Bitter has been a role model to many who have had to overcome adversity because adversity has made Ms. Bitter stronger. Rising above the difficulties life has thrown in her path, Ms. Bitter has taught here at Stevens for 17 years and previously taught in Connecticut. Throughout her tenure here she's taught Lab Biology, Marine Science, and Lab Anatomy and Physiology to name just a few, but one of her favorites has been Environmental Science, as one of her passions is the environment. She's also served as an advisor to the Envirothon Team, the Environmental Club and the Animal Rights Club. Some of her favorite memories include coaching the class of 2000-2001 Envirothon Team which earned the title of "High Ranking." She's also coached the SHS Cross-Country Running Team and the Nordic Ski Team. Ms. Bitter has served as a committee member, a Running Start teacher, a coach, advisor, trusted confidante, and most importantly, a guide and mentor for scholars looking to make a difference in our world. While her new (and maybe rekindled?) roles will be that of world traveler, grandmother, equine trainer, caregiver, and outdoor enthusiast, we here at Stevens will miss Ms. Bitter's insight and encouragement.

Jacqui Guillette
The yearbook staff would also like to recognize Mrs. Guillette has been an unflappable source of inspiration to the students, faculty, staff, administration, parents, and community members during her tenure of the last 9 years. Under Mrs. Guillette, the school district has made tremendous gains in technology, has lowered the dropout rate by 80% and has brought in many new reforms. Our school district is proud to have had this wonderful administrator at the helm for almost a decade. Enjoy your ride, Mrs. Guillette!

Anatomy & Physiology is one of Ms. Bitter's favorite classes to teach. Ms. Bitter showing her students the correct way to use a blood pressure cuff.

2015

Unified Basketball

1. Holding the ball, Emily Root prepares to dribble down the court.
2. Makayla Tucker tries to get the ball from a Keene opponent.
3. Thomas Smith sprints down the court and with his handy dribbling skills he is able to go by his opponents.
4. Brendon Pachetti shoots, follows through and makes his shot that later lead to a win against the Merrimack Valley Pride.

"My favorite part of being a coach was to see the enthusiasm and excitement the students have for the game."
-Coach Carolyn Hamilton

Top Left: Coach Judy Couture, Abigail Dole, Christina Greenleaf, Thomas Smith, Brenden Pecetti, Matthew Gobin, Logan Bateman, Tyler Erikson, Zachary Richards, Coach Carolyn Hamilton

Bottom Left: Makayla Tucker, Emily Root, Natalie Wilson, Katelyn Belaire, Anissa Girard, William Colburn, Austin Temple, Rose Dansereau

2020

Boys Soccer

Varsity

Front row, left to right, Colby Jarvis (21), Dylan Zullo (20), Josh Thurber (20), Brennen Huntoon (20), Sam Dalke (23)
Back row, left to right: Coach Brandon Miller, Dylan Chambers (22), Cooper Mootte (22), Austin Jones (22), Tyler Bonneau (20), Brady Mootte (21), Gabe Miller (21), Caleb Royce (20), Trystan Lane (22), Aiden White (23), Scott Campbell (23), RJ Raymond (22)

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Alumni & School News

NEWS from the PARADE CHAIR

Richard “Dick” Girard ‘61

Over the last few months SHS Alumni has gone through an update of our website where you can view parade information including the parade theme and registration form. We are also going to post the themes that have already been chosen so there will be no **duplication** of themes. We hope this will be advantageous for those classes that are trying to choose their class theme. Once your class has registered and the theme has been acknowledged, no one else can use it. So, it is important to get together early to both determine your theme and quickly register it.

As you all know, there was no parade last year, thus, we are planning on a much larger parade this year combining both the 150th Celebration of 2020's class, their Kings and Queens and associated 5-year anniversary classes, and this year's 2021 class, their Kings and Queens and associated 5-year classes on Saturday, October 2nd. A choice of Parade Themes remains the same: **Board Games or 2021 theme "Stevens High School Alumni Association Proudly Presents our 150th Reunion Celebration"**. The staging lineup will be on Broad Street and its side streets and on Chestnut Street heading toward Broad Street, and if needed, the parking area at the Middle School will be available. There will be parade assistants and signs that will direct you to exactly where your float's parade position is, so keep on the lookout for these helper bees when arriving with your float.

The **ALTERNATE** parade route has been extended to accommodate the anticipated growth in participating entries. **The SHS Band will step out promptly at 10:30 a.m. from Stevens High School and head down Broad Street taking a right onto South Street, right to Pleasant Street and will take a left onto Summer St., and then a right onto Pearl St. where the snake-like line of participants, an array of officers, horses and wagons, floats, bands, organizations, etc. will then turn right onto Central Street and proceed to Main Street. From here, take a right onto Main Street and remain on the Moody Hotel side of the Bull Pen. At this junction take a right onto Broad Street for the return to Stevens High School where the parade bands and other participants will disband. The route will be about a half mile longer.**

Please take note that we always look forward to having St. Mary High School classes take part in the parade; especially this year, for it marks the 50th year of St. Mary High School closing. Also keep your eyes out for the 2020 and 2021 classes' kings, queens, and each class's selection for grand marshals at the head of the parade.

As in past years, we are inviting businesses and organizations, and all non-5 year classes that would like to participate in the parade, go to the SHS Alumni Association Web Site and fill out the registration form. If you own or run a business and you are an alumnus, please consider participating. We are very proud of our alumni members and their accomplishments and encourage them to register early in order for us to make street layout signs ahead of time and start working on lineups.

With all of the above being said, we are hoping to be able to hire more bands and entertainment. Of course, all of this takes money, so we ask any classes, individuals or businesses who are able to donate in helping make this parade a huge success to do so. Our sincere thanks go to you in advance. Some people have already come forward with cars. If there are others of you out there who are able to offer their car if needed, or anyone else who would like to assist our staff with staging as we grow, we will surely welcome your help.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call, text, or email me. By phone at 603-543-6398, or by email at dick@goldencrossamb.com.

Thank you! I look forward to seeing everyone on the weekend of October 2nd.

Dick Girard '61
1st V. President and Parade Chairman

NEWS from the GREATER CLAREMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & CLAREMONT PARKS & RECREATION

The Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce and the City of Claremont Parks & Recreation Department are very excited to be working with the Stevens High School Alumni Association for an action-packed family-friendly day on Saturday, October 2, 2021! The day is full of fun for residents as well as those visiting from outside our area. The day will start with the SHS Alumni Association parade at 10:30 am celebrating its 150th reunion in downtown Claremont. We will not be organizing a 5K Race for this event this year and encourage everyone to enjoy the parade before heading over to the Fall Festival & Chili Cook-Off kicking off at 12pm with live entertainment and vendors on the Visitor Center Green; just over the pedestrian bridge from the parking garage or park your car in the large lot on North Street to access this FREE event. The chili tasting portion of the event will begin at 1 pm; chili sampling passes can be purchased at the event. Chili Cook-Off winners and Chamber raffle winners will be announced at 3:45 pm with the event coming to a close at 4 pm.

Chili Categories include Individual, Business, NonProfit Organizations, as well as the Battle of the Badges. New this year is a special category specifically for alumni classes; what class wouldn't want to be crowned the best chili maker? For those interested in entering a chili please contact Justin Martin at cccprograms@claremontnh.com or (603) 542-7019.

Vendor and Sponsorship information is available by contacting Elyse Crossman at director@greaterclaremontnh.org or (603) 543-1296.

Additional information is available at www.greaterclaremontnh.org/Fall-Festival-&-Chili-Cook-Off and by following our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ClaremontFallFestival>

2020 GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Graduation was unique for the seniors last year. With creativity by the school district, the administration and student input, plans were made to have their special 2020 graduation event and presentation of diplomas at the Claremont Motorsports Speedway. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a parade of cars, graduates, and family members made their way through the city to be honored and recognized by the applauding onlookers on their return trip to their Alma Marta, Stevens High School. Alumni president, Doug LeBlanc and Vice president, Dick Girard took part and proudly displayed the revered 10 ft. Alumni Emblem atop a red truck bed. Alumni also had 10'x12' banners made to congratulate the class of 2020 and displayed one at the Charlestown Road/Pleasant Street intersection, another on the front entry window of Stevens High School, and a third in front of Golden Cross Ambulance Services on the corner of Washington and North Streets. Smaller banners were also placed on the gazebo in Broad Street Park and the Alumni Office.

Inside a congratulation card, each senior received a gift card for a free pizza that was sponsored in part by Tremont House of Pizza, Dominos' Pizza and SHS Alumni Association. Our endeavor was to assist the class of 2020 in having a memorable ending to this so important chapter in their young lives.

The most prideful activity of the Association was the of awarding scholarships. 2020 awards were presented virtually in conjunction with, and aid of, the high school's Guidance Department and staff. In June 2020, Alumni members assisted 38 graduates plus 38 post-secondary students from the classes of 2011, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. These students in total received \$88,750.00 from the SHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund to help further their educations. We take great pride in being able to be a part in this step of their careers and lives.

We invite you to check out the current activities, pictures and news items through Alumni's new web site at <http://www.stevensalumninh.com>



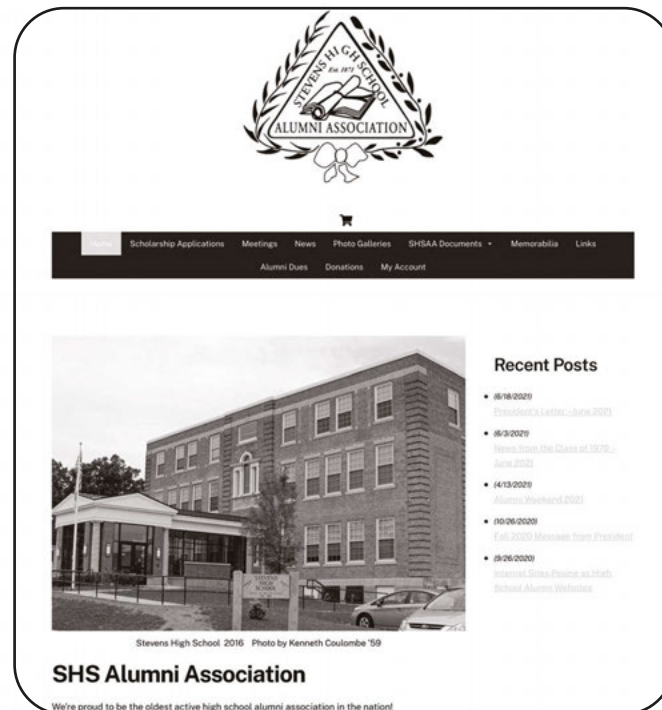
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New Website Launch: Mark Chamberlain '81

On March 1, the Stevens High Alumni Association launched a completely revamped website designed to be more user-friendly and informative for our alumni. Feedback we had received over the years from alumni was that they wanted a site where they could find current information about the association; details on the annual parade and other alumni week-end events; and that they wanted the convenience of being able to pay dues and make donations online. We are proud to say that our new site does that and more!

We would also like to hear from classes who have an active Facebook or other social media site. If you would like a link to your class's social media site to be included on the site, please email Mark Chamberlain with a link to your site at markchamb@gmail.com

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From the 1916 Catalogue of the Alumni of Stevens High School

On February 29th, 1916, the splendidly equipped building of the remodeled Stevens High School was dedicated, fifty years from the time when Paron Stevens presented to the town of Claremont the generous gift which made possible the foundation of the new school. Mr. Stevens was a man well-known throughout the country as manager of the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York and other leading hotels in America. Born in Claremont in 1802, he had been until 1843 a resident of the town, and it was an expression of his sincere interest in his birth-place that Mr. Stevens, in 1866, offered to Claremont the sum of \$10,000 (the equivalent of \$165,000 today) to aid in establishing a high school, upon condition that the town should raise an equal amount for the same purpose.

The offer was gladly accepted, and within two years the building was completed, at a cost of \$27,000. Mr. Stevens, adding to the original gift, had contributed nearly one-half of this sum. The school was formally opened on September 7, 1868, with an enrollment of 98 students and three teachers. Mr. Stevens at this time established a permanent trust fund of \$10,000, of which the income was to be used for support for the school. At his death in 1872, he left a bequest of \$40,000 to be added to this fund. Owing to litigation in connection with the estate, the bequest was not paid until the spring of 1901, at which time the town received the sum of \$72,050.

The original building of Stevens High School is well known to most of its alumni. It was a dignified brick structure of three stories with accommodations for 125 pupils; and for many years it served its purpose admirably. By 1908, however, the number of pupils had increased to 156. An addition to the building was deemed necessary, and on April 10, 1909, the town voted the sum of \$8,000 for this purpose.

Work was begun at the close of the school year and the building was completed during the summer. The addition consisted of a single story, 94 by 32 feet, extending across the front of the original building, and harmonizing with its architecture. The new structure contained a laboratory, a class room and a head master's office. It also furnished increased corridor space, and made possible the establishment of a manual training room in the basement.

By 1914, even this addition was found to be inadequate. Because of the increasingly attractive courses offered by the school, the influence of state child labor laws, the growth of the population, and other contributing causes, the number of pupils had been notably augmented, and had reached a total of 217. That the yearly increase in the size of the school would continue, seemed inevitable. It was obvious that, to provide adequate facilities for the pupils of years to come, as well as for those already enrolled, the building must be radically remodeled.

Accordingly, in the spring of 1914, a committee was elected to secure plans and estimates of the cost of the necessary alterations. Upon the report of the committee, at the town meeting on March 9, 1915, an appropriation of \$73,000 was voted for the purpose of enlarging and remodeling the Stevens High School building. The preliminary committee, consisting of Ira. G. Colby, Edward J. Rossiter, Frank P. Maynard, William E. Patterson, and Thomas W. Fry was re-elected as a building committee.



PARON STEVENS

In 1866 Mr. Stevens offered \$10,000 towards establishing a high school in Claremont, provided the town would raise \$15,000. Mr. Stevens also presented the school with a Chickering grand piano, valuable life-size portraits of George Washington and Daniel Webster, and a fund of \$10,000.

At his death in 1872, he left a will containing a bequest of \$40,000, to be invested with the \$10,000 already given, as a permanent fund for the use of the school.



The plans of Brainard and Leeds, Architects, of Boston, were accepted and work was commenced before the end of school. The building was completed on December 31st, the students, during the autumn term of school, using only the rooms of the old building.

The new structure, which is of brick with cement trimmings, contains 21 rooms, available for recitations and laboratory work, whereas the old building had only 9. Four recitation rooms, a head master's office, a commodious study hall, and an assembly hall, are situated on the first floor. The assembly hall has accommodations for 300 on the floor and 50 on the stage. A balcony seating 100, can later be added. On the second floor are seven recitation rooms; and on the third floor, in addition to the old assembly hall now used for drawing classes, the remodeled building contains three laboratories, cooking and sewing rooms, two teachers' rooms, and an emergency rest room. In the basement are located a lunch room and kitchen, at present not used, room for manual training, including a prospective forge room, a shower bath and drying room for boys, and similar accommodations for girls.

A description of the equipment of the building may be of interest to those who remember the limited facilities of earlier times. A hot water plant with separate furnace supplies the laboratories, manual training, cooking, and drawing rooms, and various others. The bells for opening, period changes, and dismissal, are rung by an automatic electric clock. There is a private fire alarm system, and an inter-floor telephone. The manual training room is equipped with power lathes, and the cooking and sewing rooms respectively with gas stoves and sewing machines. A glass partition between the bookkeeping and typewriting rooms shuts out the sound of the typewriters and makes it possible for one teacher to supervise both rooms. In every detail the building is modern, convenient and attractive.

The school, which at present maintains a teaching corps of nine regular and three special teachers, and has during the past year given instruction to 239 pupils, is supported by an annual appropriation from the town and by the income of two trust funds. The first of these, the Stevens fund, has already been described. The second was established in 1901 by Mrs. Helen R. Healey, a resident of Claremont, who, at her death, bequeathed to the town the residue of her estate, amounting to \$71,420, in trust, as a permanent fund, "the income to be expended to the best advantage for the advancement, prosperity, and support of the school." A third bequest was that of Mrs. Mary B. Alden, who, in 1869, left her entire estate amounting to \$3,000, as a trust fund, the income of which should be paid annually to those three members of the graduating class attaining the highest rank in the English studies.

It is hard to exaggerate the value to the community of a well conducted school. Stevens High School is closing the first half century of its existence with every promise of each year increasing its usefulness, and of bringing each year, new honor to the name of Paron Stevens, its founder.



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Mabel Johnson *	1984 Richard A. Gader	2004 Carita Aarnio
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Robert Hadley *	1985 Christian J. Bottinger	2005 Carol MacDonald
1955 Edgar L. Lord *	1988 William Armstrong *	2006 David Stockwell
Clarence Parker *	John Bennett	2007 Alfred Kaplinski
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1969 John Roberts *	Leslie M. Greene *	2014 Sandra Binion
1970 Normand C. Paquette *	1991 John Scranton	Daniel Decker
1975 George F. Disnard *	1992 John Caramore	Patricia Ganter
1976 Paul H. Magoon *	Judith Maculiewicz	Douglas Morton
1977 Jesse L. Piper *	Orr	Melinda Scott
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Paul Jobin *	1995 Grace Sundelin	
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FROM JUNE 2021
56th Anniversary for
distribution of Scholarships**

**Stevens High School Alumni Association Awards
\$88,750.00 to 38 seniors and 48 post grad students.**

The following SHS seniors received scholarships:

Clara Avery	Class of 1935 Scholarship
Autumn Stickney	Class of 1935 Scholarship
Brenden Richardson	Class of 1937 Scholarship
Matthew Knowlton	Class of 1944 Scholarship
Tanner Brown	Class of 1958 Scholarship
Lexi Eitapence	Class of 1964 Scholarship
Kalieg Adams	Dorothy Judd Goodhue Scholarship
Alexis Aiken	Bud and Bucky Tucker Scholarship
Alex Taylor	Bud and Bucky Tucker Scholarship
Callaway Barrette	Marie Grenier Scholarship
Quentin Bicknell	"Queeney" Quimby Scholarship
Ellee Grenier	"Queeney" Quimby Scholarship
Matt Bliss	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Kaitlin Cox	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Riley Craig	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Meghan Mullane	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Tyler Bonneau	Samuel E. Heller Family Scholarship
Cayla Carpia	Samuel E. Heller Family Scholarship
Fionah Carbee	Robert Hughes Scholarship
Nathan Savo	Robert Hughes Scholarship
Jenna March	Steve Doody Scholarship
Jasmine Gleason	Frederick W. Carr Scholarship
Samantha Hagar	Robert B. Averill Scholarship
Samantha Hagar	Evensen Family Scholarship
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Fallon Lavertue	Wayne Carter Photography Award
Rylee Little	Guy K.C. Wilson Scholarship
Rylee Little	Class of 1965 Anonymous Cash Award

Caleb Royce	Walter Paskevich Music Scholarship
Samuel Sweet	Dennis Prudhomme Scholarship
Meaghan Taylor	Mike Brousseau Scholarship
Joshua Thurber	Donald J Rollins Class of 1972 Scholarship
Evan Woodman	Milford Osgood Scholarship
Madison Sucharzewski	Stevens Alumni Memorial
Tyler Sullivan	Stevens Alumni Memorial
Molly Taylor	Stevens Alumni Memorial
Abigail Williams	Stevens Alumni Memorial
Sydney Miller	Stevens Alumni Memorial
Sydney Miller	Barbara Richards Award

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2011

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2016

Alaina Bandanza	Class of 1950 Scholarship
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2017

Timothy Berry	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Logan Bonneau	Piwowar-Blicharz Family Scholarship
Michael Callum	Stevens Alumni Memorial
Robert Carpia	Class of 1950 Scholarship
Cameron Cullison	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
L. Amber Duford	Class of 1951 Scholarship
Cody Foster	Rotary Club Jeff Patten Scholarship
Jazmyn Griffin	Class of 1951 Scholarship
Coby Hussey	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
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Cody Schoolcraft	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Emma Shea	Class of 1954 Scholarship Memory of

Nate Treadway

2018

Colby Clough	Rosinski Family Memorial
Andrew Friend	Class of 1945 Scholarship

Courtney Gallow	Stevens Alumni Memorial
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Mitchell Paquette	Stevens Alumni Memorial
Alexandria Parizo	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Jacob Rider	Stevens Alumni Memorial
Tre Robidoux	Stevens Alumni Scholarship
Taya Simmons	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Meghan Wilson	Currier Perpetual Scholarship

2019

Jesse Baril	Stevens Alumni Memorial
Julia Belaire	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Brooke Bonneau	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Raegan Burt	Rosinski Family Memorial
Kaitlyn Chambers	Class of 1981 Scholarship
Cameron Eaton	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Madeline Ferland	Currier Perpetual Scholarship
Dean Ferland Flores	Duncan Littlefield Music Award
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Sophie Foote	Rotary Club Jeff Patten Scholarship
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-to continue the tradition of an alumni day parade.
-to keep the membership informed through an annual newsletter.
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