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ALUMNI NEWS

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*"Make new friends, but keep the old.
One is silver and the other's gold."*

The song I learned as a Girl Scout came to mind last fall as SHS grads and their guests renewed friendships at the 3rd annual Alumni Social. The Class of 1970 was celebrating their 40th there in lieu of a separate reunion, as the Class of '69 had done the year before. Alumni president Judith Donahue congratulated the class as Henry Grampietro gathered the group together for a photo.

As this Class of '71 alumna looks ahead to October 2011, I realize that two factors have had a major impact on reunion planning in recent years. The Alumni Social is one. Just as many colleges and private schools hold an annual alumni day or weekend, our Alumni Association provides this wonderful opportunity for grads and friends to get together, regardless of their graduation year. If a class wishes to hold their primary reunion at the Social, the only task that remains for them is to get the word out.

Technology has revolutionized that second piece of the puzzle. When I first joined our reunion committee in the '90s, without Internet access at home, we relied chiefly on phone books, the alumni database, and calls to families and neighbors to track down our classmates' latest addresses. I reserved one-hour blocks at the public library to search *switchboard.com* for long-lost friends. Invitations and RSVPs traveled through the post office.

Now, almost twenty years later, browsing the web is as easy as making a phone call. But the most promising innovation we've taken advantage of is our class' Facebook group. It's not just a bulletin board for reunion news...It encourages ongoing communication, so that everyone can participate. Classmates who won't be at the reunion can still take part in the conversation.

Through all the changes, the Alumni Association has been there to help. In the early days, Sue Falzoi's reunion manual and three-ring binder (cont. on p. 2)

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of banquet menus made the rounds, a convenient alternative to phoning or visiting area restaurants and function halls. Her daughter Debra designed our first website; Judy Donahue created and maintains our present one. I've added an online Reunion Planning Guide as a central spot for reunion-planners to interact. Social networking seems a natural fit for a group whose mission is to “bring together all interested alumni and friends of SHS graduates” and to foster “enthusiasm, involvement and close relationships.” Christina Manos oversees the Association’s Facebook page. The Alumni Council is always looking for new ways to help, so please share

your ideas with us. We’re looking forward to seeing you at our next Alumni Social on October 15!

--Janet Pope



A Special THANK YOU to those of you who have made donations to the SHS Alumni Association’s grant programs and scholarship funds. Your generosity in helping us to help current SHS students is much appreciated!

1937 Barbara Johnson
1938 Rafaella Lorito ³
1940 Agnes Robbins
1944 Eugene Dodd
1948 Phyllis Angell
1948 Thomas Ross ²
1956 Jay Foley

1958 Gail St. Pierre, in memory of
her husband, Paul St. Pierre ³
1959 Phyllis Francis
1959 Francis Horan
1968 Mike Casey, Shrewsbury
Children's Center ¹
1968 Judith L. Donahue, Donahue
Industries, Inc. ^{1,5}

1969 Mary Rose (Cote) Casey,
Shrewsbury Children's Center ¹
1969 Paul Sweeney ³
1970 Patricia Scarborough
1979 Laura Robinson ²
1983 Radha Narayan ^{1,4}
1985 Kelly Dupuis
1990 Yuen Liang ^{2,4}

¹ President's Club (\$200 and above)

² Shrewsbury Gold Club (\$100-\$199)

³ Shrewsbury Blue Club (\$50-\$99)

⁴ Donated to the Kitty Viscardi Memorial Scholarship

⁵ Donated to the Donahue-Defino Community Service Grant, established in memory of Irving James Donahue, Jr. (SHS '40) and Robert M. Defino (SHS '55)

School Department News...

- Brian Reagan, principal of Shrewsbury High for the past six years and a Hudson resident, has been appointed principal of Hudson High School, effective July 1. Best wishes to Mr. Reagan from the Alumni Association.
- Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joseph Sawyer has appointed current SHS Assistant Principal Todd Bazydlo to succeed Mr. Reagan. The Alumni Association looks forward to working with Mr. Bazydlo.
- Welcome to Liam Hurley, new business manager of the Shrewsbury Public Schools.
- Mark Murray has announced that he will not seek reelection to the Shrewsbury School Committee when his term expires this spring. Thank you to Mr. Murray for these 15 years of dedicated service to the schools and community!

ALUMNI UPDATE

In Memoriam...

ALUMNI & CLASSMATES

Sophie S. (Pecevich) Ducharme, 96, of Worcester; SHS Class of 1932; Jan. 6, 2011

Rafaella J. Lorito, 90, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1938; Jan. 4, 2011

Margaret E. (Schollard) Pervier, 92, of Guilford, VT; SHS Class of 1936; Dec. 25, 2010

Robert F. Lutz, 95, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1934; Dec. 11, 2010

Yvette A. Segur, 90, of Holden; SHS Class of 1939; Nov. 2, 2010

Richard A. Arena, 61 of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1967; Nov. 28, 2010

Richard A. Ball, DDS, 57, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1971; Nov. 3, 2010

Helen J. (Zona) Grampietro, 89, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1940; Oct. 17, 2010

Justin B. Onorato, 25, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 2003; Oct. 9, 2010

Mildred B. (Bourbeau) Merrill, 93; SHS Class of 1936; Sept. 29, 2010

Camillo J. Corazzini, 93, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1936; Sept. 24, 2010

Nancy (Heiten) Perry, 67, of Sterling; SHS Class of 1961; Sept. 18, 2010

Ralph W. "Jack" Woolner,

90, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1940; Sept. 15, 2010

Barbara (Gamache) Hamrin, 75, of Falmouth; SHS Class of 1953; Sept. 10, 2010

Teresa Anne "Terry" (Volent) McCabe, 68, of Grafton, formerly of Rutland; Sept. 1, 2010

John J. Dyer Sr., 64, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1965; Sept. 1, 2010

Haroldyne M. "Deany" (Gonya) O'Brien, 86, of Worcester; SHS Class of 1942; Aug. 21, 2010

Shirley M. (Girard) Fay, 67, of Worcester; SHS Class of 1961; Aug. 16, 2010

Daniel T. Murphy, 66, of Holden; SHS Class of 1963; Aug. 15, 2010

D. Elsie (Harvey) Bagley, 78, of Topsfield; SHS Class of 1950; Aug. 14, 2010

Barbara Therese (McAtee) Veraa, 81, of Ellicott City, MD; SHS Class of 1946; Aug. 4, 2010

Elaine M. Moore, 64, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1964; Aug. 3, 2010

Henry Charles Michalak, 87, of Worcester; Aug. 2, 2010

Joseph E. Sansoucy, 92, of Punta Gorda, FL; July 31, 2010

Jeffrey Patrick Doyle, 19, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of

2009; July 26, 2010

Elizabeth M. "Liz" (Lossano) Faford, 61, of Charlton; SHS Class of 1968; July 24, 2010

Carol Ann (Brodin) Mazzaferro, 64, of Leominster; SHS Class of 1963; Friday, July 9, 2010

Steven M. Frissora, 46, formerly of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1982; July 8, 2010.

Matthew R. Thibodeau, 33, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 1994; June 27, 2010.

Joseph D. "Joe" Leone, 92, of Shrewsbury; June 24, 2010

STUDENTS

Andrew Reese, 16, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 2012; Dec. 7, 2010

Blake Thomas Shepard, 18, of Shrewsbury; SHS Class of 2011; June 9, 2010

FACULTY & STAFF

Mary J. (Kearns) Erickson, 90, of Shrewsbury; retired teacher; Jan. 3, 2011

Natalie A. (Enos) Morrissey, 75, of Naples, FL; retired SHS staff; Aug. 10, 2010

Marion G. (Hay) Schold, 98, of Shrewsbury; retired teacher; Aug. 30, 2010

David Eugene Vincent, 72, of Westfield; former SHS teacher; Aug. 5, 2010

Alumni Association Grants Awarded

Winners of fifteen grants given by the Shrewsbury High School Alumni Association were announced in November. The awards will help student groups carry out research, explore literature, purchase supplies, participate in academic competitions, raise consumer awareness, encourage charitable giving, and make possible a variety of cultural programs.

Over fifty applicants and their friends and families attended a reception held in the Anthony J. Bent Presentation Room. Grants chairperson Sandie Lucas and alumna Mary Rose Casey presented certificates to the creators of the winning projects.

Alumni Association president Judith Donahue presented the Partnership Award to the SHS Educational Television Studio for their production of "All About Alumni Grants." The video was created and produced by Anne Pignataro, Christina Gonzalez, and Brooke Fitzgerald under the direction of Ms. Margaret Korab, director of the high school's Educational Television Studio.

Featured speaker SHS assistant principal Dr. Sara Ahern congratulated the winners. In closing remarks, Association vice president Christina Manos reminded the students to give

back to the school when they are able. Recipients, families, and friends enjoyed a social hour and light refreshments at the conclusion of the ceremony.

These projects received funding this year:

- American Food Crisis Senior Exhibition
- Antoni Gaudi Society Foreign Language Movie Night
- Chemistry Club
- ConKerr Cancer and Hearts For Heroes
- Dumbledore's Army--Harry Potter Fan Club
- How Does Your Garden Grow?
- Model UN Northeastern University Conference
- Physics Team
- Pressure Sensors for Chemistry Classes
- Sew What?
- Special Peer Connection Club
- Team America Rocketry Challenge
- Town Crier
- Visiting Artist

The Alumni Association has awarded grants to student groups annually since 1994. Each project must have an educational or charitable purpose and must involve or benefit at least five SHS students. Memberships, fundraisers, and donations help support the grant program.



Save Money with your Alumni Discount Card

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www.bucadibeppo.com
508-792-1737
\$10 off the purchase of \$20

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575 Hartford Turnpike, Shrewsbury
www.hebertcandies.com
508-845-8051 x 243
*10% off your purchase in our retail store.
(Offer cannot be combined with any other
discount. Not valid on special orders, Wedding,
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Judy A. Hermans School Of Dance

1000 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury
www.jahdance.com
508-842-4999
No Enrollment Fee (\$18) + 1 FREE group class

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26 Dewey Road, Shrewsbury
www.IAVCshrewsbury.com
508-756-2344
10% discount on hall rental

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(Maria Smith, SHS 1968)
420 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury
www.mariasmithrealty.com
508-845-9974
*\$680 off closing costs or sale, rebate for alumni
buying or selling a home.*

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www.marykay.com/kfloyd
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*10% off ALL purchases PLUS 10% off birthday
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www.shrewsburyhomesales.com
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*If buying or selling, a ONE YEAR Home
Warranty (\$449 value) at closing,*

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—Part-day and full-day programs for Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Kindergarteners.
(Mike Casey, SHS 1968 & Mary Rose Casey, SHS 1969)
138 North Quinsigamond Ave., Shrewsbury
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64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury
\$2 discount on all home games

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Scholarship Applications Available

The Alumni Association is pleased to offer its own annual award to a graduating senior. We also administer scholarships created by other groups to honor a class, student, or faculty member. This year's Alumni scholarships will be presented on April 27 at a special ceremony at SHS.

Application forms, due March 15, are available on the Alumni website:

www.shrewsburyalumni.org.