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Public Service is Welch Tradition



Betty M. Welch was born in 1927 to J. George Munro and Marion Holmes Munro. She has resided in Fall River most of her life, attended local schools- Westall, James Madison Morton Jr. High School, and graduated from B.M.C. Durfee High School in 1945. She then enrolled in an intensive two-year program at Bryant College, graduating in 1947 with a BSS degree (Bachelor of Secretarial Science).

Her first position was Executive Secretary to the head of the clothing and fashion department of the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, RI. She did not enjoy traveling to and from Providence every day so she left this position to become the Executive Secretary to the Vice President of Newport Finishing Company in Fall River.

In November of 1949, Mrs. Welch interviewed for a position in the accounting office of Albert G. Pierce, Public Accountant. She was so favorably impressed with his employment offer that she promptly gave two weeks notice to her employer and began her new position as Junior Accountant for Mr. Pierce and worked for him until 1970, the year she became a licensed public accountant. That same year Mr. Pierce retired and turned over his business to Mrs. Welch and her co-worker, Lois Simon.

While working for Mr. Pierce, Mrs. Welch was also working, on a part-time basis, as an accountant for the Truesdale Clinic, Inc. In 1973 she was offered the position of Business Manager. In accepting this new full-time position at the Clinic, she found it necessary to dissolve the partnership of Welch & Simon Public Accountants and her business partner,

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An Environment Leader for the Times

Louise Durfee began her distinguished career following four years at Connecticut College, receiving a BA w/Annual Honors, followed by Graduation from the Yale Law School in 1955. Ms. Durfee is currently an active member of the RI Bar and inactive in the New York and the Washington, D.C. Bars. She began her career as an Attorney in the Legal Department of American Telephone & Telegraph, Co. doing General Corporate and Legislative work, followed by the Office of General Counsel of Mobil Oil Company focusing on Antitrust and Commercial Law. As a partner at Tillinghast, Collins & Graham, she provided a broad range of legal experience with supervisory authority over major clients serviced by the firm representing corporate, government, profit and non-profit corporations, banking and educational institutions, served as General Counsel for RI Housing; assisted in reorganizing the Agency after scandals developed in that agency; served as the first General Counsel of the Narragansett Bay Commission negotiating the take-over of the Providence Treatment Facility and other regional facilities, chaired the Corporate Department for several years; served on the Executive Committee of the firm for eight years and as Chairman for several years. From 1991 to 1994 Louise was the Director of the RI Department of Environmental Management and Member of the Governor's Cabinet; directed the State Environmental & Regulatory Department; oversaw programs to protect air, waste, water, wetlands, individual septic disposal system; instituted site remediation program; supervised over 500 environmental

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Letter from the President

My Dear Fellow Durfee Alumni,

How quickly yet another year passes, bringing to a close my first term as B.M.C. Durfee Alumni Association President, a term made so much easier by the efforts of a tremendously helpful and forgiving Executive Board. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to this fine group of talented volunteers.

On behalf of this Board, let me take this opportunity to warmly congratulate the Class of 2010 and, most particularly, this year's Alumni scholarship recipients. We sincerely wish you all the best and much success in your future career choices. We hope you will always remember your high school years at Durfee with fondness and pride in a long and glorious tradition. Please keep in mind that as you graduate from Durfee you enter into the illustrious group of Durfee Alumni. As you become successful independent adults, never forget your roots, firmly grounded in the education you received at Durfee.

This year the Board of Directors of the B.M.C. Durfee High School Alumni Association will proudly add two new names to our long list of Distinguished Alumni. Both are successful women whose accomplishments you can read about in this issue of Durfee Chimes. We congratulate them and extend our sincere thanks for their contributions.

In closing, please allow me to thank all dues-paying members of the Alumni Association and especially those who have joined at the "Red & Black" level. Your financial contributions allow us to grow as an organization and to provide annual scholarships to deserving seniors. A membership form is printed on the inside back cover and an envelope has been provided for your convenience. Please consider joining your Alumni Association and, if possible, become involved as an active member of this fine organization. We welcome new members who have energy and ideas to share. The time commitment is minimal but the satisfaction is great.

May you enjoy good health and prosperity.

Sincerely, Angelina Gastall '64 President

Class of 1960 50th Reunion

August 13 to August 15, 2010 Proposed Activities:

Friday: 4:30 pm Tour of Court House (formerly the Old Durfee High School) followed by Hors D'oeuvres & Cash Bar at the Fall River Country Club

Saturday: 6:30 pm Venue de Milo Reunion Dinner & Dancing

Sunday: Brunch 10:30 am at LePage's Restaurant on the Watuppa

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2009 Scholarship Recipient List

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		Amy Darling
"Helen C. Reddy Memorial Scholarship" &		Benjamin Demeule
"Thomas K. Brindley, Class of 1925 Fund" & "		Christopher Dumont
	Charles V. Carron	Rehecca Garant
"Class of 1960" & "Frank C. and Alice R. Chao		Rebecca Garant
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	Mason & Nancy J. French" to	Rebecca Pettev
	& "Mary A. Draper" to	
	& "Annie Jennings Anthony" to	
"Morris & Ida Horvitz" & "Hugo V. Violette Me	emorial, Class of 1933" to	Andrew Rego
"Ronald Lamarre Memorial Scholarship Fund		_
Nagle & Rita M. Nagle" & "James Madison Mo	rton, 3 ^{rd"} to	Ashley Rose
"Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation" to)	Muhammad Sayef
"Edward Borden Jennings" & "Elizabeth R. S		
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"James A. Brown" & "George E. Devoll" & "El	eanor F. Chace McKey" to	Emileigh Thorpe
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Previous :	Distinguished Alumni	Recipients
1961 Malcolm P. Aldrich'18	_	2001 Lester W. Cory
		2001 James Chace
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1964 Edward B. Hanify, Esq	1986 Richard M. Rosenberg	2002 James H. Smith
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1965 Dr. John C. Corrigan		2003 Morton Dean Dubitsky
1966 Myer N. Sobiloff	1988 Frank S. Feitelberg	2003 James F. O'Hearn
1967 Essis Gifford	1989 James Dean	2004 Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews '54
1968 Jerome Namias	1990 William H. Gaudreau	2004 Ernest Moniz
1969 Helen Winward Brown	1991 Marcel P. Joseph	2005 Lucille Roussell Hadley
1970 Thomas Rodgers, Jr	1992 William K. Reilly	2005 Daniel Bogan
1971 John B. Cummings, Esq '08	1993 Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF '38	2006 Hon. William C. Carey'42
1972 Humberto Cardnial Medeiros '37	1994 Hon. Milton R. Silva	2006 John Moriarty48
1973 Ambassador William J. Porter '30	1994 William F. Powers'48	2007 Arthur A. Teixeira'00
1974 Hon. James P. McGuire'31	1995 Hon. Edward F. Harrington '51	2007 George Duclos'00
1975 James A. Nannery'31	1995 Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq '51	2008 Col. David W. Gavigan'57
1976 Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney '23	1996 Michele Kaufman Rallis '58	2008 Dr. William D. Tompkins
1977 Gen. Melvin Zais	1997 Peter G. Collias, Esq	2009 Dr. R. Judson Carlberg '58
1978 Francis L. Gragnani	1998 Mel B. Yoken	2009 Thomas J. Curry'60
1979 Robert J. Nagle	1998 Faust D. Fiore	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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1982 Florence C. Brigham'17	1999 Dr. John T. Harrington	Distinguished Alumni Award, please fill out
	1999 Dr. John T. Harrington'54	

Durfee Bell Tower Taking Shape on Elsbree Street



There is a new spire rising on the Fall River skyline. It has been a long struggle but the new Durfee High School Bell Tower is finally taking shape. As this is being written in mid March, it is difficult to predict exactly where the project will be as you read this – probably in May - but here is what has happened and what is expected to happen.

All of the design work has been completed, soil testing has been done and permits are in hand. The tower will be a 4 column steel structure, 14 feet square and 52 feet tall plus a 25 foot steeple and spire for a total height of 77 feet. The tower will be built on 4 levels with the bells in the third level and four 8 foot diameter clocks at the fourth level. The first level will be open initially but plans are to eventually enclose it and install a manual keyboard called a clavier so the bells can be played by hand as they were in the old Durfee building on Rock Street.

In January, the Durfee Bells Preservation Society signed a contract with Metro West Steel of Wrentham for the construction of the tower that was designed by award winning architect, John Lusk. The architect's renderings of the new tower were presented to the School Committee and to the Fall River City Council last year. Metro West has produced a set of shop drawings from which the tower will be built and the drawings are in the hands of the structural engineer for approval. Once the plans are approved, steel fabrication will begin at the plant in Wrentham. Fabrication is expected to take 4 weeks. The tower sections will then go to Boston to be galvanized before being trucked to the Elsbree Street construction site. At the same time that the tower sections are being made, the foundation for the tower will be prepared. Erection on site is expected to take 2 weeks. This will mark the completion of the first of 4 phases of the construction process probably about the time of graduation. The tower will then be wired for electricity and the four 8 foot diameter clocks given in memory of Janice Curry by her family and friends will be installed. Janice was a founder and for many years the driving force behind the project to restore the Durfee Bells. The state-of-the-art clocks will receive satellite signals via a GPS receiver that will ensure their accuracy to within a fraction of a second. The clocks will automatically reset for Daylight Savings time and will automatically reset themselves following a power failure.

Next is the installation of the bells which is scheduled for late summer. The bells have been tuned and their tops have been re-bored for new mounting hardware. The

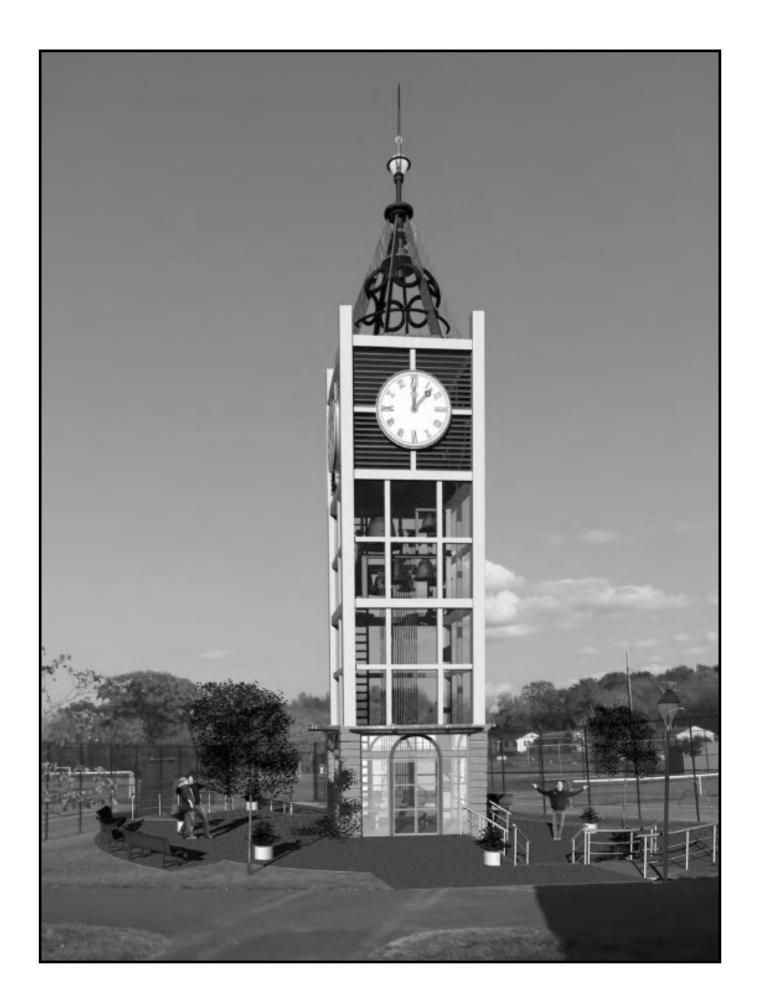
old oak beams that supported the bells for the first hundred years of their life have been replaced by a structural steel frame that has been custom fabricated to exactly fit the 14 foot square bell chamber at the 24 foot level of the tower. A new bell has been cast to replace the one that was stolen and all the bells have been fitted with new electrically controlled strikers. A computer in the adjacent ticket booth will control the playing of the bells which can also be played by means of an electronic keyboard.

Follow-on phases include the fabrication and installation of the steeple, addition of manual playing equipment in a room at the base of the tower and enclosing of the lower level. None of these have yet been funded so fundraising is ongoing in an effort to complete the project in its entirety.

The finishing touch is the landscaping of the plaza and the installation of the brick Pathway of Memories. More than 350 bricks have been sold to date. There is room for more than 500 bricks on the walkway. Bricks that memorialize members of the earlier graduating classes will be placed nearest to the tower so it is important that those bricks be ordered soon. Standard paving bricks with 3 lines of laser-engraved text are available for \$100. Double size bricks that will accommodate up to 6 lines of text are \$250. These durable bricks are a fitting tribute to deceased classmates and family members especially on Memorial Day. A free "CLASS OF 19XX" brick will be placed with the bricks of any class that buys 10 or more individual bricks. The deadline for ordering bricks to be placed in the inner section of the pathway is mid June. A dedication ceremony is being planned for this fall. By then, the tower will be up, the clocks will be installed, the tower lighting will be complete, the brick pathway will be in place and the historic Durfee Bells will once again ring over the city of Fall River.

The words of Mary Brayton Durfee Young, the donor of the bells, written in 1887 will prove to have been prophetic. She wrote, "This school house has been erected for the special benefit of the youth of Fall River. The clock and the chime of bells are for us, for all, and it may be hoped for many generations to come."

As of the time of this writing, an additional \$15,000 is needed to complete this first phase of construction. Your donation in any amount would help. Donors and those they elect to memorialize or honor will be listed in the Dedication Booklet this fall. Brick order forms and information concerning other memorial opportunities can be obtained by calling Les Cory '56 at 401 624-3478. Email LCory@UMassD.edu or write to the Durfee Bells Preservation Society, P.O. Box 9235, Fall River, MA 02720.



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B.M.C. Durfee passes in the 30th year

OBITUARY

from the Fall River Daily Evening News- 14 September 1872

It is with feelings of great sorrow that we are called upon to announce the sudden death of one our leading citizens BRADFORD M.C. DURFEE Esq. who died last evening at his residence, North Main Street, of passive congestion of the brain. Mr. Durfee had not been in his usual health for about three months, but this sudden termination of his life of usefulness on earth was hardly expected, by even his most intimate friends. He suffered a severe attack early in the morning, but during the day was better, and hopes were entertained as he rallied from it that he would fully recover; but with the evening came a second attack and he passed away a little before 8 o'clock.

Mr. Durfee was born in this city on the 15th of June 1843, and was in the 30th year of his life at the time of his decease. His honored father, Major Bradford Durfee, so well and so widely known as one of the most enterprising of our business men of the past generation, died very suddenly in the summer of that year, leaving his only son an infant a few weeks old. The son was very carefully brought up by his most excellent mother, who watched over him as only such a mother can; and though he never possessed robust health, he entered Yale College, where he has left a perpetual memorial of his attachment to that institution, and his love of sound learning and thorough culture, in the beautiful Durfee Dormitory which he gave to Yale, and which is one of the finest buildings that any college in New England possesses. His health not permitting the continuance of his studies at the college, he retired and went to Europe for two years, where he traveled extensively, gathering rich stores of information; and upon his return home, he engaged in the duties of business, in which he took an active interest, and manifested talents of superior order.

Under the careful management of those in charge of the property left by his father, he found himself in possession of one of the largest estates in our city, which he leaves still more largely increased in extent and value by the sagacity and energy with which the business has been conducted by himself, and the gentlemen who have been associated with him in its varied enterprises. He was President of the Durfee Mills, and Vice-President of the First National Bank. He was also a director in the Fall River Iron Works Co., the American Print Works Co., the Slade Mills, the Mechanics Mills and Fall River Manufactory, and was recently appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, one of the Commissioners to locate the Post Office for our city. During one of his visits to Europe, he was appointed one of the Commissioners to represent our State at the great Exposition in Paris, 1867. His love of art, in which he took great interest, led him to purchase at that time, the Cartoon of the "Era of the Reformation" by Kaulbach. He visited the West Indies two or three years ago, in his own yacht, increasing his knowledge of the productions of other climes.

Mr. Durfee was of a most modest and retiring disposition. He shrank from public observation, and loved to do things quietly and in his own way. He was known fully only by those who were intimately acquainted with him and by them his qualities of mind and heart was most appreciated. He saw through all the coverings of a question, and penetrated to its core with a power of common sense which is but very seldom met with. Large minded and generous he was quietly maturing plans, which would in their completion have given the city one of its finest edifices, but in the midst of his career, as life was opening into broader spheres of usefulness, he was suddenly removed to another world of life and duty, where all that is best here shall ripen into finer fruitage there.

Mr. Durfee was never married. He was a most devoted son, and leaves a mother bowed down with sorrow at the death of him in whom the great interests of her life centered; but the heart of all our community beat in deepest sympathy for her, and pray that He whose love is infinite will be her comforter, and sustain her in this hour of trial. He also leaves a numerous circle of relatives and friends, by whom he was much loved.

Relatives and friends from New York, Providence, New Bedford and other cities and towns were present, including President Porter and Professor Wheeler of Yale College, and the classmates of Mr. Durfee.



BRADFORD MATTHEW CHALONER BURFEE born 15 June 1848 died 15 September 1872

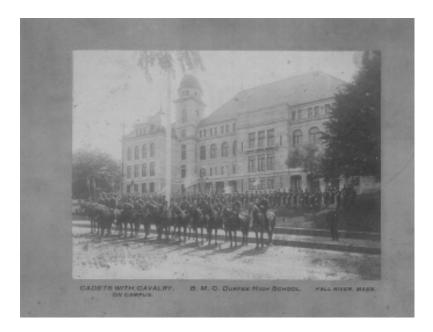
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The Durfee Burial Site - Oak Grove Cemetery - Fall River



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1923

John V. Donnelly (Memoriam)

James A.Partridge(Memoriam) Edward V. Toolin Maj. USA Ret.

<u>1934</u>

Donald Black (Memoriam) Rita R. Schraer

Helen (Lanthrop) Brooks
J. Howard Lightfoot, M.D. (Memoriam)

1936

Dr. John Carvalho Nathaniel M. Dashoff Lucille Hadley Alice P. (Pizio) Kosiba

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Paul B. Dunn, M.D.
Angela (Graham) Fontaine
John C. Green
Edwin G. Kispert
Chester W. Mahon
John C. Mc Avoy
John J. Mosley
Herman Sandler Herman Sandler Eileen (Dwyer) Stevens

Richard Cleaves Joseph M. Gosselin Mary M. Hadley BGEN John J. Liset USAF Ret. Eunice H. Hodgson Pickup Paul Schraer

James F. Arkison Clifford Barton Ella (Fazzina) Despres Faust D. Fiore William D. Tompkins, M.D.

1940
Elizabeth W. (Wong) Chung
Margaret (Shaw) Dougherty
Elizabeth A. (Morley) Greene
Rita (Parisee) Kennan
Frank L. Larkin (Memoriam)
James E. McCarthy
Judge Milton R. Silva

William A. Carroll Col. William A. DeplitchU.S.M.C.Ret. Abraham Ehrenhaus ElizabethB. (Gancarz) Maciulewicz

Anne (Pizio) Sullivan-Glasco Marjorie (Hodgson) Lawton Russell Lawton William B. McIlwaine Elizabeth (Harrington) Manning Frank P. Mello Constance (Brigham) Schreiber Mary (Gasper) Silva

1942 Geraldine E (Franklin) Barrow Harold J. Dusoe Rina B. (Battistoni) Fisher Shirley M. (Fozzard) Fogwell Capt. Bertram A. Udovin, USN-Ret. Isabelle (Pearson) Weber

<u>1943</u>

Wesley S. Alpert George Bedard Lionel H. Boucher Theresa M. (Pelletier) Fournier Capt. William P. Holden USN-Dorothy (Mockas) Hough Humbert M. Lopes Doris F. (Audette) Mello Donald P. O'Neil Joseph E. Sullivan Joan B. Twaddle Vernon Wild Fern B. (Goodwin) White

1944

David J. Daylor Raymond F. Denicourt June (Hills) Falvo Cora E. (Southworth) Grant Madeleine M. Hamel
Dorothy (Blanchard) Hickey
Phyllis (Nerenberg) Littman
Daniel Love Harold M. Parsons Hugo D. Rockett Irene (Antaya) Roth Herbert S. Strauss Madeline J. (Flynn) Tozlowski

<u>1945</u>

Robert N. Brightman Stanley Janczura Roger McCann Mary (Marques) Petit Judith (Kahn) Sanders Betty (Munro) Welch

1946

Muriel (Raymond) Batcheller Roger J. Boulay M.D. Virginia A. (Kelley) Carey George L. Gesner Florence E. (Mellor) Hook Muriel T. (Girard) Laflamme Janice M. Morrell Robert T. Mullen James Mullins John G. Munro Rosann (Barrett) Patota Adel (Shabshelowitz) Savitz Edward F. Smith

Juliette (Talbot) Whitehead

<u>1947</u>

Beatrice (Moniz) Bolduc Nancy Carroll Joseph S. Dobek Christine (Mirra) Farias (Memoriam) Leonard J. Harrington (Memoriam) Hon. Judge James H. Smith -Stanley F. Stafiej M.D. Oscar M. Teixeira Donald G. Wood

<u>1948</u>

Doris Blankley Gladys J. (Jaworski) Gaj Lillian (Zajac) Guimond George H. Hill
Robert MacAyeal
Yvette L. (Caouette) Miner
(Memoriam) (Memoriam)
John J. Moriarty
Joseph D. Raposa
Richard Rosenberg
Roger L. Roussell
Stuart J. Silowitz
Cremilde (Torres) Stavros Marjorie (King) Tache

Henry J. Augustine Barbara A. Bogle Eleanor F. (Fox) Browe Anthony G. D'Adamo Peter P. DePaola Theodore Faryniarz John Fazzina Franklin B. Gilbert Jr. Harold L. Hall Arline V. (MacDuff) Holland Paul Kelleher Elizabeth L. (Williams) Marsden Reva A. (Wennick) Newfield Alfred J. Ouimet Ph.D. Joseph Powers Daniel F. Ready Edwin Shivell Anne P. (Patten) Sylvia Julia Silva Tessenear

<u>1950</u>

James R. Allen
Robert J. Berube
Kenneth J. Bray
John J. Hargraves
Alice (Fernandes) Hayden
Harold Katzman LTC USAF-Ret. Shirley Luongo
Barbara (Cohen) Rosenberg
Stanley J. Sieczkowski
Arthur J. Thibodeau Carolyn (Capstack) Tuovinen

<u>1951</u>

Theresa (Arruda) Anderson Daniel E. Bogan Janet (Dormer) Harrington Robert J. Hayden Jr. John E. Kiley (Memoriam)

John Kuttner CMSGT Joseph Mullaney Chester T. Nuthall Jr. James S. Panos Aurora (D'Adamo) Perry Franklin D. Raposa Earl Sanft Doris M. Thornton R.N. Stephen T. Trond

<u> 1952</u>

Dorothy (Kelly) Arruda Gertrude (Fletcher) Badmgardner
Jean C. Bogan
Zelma A. Braga
Constance B. (Bouchard) Briosi Joan (Winslow) Buhrendorf Thomas Burke Nomas Burke
Wilma (Wagner) Cleveland
Hazel L. (Langton) Costa
Albert E. Dean
George R. Duclos
Janice (Plocica) Ferreira
Deborah (Radovsky) Finn
John A. Freeman
Richard Freitas
Ren Cela Ron Golz Clarice (Levrault) Hargraves Mary (Ryan) Janczura Doris B. (Belford) Lehrner Judith A. (Campeau) Liles John R. Marum Robert B. McMahon John Medeiros Hugh Neville William O'Hare Dino Polselli Mario S. Polselli Thomas Powers Jacqueline (Zubat) Remus Marilyn (Morin) Roderick Muriel E. (Briggs) Wachlin

<u>1953</u>

Ronald G. Andrews Roland Bouchard Michael P. Daley Morton N. Dubitsky-Dean Thomas E. Dupont Esq. Elizabeth (Bergeron) McMahon Ronald D. Silvia

<u>1954</u>

Rev. Shirley M. (Scholes) Andrews Anarews
James Bullock
Rev. Alan D. Carvalho
Joan (Dormer) Deaner Robert L. Goddu John T. Harrington, MD William C. Hickey U.S. Army-Ruth M. (Joseph) Lescault Richard J. Masse John C. Matula Elizabeth A. McCallum Raymond H. Medeiros Shirley (Medeiros) Mohamed Stephen J. Nawrocki Wendell S. Ogden Bruce Place Joel Potash Patricia L. (Henaire) Richard

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Lorraine D. (Dube) Silvia Col. Ronald Silvia, USAF-Ret.Charles D. Smith Ph.D Major W. Wheelock

<u> 1955</u>

Robert E. Allcock, Jr. Robert A. Bogle, Jr. Robert Borge Pauline (Kotlarski) Davis Winifred D. (Durfée) Dimock Richard J. Dube Jacqueline F. (Freitas) Farrell Harry B. Golding Gertrude R. (Hargraves) Harrington Robert A. Hoole Viola B. (Borden) Jenks Theophilos Kuliopulos Joan (Delaney) Lunde Joan (Linhares) Mello Dorothy (Henaire) Nicolau Rhonda (Kaplan) Pierce Robert A. Place Beverly (Tierney) Tansey John Tuttle

<u>1956</u>

Michael R. Bergeron Paul A. Borkman Patricia A. (Furze) Cassidy Dr. Robert Chapman Lester W. Cory Janice Farrell Dennis D. Griffin Daniel T. Harrington, MD Jeannette (Lortie) Kenyon Delores McGarr Eileen M. (Galego) Medeiros Beverly S. (Soja) Nawrocki Janice (Nichols) O'Brien Judith A. Schneider Joan F. (Hopkins) Sheedy Odette M. (Wood) Silvia Helena L. (Boyko) Sowa

1957 Belisario A. Almeida M. Declan Bransfield, III Harvey Chafitz Anna M. (Charette) Cloutier William N. Craig Thomas A. Davol, Jr. Carl A. Deeb Lt. Col. (Ret.) Patrick J. Donovan Pauline (Ferreira) Garnett Col. David W. Gavigan Joan (Lipson) Hershkowitz Randy Hom Bruce E. Hutchinson Ellie (Fozzard) Kreassig Joseph Medéiros Bessie (Jamoulis) Pagonis Robert J. Pontes Margaret M. (Nawrocki) Sullivan Francis P. Wilson Lynne R. (Riley) Wilson Geraldine (Callahan) Wise

1958 Janet (Park) Beenl Judith L. (Longshaw) Fino Thomas R. Flynn Muriel (Orton) Frascatore Ann (Boyko) Gannon William C. Griffiths William Keating, Jr. Francis A. Latessa Dorothy M. (Albernaz) Midura Lionel Á. Morais Meg (Donnelly) Peterson Antonio T. Pimental USAF -Ret.

<u>1959</u>

Robert C. Durfee June (Travers) Gagnon William H. Goddard Douglas Gray Richard W. Kocon Mary L. (Clark) Levine Claire A. (Leary) McMahon Suzanne C. (Guillotte) Vitale

Charles Auclair Michael T. Black Joann (Case) Carvalho Carolyn (Sullivan) Curry Thomas J. Curry Ruth (Ward) Hathaway Lois N. (Murphy) McMullin Audrey (Wadsworth) Poitras Dolores B. (Botelho) Silva Robert B. Yule

1961 Joan M. (Brissette) Flynn Ellen (Donnelly) Hardgraves Frances (Gardella) Kingsley Paul Lepage Camilla A. Los Bernice (Barnaby) Mannion Sandra J. Medeiros Robert J. Marchand, Esq. Beatrice (Oliveira) Martins

Valerie A. (Smith) Booth Thomas J. Braga Ph.D. Paul B. Dutra William Hath William Hathaway Jr. John E. Mullaly James H. Packer William J. Perry Joseph S. Radovsky Janet R. (Spence) Ringuest Joyce B. Rodrigues Milton G. Ryan Jean E. (Gázarro) Staiti Arthur A. Teixeira Robert L. Williston

1963

James M. Blackburn Barbara (Clark) Kay, DMD Nancy (Tobol) McManus Norman R. Somer

<u>1964</u> Angeling D. Gastall Henry L. Pineau Charlette E. (Costa) Thomas

John W. Gardella Robert Goldin James J. Karam Cheryl (Harvey) Mish Nancy (Caperonis) Osguťhorpe Joyce Perry

1966 Teresa (Sardinha) Berard Douglas Clarke Anthony Coelho Lydia T. Gonsalves Jean M. (Pitera) Halligan Marilyn S. (Furtado) Harris Bonnie J. (Maclaughlin) Heap Barbara R. Katersky James Linhares Rev. V. Jeremiah J. McGrath Robert E. Pavao D.D.S. Silvia J. (Medeiros) Santos Sandra J. Souza Robert A. Taylor

<u>1967</u>

Tom Boardman Jose G. Noversa

<u>1968</u>

Lydia (Rocha) Di Bella Reena Deutsch, Ph.D Thomas J. Donnelly Esq. Thomas Hammoná, Jr. Lois (Avila) Wilding

1969

Virginia A. Handfield Christian Semine

Sheila (Kelly) Chace Pauline J. Gagnon Christine (Jean) Gibney Deborah (Zalkind) Semine

<u>1971</u> Dr. Michael Vieira, Ph. D.

<u>1974</u>

Jeffrey J. Greer James Vaillancourt Barbara (Urban) Walsh

Michael P. Duarte Carol A. (Rivard) Geller Kathleen (Harkin) Maclean Susan J. (Ögden) Pavao

Shirley A. Tobol

<u>1978</u>

Holly J. Bronhard Lisa (Lundy) Kusinitz Colleen A. (Walsh) Taylor

<u>1979</u>

Michael V. Medeiros (Memoriam)

1980

Patricia N. (Nawrocki) Murphy

<u>1981</u>

Joseph R. Costa Tony Lima

<u>1982</u>

David Nicolau Susan (Faria) Nicolau

<u>1985</u>

Lisa (McGinn) Canuel Alexànder S. Panos

<u>1988</u>

Laurel (Gastall) Howe

Laurel (Gastall) Howe

<u>1996</u>

Barden H. Castro

Other Members

Nancy Carroll

Anyone intersted in becoming a member of our Red & Black Club, may send a donation of \$25.00 or more to:

B.M.C. Durfee High School Alumni Association P.O. Box 9656 Fall River, MA 02720-0011

2009 Durfee Hall of Fame Induction

Five new members and the 1984 boys basketball team were inducted into the Durfee Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. Joe Kazen and Scott Santos, Class of 1987, Mike Herren and Juddy McDonald, Class of 1989, and retired coach Jack Campbell was inducted in the Special Category.

Kazen was among the best linebackers in Durfee's history and averaged over 100-yards per game in the Durfee backfield. He was the team's 1986 MVP, led Durfee in tackles, sacks, blocked punts, field goals and extra points. Joe also ranks among the Red & Black's best wrestlers. He scored 86 points, reached the South Sectional finals as a senior, and won the Take Down tournament in Rhode Island. Santos played ice hockey, football and tennis and excelled at all three sports. He finished his hockey career as the highest scorer in the school's history with 158 points. He was a three-year all-star, became Durfee's all-time leading hockey scorer as a junior when he surpassed 116 points. Santos also was an outstanding performer on the Hilltoppers football and tennis teams. Herren was twice named the Boston Globe and Boston Herald Player of the Year while leading the Hilltoppers to two state championships. Durfee won 96 of 104 games during his tenue and he graduated as the Hilltoppers highest scorer in history with 1,967 points, Mike was the Gatorade New England and Massachusetts Player of the Year in both 1988 and 1989.

McDonald, who recorded 200 assists in a single season, was the point guard on the 1988 and 1989 state championship teams and spearheaded both the offense and defense. He was twice named to the Boston Globe All-State

team and was a first team member of the USA Today high school all-star team and led the Hilltoppers to a 70-4 record over his career.

Campbell, a 1967 graduate of Boston Tech High School, began his coaching career at Durfee in 1974 as an assistant basketball coach. He had a 16-year run as the girls softball coach and won six league titles, two South Sectional crowns and an Eastern Massachusetts championship en route to a 266-93 record.

Campbell was an assistant to Tom "Skip" Karam during the 1977 and 1984 state championships, was twice named the Boston Globe Division One "Coach of the Year," in softball and also coached tennis at Durfee for two seasons, guiding the netmen to a league title in 2005.

He was inducted into the Massachusetts High School Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1998. The 1984 unbeaten and state champion Durfee High School boys basketball team was coached by Karam and won 25 straight games, finishing the season unbeaten with the Massachusetts State title in hand.

It was Karam's third state crown. He brought the Massachusetts championship banner to Durfee in 1966 and 1977 and would later add two more state titles.

The 1984 Hilltoppers won the Southeastern Massachusetts Conference crown and the Eastern Massachusetts championship.

The team finished as the second ranked team in New England and was among the top 20 high school teams in the nation according to USA Today. The 1984 basketball team comprised coaches Karam and Campbell, players

Brian O'Neil, Paul Hart, Nick Salmon, Vic Pereira, Bobby Hargraves, Joe Stanton, John Carvalho, Tim White, John D'Ambrosio, Paul Donnelly, Mike Pontes, Tom "Skippy" Karam, Tom D'Ambrosio, Mitch Lown, and managers Allen Perreault and Ron Tripp.

George Darmody '56

Reunions

Class of 1980
Nov 27,2010
Eagle ~ \$30 pp
Please contact:
Cathy Macri Rose at patsfan740@aol.com

Class of 1970
November 26, 2010
Venus deMilo
Please contact:
Teresa Allard Cross at
crosst1952@yahoo.com

Welch, '09 nominee FROM PAGE ONE

Ms. Simon, went to work with Mrs. Welch at Truesdale Clinic, Inc. After thirty-four years at the Clinic, Betty Welch retired as Executive Vice President and Business Manager in June, 1999.

Throughout her career Betty Welch has excelled and achieved in her chosen profession, always going the extra mile and giving back to the community, where she lived and worked. In the 1960s she was the first woman to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Fall River Chamber of Commerce and served as its Treasurer. She was an incorporator of the Fall River Savings Bank and also of Charlton Memorial Hospital where she served as Vice Chair of the Business & Industry team for the hospital's fund-raising efforts. Mrs. Welch served as Secretary of the Executive Board of the United Way of Fall River and was a member of its Lantern

Accountants and of the State Medical Group Management Association. Mrs. Welch has been President and Treasurer of the Greater Fall River Business and Professional Women's Club and in 1981 was honored with the Women of Achievement award. In the 1980's, Mrs. Welch was elected as the first woman to serve on the Board of the Fall River Trust Company which later became Bank of Boston, N.A. She has also served on the Board of the Fall River Art Association. Mrs. Welch has been a member of the Fall River Country Club for fifty-four years and has served on its Board of Directors under the leadership of four different Presidents. She currently holds an Honorary membership which is bestowed only upon those members with longevity and a history of service to the Club.

Still an actively involved member of the community, Betty Welch currently serves as Treasurer on the Board of the Fall River Historical Society. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Bristol Community College Foundation, Inc. and has served as its President. She is also Treasurer on the Board of the Durfee Bells Preservation Society.

Mrs. Welch is an Incorporator, Trustee, and Vice President of the Home for Aged People in Fall River (The Adams House). She has served as President and Treasurer of Altrusa International of Fall River and was recently recognized by that organization for her fifty years of service.

Mrs. Welch is a member of Charlton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Durfee Alumni Association's Red & Black, Fall River Art Association, Fall River Country Club, Fall River Historical Society, Fall River Preservation Society, Friends of the Fall River Public Library, and Oak Grove Cemetery Preservation Society. Her hobbies include oil and china painting, golf, bowling, gardening, and travel.

Class of 1965

Society for many years. She was a member

of the Massachusetts Association of Public

Saturday, August 21, 2010 Fall River Country Club email Durfee65@gmail.com for info

Class of 1954

56th Reunion Fall River Country Club ~ \$30.00 Thursday, September 2, 2010 1:00-4:00PM For more info: Email: Durfee1954@aol.com Steve Nawrocki 508-673-7473

Class of 1970

Friday, November 26, 2010 Venus deMilo Terry Allard Cross, crosst1952@yahoo.com

Red and Black Brunch Fall River Country Club

May 23, 2010 ~ 10:00AM \$18.50

The annual brunch will once again be held at the Fall River Country Club. Entertainment will be provided by the Durfee Orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Judy Bento. Tickets can be obtained by email at elainespts@aol.com or from any member of the Alumni Board. There will be introductions of Distinguished Alumnus present as well as information regarding the Annual Meeting on Friday, May 28th at the Nagle Auditorium.



Betty Welch '45, Sheri Thomas McCallister '86, Charlotte Costa Thomas '64, and Angie Duarte Gastall '64.



Carol (Ross) and Roger L. Roussell, '48, John Alan Freeman, '52 and Doris Thornton, '51.

Durfee, '09 nominee FROM PAGE ONE

cases; represented the Department before the legislature, media and constituents. Following her career in State government she became a partner in the Providence office of Brown Rudnick LLP; provided a range of legal services in corporate, partnership, real estate and environmental law; served as outside General Counsel to RI Housing. At present, Louise is a sole practitioner attorney with primary emphasis on general business, corporate, real estate and environmental law. She served as Chairman of Commission, established by Governor Garrahy from 1979 to 1980 which recommended the creation of the Narragansett Bay Commission; appointed first General Counsel to the Narragansett Bay Commission to negotiating the takeover of the Providence Sewer Treatment facilities and create a new regional treatment facility in Rhode Island. She was the first woman to be appointed to the Board of Bar Examiners from 1986 to 1991; in addition, a member on Advisory Committee on Judicial Appointments during the 80's; a member of the Disciplinary Board of the Rhode Island Supreme Court from 1976 to 1982. Louise is very visible in local politics; has served on the Tiverton Town Council for most of the years since 1968 and a Past President of the Council, which she still serves on. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island and is currently a member of Council of Advisors. Her environmental interests include serving a President from 1976 to 1978 on the Save The Bay organization and is a member of the Tiverton Land Trust Advisory Committee as well as a member of the Grow Smart Rhode Island Committee. She also served as Chair of the Rhode Island Board of the Conservation Law Foundation. Awards presented to Louise include: Honorary Degree from Roger Williams Law School in 2009(Doctor of Laws), the Florence K. Murray Award in 2008 by the RI Bar Association, Special Recognition Award in 2004 by the Tiverton Conservation Commission, Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002 by Save the Bay, and named by the Providence Journal as one of the Heroes of the 20th Century in 1999. Louise was a graduate of B.M.C. Durfee, Class of 1948. Her award will be presented at the Annual Meeting at the Nagle Auditorium on May 28, 2010.

Some Interesting Facts

- Fall River was originally called Freetown, a village of about 100 people and about 20 dwellings. In 1803, Fall River separated from Freetown and became its own village.
- In 1804, the name of Fall River was changed to Troy. For 30 years this was the name of the city. In 1834 the name was changed back to Fall River as it was felt this better described the area and hence was easier to remember.
- In 1778, there was a battle between the British and Colonials near the site of the present City Hall. About 150 British were repelled and retreated back to their ship. They burned Thomas Borden's Grist and Saw Mill on the way.
- In 1862, the border between Fall River, Massachusetts and Fall River, Rhode Island was settled. The new border was moved south from Columbia Street to State street. The dispute was settled by the U. S. Supreme Court.
- In 1877, Robert McWhirr and Sarah Ramsay opened the first McWhirr store near Charity Lane. In 1886 the store was moved to South Main Street and after the 1916 fire was rebuilt with twenty times more floor space.
- The Fall River stop on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad line was built in 1891. The station was situated near the intersection of North Main Street and President Avenue.
- Joseph Durfee, commanding officer of the Patriots who repelled the British at the Battle of Fall River, moved to Tiverton after the war. He built the areas first cotton mill in 1811 in Fall River, Rhode Island near the northeast corner of South Main Street and Globe Street. The mill was built on Globe Pond and operated until 1829. Globe Pond was eventually filled in and is known today as Father Kelley Park.
- The Andrew Robeson house on Rock Street, home of the Fall River Historical Society, was originally built on Columbia Street in 1843. Three fourths of the house stood on Massachusetts ground and one fourth was in Rhode Island. In 1870, the house was moved, piece by piece to its present location.
- In 1885, The Fall River Daily Globe, a Democratic newspaper, was established. It was absorbed by the Fall River Herald News in 1929.

You Missed the Florida Reunion?

By the time you read this, the 35th Southern Reunion will have been held. If you missed it, and were in Florida at the time, you missed a wonderful event. This Durfee/Fall River/Fall River Area get together is a fun filled day.

This time that began 35 years ago has had an up and down history. Originally held at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach at it's beginning on Florida's east coast it has now become a regular event at the Spanish Wells Country Club in Bonita Springs on Florida's west coast. In its early years, it was not unusual for several hundred Fall River area vacationers to gather. Over the years some of the luster left the gathering and attendance fell. It is now being rekindled under the able leadership of Major Wheelock, class of 1954, and assisted by an enthusiastic committee. Even though it is primarily known as a Durfee Reunion most Fall River area High Schools are represented. Everyone is welcome. This year represents the fourth year in Bonita Springs, and each year attendance grows. The Reunion is always held on the first Saturday of March. The only exception is when the first Saturday falls on March 1st. Then it usually is scheduled for the second Saturday. The festivities include a cocktail hour prior to the 12:00 PM luncheon. After lunch a short program is followed by entertainment, recognition of graduates and former faculty members. Always there is a Fall River trivia game to test our memories. If you wish to get on the mailing list for the Southern Reunion one should contact Jan Fiedler at pinefern@aol.com, or Major Wheelock at majorwheelock@comcast.net. Flyers announcing the Reunion are mailed the first week of January.

Committee members include the following: Lee (Mello) Carreiro '56

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Jean (Medeiros) Enos '56

Janice (Phillips) Fiedler '49

Bob Fiedler

George Levesque

Dan Ready '49

Dot Ready

Dona Rodgers

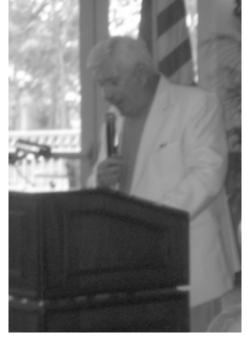
Albert Michaud '42

Norman Michaud '48

Major W Wheelock '54

Test your Fall River Trivia memories:

- 1. What year did the Government Center over I- 195 open?
- 2. What year was the old City Hall torn down?
- 3. What were the names of the hurricanes which occurred in
 - a. September 1938?
 - b. August 1954?
 - c. September 1954?
 - d. September 1960?
- 4. What day of the week did the blizzard of 1978 start?
- 5. Where was the temporary City Hall located?
- 6. Where were Lanagan's and Bluffer's Beaches located?
- 7. What were the names of the three Five and Ten Cent stores on the west side of Main Street between Pocasset and Anawan Streets?
- 8. Where were the following monuments located?
 - a. The Rolling Rock
 - b. The Minute Man
 - c. Prince Henry the Navigator
- 9. What was the name of the Ledge from which the granite to build Durfee High School came?
- 10. Name Fall River's professional baseball team of the 40's and 50's?



Major Wheelock, Class of 1954, giving a financial report to those attending the Reunion.

Answers on page 14



Joe McGrady, Durfee Class of 1937, entertains the Florida Reunion with a song.

The \$25,000 Classes

As most of you already know, the Durfee High School Alumni Scholarship Fund is one of our proudest treasures. Started in the early 1920's, it now has a value of over \$7,000,000. This fund is administered by Distinguished Durfee Alumnus Peter G. Collias, Esq., Class of 1949.

Each year approximately twenty five Durfee graduates receive scholarships to help them begin their post high school studies. These are in addition to the ones already awarded in the three previous years which comes to a total of approximately one hundred students receiving financial aid each year.

There is one requirement that students must meet to continue receiving their grants. They are required to send a letter each year to Atty. Collias, along with a copy of their grades, indicating they remain in good standing at their respective schools.

As Alumni, we are proud of this

accomplishment. We are unaware of any other public school that can boast of such a feat. We are especially thankful of and proud of the work Atty. Collias and his committee put into this effort.

Some classes have established funds to support the Scholarship Endowment Funds and have reached the \$25,000 plateau. They include the following: Class of 1923, Class of 1925, Class of 1936, Class of 1932, Class of 1939, Class of 1942, Class of 1951, Class of 1941, Class of 1954, Alumni Fund (All Classes) Class of 1945, Durfee Southern Reunion (All classes).

In addition to the above listed classes there are eighteen other scholarship funds listed in the Statement of Scholarship Endowment Funds as of March 31, 2009 which total between \$25,000 and as much as \$107,000. In most, but not all cases, these funds have been established in remembrance of a family member. Not to be discounted are the dozens of smaller funds that provide the real basis to the endowment.

During 2009 the following additions

have been made to the Alumni Fund: B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association.

George A. Lavoie Scholarship \$10,650.00;

Durfee Southern Reunion \$4,000.00; Julia M. Harrington and Henrey J. Shea Educators Fund \$1,250.00; Lucille Roussell Hadley '36 and Plummer W. Hadley \$290.00; Alumni Fund \$4,580.69; Andrew J. Borden \$13,701.91; John J. & Elizabeth C Harrington \$1,000.00; Class of 1936, \$50.00; Beverly Kerness Unger Memorial \$4,000.00; Class of 1960, \$5,500.00; Class of 1954, \$1,262.06; Total new funds from April 2009 thru December 15, 2009-\$46,284.66. Any individual, class, or group, interested in establishing a Scholarship Fund, are invited to contact Atty. Collias. He can be reached by mail at: B.M.C. Durfee Alumni Association. P.O. Box 9656, Fall River, MA 02720.

Answers to Trivia.

- 1.1975
- 2.1962
- 3. a. 1938 Hurricane
 - b. Hurricane Carol
 - c. Hurricane Donna
 - d. Hurricane Gloria
- 4. Monday
- 5. Hotel Mellen
- 6. North End-Steep Brook
- 7. Newberry's Kresge's
 - Woolworth's
- 8. a. Eastern Avenue & County Streets
 - b. Plymouth Avenue & Pleasant St.
 - c. Lafayette Park
- 9. Bailey's Ledge
- 10. Fall River Indians

"Durfee Class of 1964 celebrated their 45th reunion at the Newport Naval Officers Club on August 22, 2009. Class members mingled on the outside deck, enjoyed the Captains Buffet, danced and reminisced."



Jim Gibney, Marci Maynard Howard, Judy Danis Evans, Bernie Dionne Silvia, Linda Stafford Harrop, Charlotte Costa Thomas, Jean More Limoges, Betsy DiNucci Leclair, Gail Harrop Zurawski, Doug Baer, Dave Mello, Carole Lysyj Siembab, Trudy Gaspar Hook, Cheryl Clarke Furze, Barbara Smith, Joyce Wilson Dessert, Angie Duarte Gastall, Bruce Sutcliffe, Ron Machado

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2010-2011 Alumni Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to consider a nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please attach any newspaper or magazine articles which would assist the Committee in the nomination process. A resume and any other information would be helpful as well. Nominations remain current for a five-year period and should be submitted no later than September 30th 2010 to be considered by the

2010 Selection Board.

Name of Nominee: Year Of Graduation: (1975 or earlier) Address:		
Telephone Number:		
Name of Person Making Nomination:		
Address:		
Telephone Number: email address:		
Are you a member of the Association? Is the Nominee a Member?		
Please mail to: Durfee Alumni Association, P.O. Box 9656 Fall River, MA 02720-0011		
2010-2011 Alumni Information Form		
PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION BELOW FOR ACCURACY AND EFFICIENCY.		
ur Name: Maiden Name (if applicable):		
Year Of Graduation: If spouse is a graduate - Year of Graduation:		
Full Street Address:City:		
State: Zip: email Address:		
Please check if not on the mailing list for The Chimes Do not publish my information		
\$5.00 (dues) \$10.00 \$25.00 (min. *Red and Black Club) \$50.00 Other		
Please make checks payable to Durfee Alumni Association, P.O. Box 9656, Fall River, MA 02720-2011		
* For inclusion in the Spring 2011 issue of the Chimes, Please return no later than December 31, 2010.		
Durfee Preservation Society, Inc.		
If you wish to make a donation to the bells project please make checks payable to Durfee Bells Preservation Society, Inc., P.O. Box 9235, Fall River, MA 02720. For your convenience you may send your contribution in the enclosed envelope along with your Alumni donation.		
\$5\$10\$50Other (please specify)		



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Raise our praises high to Durfee, Alma Mater dear. Tow'ring high beside the river, Radiant beacon clear.

God preserve for Alma Mater, Standards staunch and true. High aloft we'll lift her banner Bright with Durfee's hue.

Love and praise we render ever, Voices raised on high. Loud we sing of Durfee's glory, To the earth and sky.