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## Joseph A. Conforti, MD

Dr. Joseph A. Conforti is Distinguished Professor of American and New England Studies Emeritus at University of Southern Maine in Portland. He is a 1963 alumnus of Durfee High School. Dr. Conforti received a Bachelor's Degree in History, cum laude, from Springfield College, a Master's in American History, and a Doctorate in American Civilization, both from Brown University. He taught History and English at Rhode Island College for ten years and then became the founding director of Southern Maine's graduate program in American and New England Studies. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including two book awards; the Richard Beale Davis Prize for the best essay on early American literature; the Constance Carlson Public Humanities Prize from the Maine Humanities Council; the Neal Allen History Award from the Maine Historical Society; and four grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Dr. Conforti is the author of nearly fifty scholarly articles, book chapters, and book reviews. He has published seven books on New England cultural and religious history, ranging from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Most recently he has authored two books on Fall River:

*Another City upon a Hill: A New England Memoir*, about growing up in the city in the 1950s and '60s, and *Lizzie Borden on Trial: Murder, Ethnicity, and Gender*, which offers new perspectives on the famous episode.



## Ronald Alan Schwartz, MD

Dr. Schwartz is a 1952 graduate of Durfee High School; he received his medical degree from the Boston University School of Medicine and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the U.S. Naval Hospital in St. Albans, N.Y., where he was Chief Resident. Dr. Schwartz specializes in Internal Medicine with a focus on Geriatric Medicine and is on the medical staff at Charlton Memorial Hospital.

For more than 25 years, Dr. Schwartz served as a clinical instructor and assistant professor at Alpert Medical School at Brown University in Providence, R.I., and served as preceptor for third- and fourth-year medical students in Community Health. He received the Distinguished Teacher Award at the university. Dr. Schwartz is board certified in Internal Medicine with added qualifications in Geriatric Medicine. He is a member of the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association and the Massachusetts Medical Society.



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**Annual Meeting ~ May 22, 2015 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Nagle Auditorium ~ Refreshments 6:30 to 7:30 PM**

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# Letter from the President

*Dear Fellow Durfee Alumni,*

*On behalf of the Alumni Board, let me offer our sincere congratulations to the Class of 2015 and to the Durfee Alumni Scholarship recipients. We wish for all of you a bright and prosperous future. Congratulations to our two Distinguished Alumni, Joseph Conforti, PHD Class of 1963 and Ronald A. Schwartz, MD Class of 1952.*

*Again this year I ask you to support the Alumni Association's fund raising efforts. Throughout the year we are asked to contribute to requests from many school organizations. Your donations and dues also allow us to contribute to our Alumni Scholarship. As you will read in this issue of the Chimes, your donations are needed to continue the work of your Alumni Association.*

*Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President these past three years. Although I was reluctant to take on this task, I have enjoyed it. To our students, scholarship recipients and our distinguished alumni, much success in the future.*

*Dorothy Nicolau '55  
President  
Durfee Alumni Association*

## ALUMNI -

### WE Need to Hear From You!

Because the changes to our Website and email account were not included in the 2014 Chimes we are continuing to mail The Chimes for 2015 to aid those who have not responded. We want to thank all of you who replied to our request letting us know you wish to continue receiving The Chimes, and to those who notified us of deceased members or incorrect addresses. Please complete the form on page 11 and return it in the enclosed envelope or contact the Association by email or telephone with your decision. The telephone number is 508.675.8100 ext. 2061. Our email is [durfeealumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:durfeealumniassociation@gmail.com). If the Association does not receive a response, we will assume that you no longer wish to receive The Chimes. Alternatively, The Chimes may be viewed at the Durfee Alumni website [www.durfeealumniassociation.com](http://www.durfeealumniassociation.com).

Remember that your five dollars (\$5.00) dues or your contribution to The Red & Black Club (\$25.00 minimum per person) is applied to the cost of printing and distributing this annual publication. Additionally, money received by The Association supports scholarships to deserving graduates as well as Durfee High School student and alumni activities.

# 2014 Scholarship Recipient List

"The Richard B. Butler, M.D. & Milton J. Gilbert, M.D. Scholarship" to.....	Nicole L. Alves*
"Isabelle O'Neil, Class of 1938" & "Marion Pitman Rounseville" to .....	Kasey E. Andrade*
"Beverly Kerness Unger Scholarship" & "William F. Kaylor" & "Ernest P. & Georgina Pavao Memorial Scholarship" to .....	Jonathan M. Curtis
"Susanne Earnshaw & Jean Earnshaw Plouff" to.....	Alexander S. DaCosta
"Mitchell Stashkow" & "Wilford K. & Ruth Hunsaker Bradbury" to .....	Chuelsia T. deCarvalho
Julia M. Harrington & Henry J. Shea Educators Scholarship Fund" & "Class of 1944" to .....	Alysha M. DeHass
"Class of 1922" & "Felix Makarewicz Memorial Scholarship Fund & Alice Pizio Kosiba - Class of 1936" & "Emily E. Winward" to .....	Tharima Ferdausi
"Todd Branco Scholarship Fund" & "John A. & Eileen Carr" to .....	Beatriz S. Furtado
"Beatrice Capeto Memorial Scholarship" to.....	Meaghan P. Koskella*
"B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney" & "Jerome Namias Scholarship" to .....	Danielle E. MacDonald
"Franklin D. Hoy & Margaret B. Hoy, Class of 1932 Scholarship In Memory of Dr. Frank Hoy, DDS, Tufts University & Dr. Joseph Hoy, DDS, University of Maryland" to .....	Nicholas A. Mello
"Anne Biltcliffe Duarte Memorial Scholarship - Class of 1971" to .....	Carson L. Moreira-Rego*
"Ralph N. & Dorothy S. Friar" & "Joseph C. & Arlene Trottier Perron" & "B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - Ellis Gifford" to .....	Amber M. Nelson
"Ruth A. Holmes" & "Devoll Scholarships" & "William E. & George J. Apps" to .....	Cherazod M. Paredes*
"Harold R. Bannister in memory of James Edward Bannister and Catherine Manning Bannister" to .....	Andre M. Pereira
"Thomas C. Larney Memorial Scholarship" to .....	Nicholas M. Raposo
"Stephen & Margaret Nawrocki" to .....	Amanda L. Ray*
"Grimshaw-Budewicz Memorial Charitable Trust Scholarship" & "Harold Katzman" to .....	Leyshonna J. Reed
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"Karen A. Jarabek" to.....	Megan K. Rockett
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"Karen A. Jarabek" to.....	James P. Souza
"Alice C. Harrington '34 Scholarship" & "Hon. Beatrice H. Mullaney Memorial Scholarship" & "B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - Hon. Roger F. Sullivan" to .....	Miranda M. Zenni

\*Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation Grant

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Collias, President and Claudine A. Cloutier, Treasurer

Trustees of the Fall River High School Alumni Scholarships

## Previous Distinguished Alumni Recipients

1961 Malcolm P. Aldrich..... '18	1985 James J. Hammond ..... '26	2003 Morton Dean Dubitsky ..... '53
1962 Bishop James L. Connolly ..... '13	1986 Richard M. Rosenberg ..... '48	2003 James F. O'Hearn ..... '53
1963 Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq..... '05	1987 Thomas J. Brown ..... '42	2004 Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews ..... '54
1964 Edward B. Hanify, Esq. .... '29	1988 Frank S. Feitelberg ..... '24	2004 Ernest Moniz..... '62
1965 Dr. John C. Corrigan..... '21	1989 James Dean ..... '50	2005 Lucille Roussel Hadley..... '36
1966 Myer N. Sobiloff ..... '24	1990 William H. Gaudreau ..... '46	2005 Daniel Bogan ..... '51
1967 Essis Gifford ..... '02	1991 Marcel P. Joseph ..... '53	2006 Hon. William C. Carey ..... '42
1968 Jerome Namias..... '28	1992 William K. Reilly ..... '58	2006 John Moriarty ..... '48
1969 Helen Winward Brown ..... '03	1993 Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF .... '38	2007 Arthur A. Teixeira ..... '62
1970 Thomas Rodgers, Jr. .... '30	1994 Hon. Milton R. Silva ..... '40	2007 George Duclos..... '52
1971 John B. Cummings, Esq. .... '08	1994 William F. Powers ..... '48	2008 Col. David W. Gavigan..... '57
1972 Humberto Cardnial Medeiros ..... '37	1995 Hon. Edward F. Harrington ..... '51	2008 Dr. William D. Tompkins..... '39
1973 Ambassador William J. Porter .... '30	1995 Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq. .... '51	2009 Dr. R. Judson Carlberg..... '58
1974 Hon. James P. McGuire ..... '31	1996 Michele Kaufman Rallis ..... '58	2009 Thomas J. Curry..... '60
1975 James A. Nannery ..... '31	1997 Peter G. Collias, Esq. .... '49	2010 Betty M. Welch..... '45
1976 Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney . '23	1998 Mel B. Yoken..... '56	2010 Louise Durfee ..... '48
1977 Gen. Melvin Zais ..... '33	1998 Faust D. Fiore ..... '39	2011 James J. Karam..... '65
1978 Francis L. Gragnani ..... '36	1999 John J. McAvoy ..... '37	2012 Irving H. Picard ..... '59
1979 Robert J. Nagle ..... '28	1999 Dr. John T. Harrington ..... '54	2012 Joseph F. Sabik, MD..... '79
1980 Hon. Mary J. Fonseca ..... '32	2000 William F. Long, Jr. .... '44	2013 John J. Fletcher, MD..... '53
1981 Dr. Roger N. Violette ..... '25	2000 Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr. .... '38	2013 Reena Deutsch, PhD ..... '68
1982 Florence C. Brigham ..... '17	2001 Lester W. Cory ..... '56	2013 Ruth Moss..... '50
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1983 Bayless Manning ..... '40	2002 Kenneth L. Nathanson ..... '42	
1984 Phillip Sacknoff ..... '35	2002 James H. Smith ..... '47	

**To nominate a Durfee Graduate for the Distinguished Alumni Award, please fill out and return the form on Page 11.**



## *Dr. Schwartz Biography continued*

Some of his awards include Community Clinician of the year 2004, Massachusetts Medical Society, and "Top 25 Docs" Boston Magazine 1988, (one of the top 25 primary care physicians in Massachusetts). Dr. Schwartz is currently an Internist and Gerontologist, Division of Internal Medicine, Truesdale Internal Medical Specialties Association, a division of SouthCoast and is Medical Director, Sarah S. Brayton Nursing Care Center, Fall River, MA. Dr. Schwartz is on the Board of Directors, Truesdale Clinic, Fall River, Trustee, Southeast Visiting Nurse Assoc., Board of Trustees, Bristol Community College Fall River, MA, and Board of Governors, Southcoast Physicians Services.

### *Over 60 years have passed since ...*

readers of the Wednesday, June 16, 1954, edition of the Fall River Herald News (Herald News) were greeted by a quotation from the famous Greek philosopher, Aristotle, proclaiming, "Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity." The hypothesis that life's journey differs among us, humanity tells us that we have all experienced varying degrees of each in our lives. Quite appropriate for graduation day, these words would appear immediately above the famed Fall River, "We'll Try" logo on the front page masthead.

No less than three pages of the Herald News would reveal and report the events of our Class Day and Commencement exercises, to include two photographs and a lead story on the front page. The prominent article quoted our commencement speaker, Dr. James Pickwell Adams, a nationally-known educator and former vice president of Brown University, as urging, "...continued dedication to the basic elements of American democracy of law--freedom, justice and truth...these have been the source of inspiration for words which are the touchstones of our beliefs." The basis of our society, he declared, depends on continued defense of and respect of the individual, respect of law and order, love of truth and love of the garden variety of decency in human affairs. He advised us to keep our feet on the ground and to hold fast to our democratic ideals. Idealistic, perhaps, but these words and advice were most pertinent, as we were about to enter the world after high school.

The early '50s saw us embraced and embodied in international, political and social change. Capturing the media attention during our first three years would be a daily dialogue of events relating to the "conflict" in Korea. By graduation the sensationalism of war-related headlines had diminished since September 6, 1950, the first day of our ninth-grade year (among others, in addition to the freshman class at Durfee, the sum of 405 students would graduate from Henry Lord and Morton Junior High Schools on June 18, 1951, to bolster the strength of our sophomore class). This coverage would decrease in our senior year and methodically be denigrated as a subject of interest through July 27, 1954, one year following the signing of the armistice--the end of the active Korean War era. In the midst of our years at Durfee, some classmates would heed the call to serve their country, enter active military service and ultimately return to Durfee in later years. Examples include the Boscoe brothers (Bob and John), Bob Pontes and Phil Sowa, all graduating with the class of 1957.

A success ethic prevailed and social psychologists would describe as dormant the years following graduation and preceding the Vietnam War (1954-1964); however, sprouting up in the southern heartland of the country was the birth of a musical and some would suggest a social revolution. Just weeks before and after graduation the sparks were lit igniting a phenomenon that we would not become aware of for months to come but for the

sound track accompanying the 1955 release of the movie, Blackboard Jungle. On April 12, 1954, Bill Haley and the Comets recorded Rock Around the Clock. Less than three months later on July 5, a 19-year-old Elvis Presley would record his first hit record, That's All Right (Mama). Both songs along with earlier artists' music have been credited with starting the musical and cultural phenomenon known as Rock 'n Roll. It is said to have typified a whole new generation who wanted to go out and have a good time and wanted their own music and style--it gave teenagers their own identity. In contrast to the music we listened to in our early-to-mid teens, this sound has better survived the years and many of us enjoy reminiscing today with the music of the "fabulous '50s."

Words spoken and written in song tell us that, "...a fool will lose tomorrow reaching back for yesterday. Then I guess I'll be a fool forever. I'll always reach for yesterday." We all don't have to reach for yesterday in our daily lives, but we're enveloped by our youth as we reunited with classmates and friends in celebrating our 60th-year reunion. Happily, we did reach a little that weekend and added it to our bank of fond memories.

This author-fool is enamored with the nostalgia of yesterday for a myriad of reasons and routinely reaches for it. COME JOIN ME SOMETIME!

***Ron Silvia, Class of 1954***

# OVER THE HILL GANG

*By Charles Pelissier Class of 1949*

The Class of 1935 at BMC Durfee High School was recognized as having many outstanding athletes, some of which went on to distinguish themselves in professional sports. They had a special bond between them that resulted in lifetime friendships. It was such, that men like Ray Greeley, Clem Dowling, Hank Harrington and other athletes pledged to remain in contact despite the fact that life would take them on a variety of paths.

They formed a pact that no matter where they went, at least every other month, they would return to Fall River to meet, trade news, and maintain friendships that had grown over their High School years.

As the months and years flew by, their group grew in numbers. May I bring my brother-in-law? May a good friend join us? Everyone was not an ex athlete but that was not important. There was that important bond that came from being Durfee grads.

Almost unbelievably, the numbers grew. Hank Harrington took it upon himself to coordinate arrangements at various restaurants.

At one point, membership grew to almost 800 members. As the men got older, the group became known as The Over The Hill Gang. It was not unusual for upwards of 400 men to sit down together at White's of Westport or at the Venus de Milo Restaurant for a pre-arranged meal and a whole lot of conversation, reminiscing, "exchanging lies" and generally having fun.

The large numbers made it a challenge to keep track of who were coming, meal selections and collecting money. Hank Harrington who had assumed the task of coordinating the events had no time to eat himself. That's about the time I was invited to join. I offered to use what little computer skills I had to simplify things and I was happy to offer Hank a chance to sit with his friends for a welcomed change.

The original beloved friends have long since joined a new team, where we all hope they are playing sports, competing, and dining with their gentlemen colleagues.

The club they started continues to this day.

If any gentleman is interested in joining this illustrious gang, and having a delicious meal together with some old friends you probably went to school with, please call me, Charlie, at 508-672-4325 or email me at [chaspills@comcast.net](mailto:chaspills@comcast.net). Members may bring in friends.

Members look forward to our meetings, which are over in about an hour. There are no long speeches, no big ceremonies, just men who enjoy getting out every couple of months for a friendly meal and good conversation. On days when more than 200 attend, a drawing is held and some lucky attendee wins \$100.

We always have a moment of silence for those who, too often these days, join the originators of our group.

## THE TRADITION OF THE DURFEE BELLS

For those who graduated from BMC Durfee High School prior to 1978, any mention of the Durfee bells brings forth the memory of the tenor bell being tolled 29 times at 8: 10 a.m., every day that classes were in session. There are several versions of how this tradition was initiated, but it is reasonably certain that it continued mostly uninterrupted for generations until the building on Rock Street was closed in 1978.

One story of how the tradition began, which is as plausible as any, is that a friend of Matthew Durfee, employed by

the high school as a custodian, when instructed to ring the bell to signal the start of the school day, chose to ring it 29 times in commemoration of the number of years his friend had lived.

In the 1920s, automated equipment took over the task of pulling the big steel cable at the appropriate time each day. Sometime in the early 1950s, the automated equipment failed, and for a time, the tradition was interrupted. In the mid 1960s, a faculty member, Winifred Durfee Dimock, Class of 1955, rose to the occasion, and for the next two decades she tolled the tenor bell 29 times each morning by repeatedly pressing one of axe-handle like levers on the clavier that was located in the tower directly under the bells. She

not only tolled the bell each morning, but she played the bells, especially on Class Day and Commencement, and she instructed a select cadre of student bell masters in the art of playing the bells as well. Several former students, including Reverend Norman Shepherd, Class of 1951, and Karen Cruz Delgado, Class of 1979, tell the story of playing the bells to their hearts' content, sometimes for an hour or more at the end of the school day.

However, in the minds of many, the real tradition of the bells involved the last minute dash from Rock Street to one's homeroom. Students knew that if they were in their seat by the 29th strike of the bell, they were on time.

**INTERESTING ALUMNI INFORMATION** - We are always looking for news that would be of interest to our Alumni. You are encouraged to send anything newsworthy for publication in the "CHIMES". Be sure to include who is sending the information and how you may be contacted.

Send your stories to: Durfee "Chimes" Alumni Association - P O Box 9656 - Fall River, MA 02720-0011



# 2014 - 2015 Red and Black Club Membership

**1921**  
Grace Copeland - Memoriam  
**1923**  
John V. Donnelly - Memoriam  
**1924**  
Juliette (Monks) Servis  
**1928**  
Doris (Edwards) Downey  
**1933**  
James A. Partridge - Memoriam  
**1935**  
Helen (Barker) Howard  
**1936**  
Nathaniel Dashoff  
Lucille (Roussell) Hadley - Memoriam  
Alice (Pizio) Kosiba  
1937  
Paul P. Dunn, M.D.  
Martha (Durand) McVey  
John J. Mosley  
**1938**  
Chester - Memoriam Bednarz  
James W. Carroll  
Joseph M. Gosselin, Maj. USAF, Ret.  
Kathleen (Robinson) Lawlor  
**1939**  
Eleanor (Wilkinson) Andrews  
Ella (Fazzinia) Despres  
Faust D. Fiore  
**1940**  
Lucy (Torchia) Campos  
Elizabeth (Wong) Chung  
Margaret (Shaw) Dougherty  
Rita (Gauvin) Levitre  
William F. McCarthy  
Vernon O. Mills, USN Ret.  
Lester Schwartz  
Hon. Milton R. Silva Silva, Ret.  
**1941**  
Alice (Marques) Andrews  
Evelyn (Manchester) August  
James F. Carroll  
Dorothy Clorite, Lt. Col. Army Nurse, Ret.  
Abraham Ehrenhaus  
Eldredge H. Leeming  
William B. McIlwaine  
Rita (Denicourt) Pearson  
Louise (Cottell) Robinson  
Graham L. Shovilton  
Anne (Pizio) Sullivan-Glasco  
Beverly (Kerness) Unger  
**1942**  
Geraldine (Franklin) Barrow  
Robert H. Clifton, M. D.  
Rina (Battistoni) Fisher  
Dorothy (Byron) Perkins  
Paul T. Perkins - Memoriam  
**1943**  
Sumner Alpert  
George A. Bedard  
Lionel H. Boucher  
Manuel P. Costa  
Dorothy (Mockas) Hough  
Virginia (Czerwonka) Howarth  
Humbert (Marco) Lopes  
Frank P. Mello  
Donald P. O'Neil  
Maria (Mello) Tomalonis  
Mildred (Benevides) Toulan  
Joan Twaddle  
A. Vernon Wild - Memoriam  
**1944**  
Omer L. Bergeron  
M. June (Hill) Falvo  
Daniel J. Love  
Madeline (Flynn) Tozowski  
**1945**  
Robert N. Brightman  
Shirley (Ayer) Correiro  
Donald M. Cripps  
Phyllis (Horvitz) Friedman  
Stanley Janczura  
William E. Matte  
Roger J. McCann  
Judith (Kahn) Sanders  
Daciano W. Stone  
William J. Torpey  
Betty (Munro) Welch  
**1946**  
Janice (Tate) Anderson  
Rosalyne (Spindel) Bernstein  
Roger J. Boulay, MD  
Virginia (Kelley) Carey  
Mary (Tavares) Cordeiro  
Robert A. Deane  
Norma (Gifford) Finglas

Paul Fletcher  
William H. Gaudreau  
George L. Gesner  
Donald H. Hall  
Louise (Castonguay) Hatch  
Florence (Mellor) Hook  
Muriel (Girard) Lafamme  
Janice (Larivee) Morrell  
James A. Mullins  
James F. Nichols, MD  
Peter Pacheco  
Rosann (Barrett) Patota  
Elizabeth (Pacheco) Strongo  
Rodney D. Titcomb  
Juliette (Talbot) Whitehead  
**1947**  
Sally Cutter-McGinn  
Josephine C. Dawicki  
Clarisse (Dupont) Deane  
Carol (Radovsky) Green  
Joseph F. Henry  
Margaret (Mattezos) Krick  
Robert H. Lincoln  
Elaine (Walmsley) Manchester  
Robert D. Newton  
Leona (Guidotti) Ribeiro  
Mary (Bradury) Sewell  
James H. Smith, US Magistrate Judge Ret.  
Dr. Stanley F. Stafiej  
**1948**  
Russell E. Abbott  
Doris (Allen) Blankley  
Jeanne (Boissoneau) Collias  
Louise Durfee  
Meredith (Pearson) Eastman  
Gladys (Jaworski) Gaj  
Lillian (Zajac) Guimond  
Robert A. Mac Ayeal  
Yvette (Cauette) Miner - Memoriam  
John J. Moriarty  
William R. O'Neil  
Elizabeth (Ryan) Polder  
Dennis Rezendes  
Alice (Morley) Rea  
Richard M. Rosenberg  
Roger L. Roussell  
Alfred J. Smialek  
Cremile (Torres) Stavros  
Marjorie (King) Tache  
**1949**  
Henry J. Augustine  
Peter G. Esq. Collias  
Francis W. Como  
Anthony G. D'Adamo  
Joan (Pemberton) Daley  
Peter P. DePaola  
Theodore Faryniarz  
John A. Fazzina  
Janice (Phillips) Fiedler  
Harold W. Flynn  
Arlene (MacDuff) Holland  
Paul R. Kelleher  
Elizabeth (Willims) Marsden  
Helen (Warden) Martins  
Louise (Pierce) McCarthy  
Reva (Wernick) Newfield  
Ralph J. Pickup  
Gerald Sandler  
Edwin Shivell  
Anne (Patten) Sylvia  
Julia (Silvia) Tessnear  
**1950**  
Gabrielle (Gaucher) Abbott  
James R. Allen  
Mary Lou (Walkden) Banks  
Robert J. Berube  
Gordon J. Dean  
Wesley J. Fastiff  
Professor Steven R. Goldberg  
Laura (Ramos) Gracia  
Joan I. Gray, USAF, NC, Ret.  
Capt Paul B. Grozen, USN, Ret.  
Alice (Fernandes) Hayden  
Harold Katzman, USAF, Col. Ret.  
Shirley (Ratte) Luongo  
Louis B. Martins  
Francis B. McAndrew  
Jane (Laroque) Morse  
Ruth Moss  
Florence (Serafin) Richardson  
Barbara (Cohen) Rosenberg  
Donald F. Taylor  
Arthur J. Thiboeau  
Velma L. Travers  
Carolyn (Capstack) Tuovinen  
Janice (Kay) Warren

**1951**  
Edward S. Cunningham  
Beverly (Wild) Daley  
LTC Santi Diruzza, USA, Ret.  
Eli N. Dondis  
Patricia (Roderick) Forcier  
Carol (Durfee) Fraser  
Maria (Cuthbert) Greenhorn  
Janet (Domer) Harrington  
Irene (Podolski) Hambley  
Robert J. Hayden, Jr.  
Elva (Bertoncini) Kanakry  
John Kuttner, USAF, Ret.  
Carolyn (Holt) Lafreniere  
Marceline (Bertolini) Medeiros  
Joseph E. Mullaney  
William Munro  
Chester T. Nuttall, Jr.  
Franklin D. Raposa  
Earl Sanft  
Peter A. Sarantakis  
Dr. William A. Seymour  
Norman R. Shepherd  
Everett J. Smith  
Charles D. Somers  
Angelo A. Stavros  
Doris M. Thornton  
Stephen S. Trond  
**1952**  
Dorothy (Kelly) Arruda  
Joan (Winslow) Buhrendorf  
Atty. Thomas F. Burke  
Shirley (Kakdosz) Cavanaugh  
Wilma (Taylor) Cleveland  
Hazel (Langton) Costa  
Pauline (Levesque) Cyr  
Albert E. Dean  
Lawrence A. Donnelly  
George R. Duclos  
Gerald Fallon  
Deborah (Radovsky) Finn  
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Mary (Ryan) Janczura  
Janet (Paquin) Kotlarski  
Joseph Kotlarski  
Natalie (Wilson) Lafleur  
Doris (Belford) Lehrner  
Judith (Campeau) Liles  
Robert B. McMahon  
Manuel V. Medeiros  
William L. O'Hare  
Dino Polselli  
Mario S. Polselli  
Thomas Powers  
Jacqueline (Zubat) Remus  
Henry A. Robinson  
Marilyn (Morin) Roderick  
Helen (Bohun) Schultz  
Dr. Ronald A. Schwartz  
Anne (Foley) Sewell  
Phyllis B. Shapiro  
Joan (Ross) Smith  
Rona (Bernstein) Solberg  
Nancy (Pollock) Stavis  
Noreen (Curt) Sullivan  
Muriel (Briggs) Wachlin  
**1953**  
Norma (Pereira) Atkinson  
Charles S. Bailey  
Fred Buda  
Ann (Wojmar) Burke  
Virginia (Gardella) Burke  
Edwina (Serafin) Cummings  
Michael P. Daley  
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Dr. John J. Fletcher  
Constance (Levesque) Kamasiewicz  
Eleanor (Dubiel) Kippax  
Beverly (Barlow) McCutchan  
Elizabeth (Bergeron) McMahon  
Carolyn (Britto) Murray  
Joan (Powers) Pacia  
Ronald R. Richard  
Shirley (Clinton) Roden  
Richard F. Souza  
Clifford N. Taylor  
**1954**  
Alan Andrews  
The Rev. Shirley (Scoles) Andrews  
Nancy (Cowan) Arruda  
Arnold Bennett  
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Robert L. Goddu  
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Gordon J. Jennings  
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Raul Martins  
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Cecilia (Pereira) Mull  
Stephen J. Nawrocki  
Wendell Ogdon  
George H. Petrin  
Bruce B. Place  
Dr. Joel Potash  
Patria (Henaire) Richard  
Ronald Rodrigues  
James M. Twaddle  
Carol (Krasnow) Schwartz  
Lorraine (Dube) Silva  
Col. Ronald Silvia, USAF, Ret.  
Francis J. Sullivan  
Major W. Wheelock  
David H. Wordell  
**1955**  
Blanche (Cadoret) Adams  
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Carole (Wishart) Anderson  
William A. Beaulieu  
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Robert Borge  
Gene Botelho  
Pauline (Kottarski) Davis  
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Winifred (Durfee) Dimock  
Mary (Cavanagh) Dollard  
Charles H. Gesner  
Harry B. Golding  
Frances (BuBa) Graves  
Janet (Spence) Greenwood  
Trudy (Hargraves) Harrington  
Robert E. Hillman  
Robert Hoole  
Viola (Borden) Jenks  
Robert M. Keshbura  
Nancy (Reed) Leary  
L. Joseph Lovit  
Joan (Linhares) Mello  
Atty. Howard M. Miller  
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Rhoda (Kaplan) Pierce  
Stanley W. Sokoloff  
Donald K. Smith  
Beverly (Tierney) Tansey  
John E. B. Tuttle  
Gerald P. Violette  
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Paul A. Borkman  
Patricia (Furze) Cassidy  
Dr. Robert F. Chapman  
Nancy (Cooperstein) Charney  
Lester W. Cory  
Douglas Crook  
Claude Desjardins  
Nancy (Holt) Ellis  
Janice Farrell  
Hebert Feldman  
Lorraine (Langlais) Forcier  
Howar E. Gold  
Diane (Bernstein) Greenstein  
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Delores (Franco) McGarr  
Eileen (Galego) Medeiros  
Beverly (Soja) Nawrocki  
Janice (Nichols) O'Brien  
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Wayne P. Smith  
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Lionel B. Spiro  
Jeanette (Wood) Wirz  
Lois (Duckworth) Wordell

Dr. Mel B. Yoken  
**1957**  
Belisario Almeida  
Richard A. Araujo  
Sandra (Friar) Arsenaault  
Alice (Guillemette) Bransfield  
David M. Burns  
Donald Carvalho  
Harvey I. Chafitz  
Irene (Murray) Clark  
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Lt. Col. Patrick J. Donovan, USAF, Ret.  
Pauline (Ferreira) Garnett  
Col. David W. Gavigan  
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Randy Horn  
Bruce E. Hutchinson  
Ellie (Fozzard) Kreassig  
Louis E. Lataif, Ph D  
Charles H. Martin  
Joseph Medeiros  
Norm A. Miville  
Kenneth R. Murray  
Bessie (Jamoulis) Pagonis  
Robert J. Pontes  
Ann (Lane) Ryan  
H. Bradlee Smith  
Margaret (Nawrocki) Sullivan  
Paula (Suldsky) Sultan  
Francis P. Wilson  
Lynne (Riley) Wilson  
Mary Ann Wordell  
Geraldine (Callahn) Wise  
**1958**  
Antone Benevides, Jr.  
Dorothy (Frain) Blais  
Margaret (Foley) Deston  
Genevieve (Camara) Driscoll  
Judith (Longshaw) Fino  
Thomas R. Flynn  
Ann (Boyko) Gannon  
William C. Griffiths  
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Patricia (Pelton) Medeiros  
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Rev. Leo Polselli, C.S.C.  
Michele(Kaufman) Rallis  
Russell E. Robertson  
Judith (Grinnell) Sanford  
Manuel Silvia  
Walter R. Silvia  
Jeffrey S. Trust  
Donna (Smith) Welensky  
**1959**  
Leilani (Merten) Allen  
Henry J. Attar  
Nancy (Manchester) Bennett  
Muriel (Burns) Bodington  
Patricia (McCoy) Borkman  
Phillip Coelho  
Robert C. Durfee  
Merle Farrington  
Carol S. Friar  
Barbara (Czapiga) Gajda  
June (Tavers) Gagnon  
William H. Goddard  
Douglas A. Gray, Jr.  
George L. Gray  
Polly (Tickle) Hearn  
Robert Hughes  
Richard W. Koon  
Mary (Clark) Levine  
David H. Lopes  
Patricia (Wilson) McDonald  
Claire (Leary) McMahon  
Marie (Pereira) Medeiros  
Irving H. Picard  
Phyllis (Oliveira) Pingley  
Clorinda Ventura  
Suzanne (Guillotte) Vitale  
**1960**  
Beverly (St. Laurent) Abegg  
Charles Auclair  
Michael T. Black  
Clark E. Broden  
Jo Ann (Case) Carvalho

Richard B. Croteau  
Carolyn (Sullivan) Curry  
Thomas J. Curry  
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John Kinkead  
Mary-Louise (Soares) Mancini  
Lois (Murphy) McMullin  
Mary Agnes (Pelton) Murphy  
Dolores (Botelho) Silva  
Robert D. Goldin  
Richard Warren  
Sandra (Stocklinski) Watter  
Zen Williston, Ph. D  
**1961**  
Kenneth Barton  
Norman Bleau  
Rayna (Maltais) Cipollini  
Eugene Czepiel  
Susan (Bouley) Flynn  
Thomas C. Gibson  
James A. Golen  
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William S. Hathaway Jr.  
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**1962**  
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Roger G. Lepage  
Joseph A. Caldeira  
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Karen (Leyland) Jackson  
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Gregory A. Pelagio  
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Janet (Spence) Ringuest  
Joyce B. Rodrigues  
G. Milton Ryan  
Barbara (Goltz) Sheer  
Ayres J. Souza  
Arthur A. Teixeira  
David W. Turner  
Robert L. Williston  
**1963**  
Edward C. Berube  
James M. Blackburn  
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Penny (Berger) Glunts  
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Barbara (Clark) Kay  
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Theresa A. Ryan  
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Bahira H. Sugarman  
Michael J. Sullivan  
**1964**  
Douglas R. Baer  
Joseph Brum  
Joyce (Wilson) Dessert  
Ernest H. Dessert  
Angelina (Duarte) Gastall  
James M. Gibney  
Robert R. Greeson  
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Henry L. Pineau  
Michael L. Shand  
Bernadette (Dionne) Silvia  
Dr. Anne (Polselli) Sweet  
Charlotte (Costa) Thomas  
Gerald E. Vaillancourt  
**1965**  
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E. Susan (Speier) Garsh  
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Paul A. Montour  
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Joyce Perry  
Russell C. Walters  
Irving Zangwill  
**1966**  
Christina (Mello) Ajemian  
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Douglas G. Clarke  
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Paul Ferreira  
Jean (Pitera) Halligan  
Marilyn (Furtado) Harris  
Bonnie (MacLaughlin) Heap  
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Roger G. Lepage  
Dr. Richard N. Levrault  
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Rev. MSGR Jeremiah J. McGrath  
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Robert E. Pavao, D.D.S.  
Paula (Gallagher) Perry  
Stephend D. Perry  
Paula (Allison) Pizio  
Elizabeth (Ferreira) Schneider  
Edward Silvia  
Sandra J. Souza  
Robert Taylor  
**1967**  
Henry A. Chamberlain  
Anne E. Donnelly  
Jose G. Noversa  
James M. Smith  
Ada (Jackson) Wilder  
**1968**  
Susan (Booth) Avery  
Ronald J. Bettencourt  
Edward Botelho  
Susan (Pacheco) Buchan  
Reena Deutsch, Ph D  
Atty. Thomas J. Donnelly  
Lois (Avila) Wilding  
**1969**  
Joann R. Deutsch  
Virginia A. Handfield  
Ann Harkin  
Joanne (Dusoe) Marshall  
Joan Reid  
Richard S. Schwartz  
Robert P. Thomas  
George West  
**1970**  
Mary (Swist) Clement  
Judith Conrad  
Jeanne (Pereira) DeMarco  
Christine (Jean) Gibney  
Sheila Kelly-Chace  
Anne McPartland  
Paul Payton  
Jenney L. Ryan  
Dr. Barbara (Bishop) Sandusky

**1972**  
Wayne T. Borge  
Linda E. Greer  
Joan (Harkin) La Coss  
Kris E. Roberts  
Sheryl A. Ryan, MD  
**1973**  
Henry J. Boudreau, Jr.  
John R. Morris  
**1974**  
Christine (Pelletier) Allen  
Eloise (Lauzier) Carrier  
Roberta (Fillippi) Schneller  
James Vallencourt  
Barbara (Urban) Walsh  
**1975**  
Kevin Dopart  
Michael P. Duarte  
Joan (Motta) Eline  
Carol (Rivard) Geller  
Jeffrey E. Ledoux  
Debra (Perry) Ozug  
Susan (Ogden) Pavao  
Jane Piotrowski  
**1976**  
Michael O. Feldman  
Justin F. Paulo  
Gale (Souza) Powers  
Carol (Nerenberg) Saltzman  
**1977**  
Jane A. Murphy  
Margaret E. O'Neil  
Shirley A. Tobol  
**1978**  
Holly J. Bronhard  
Paul F. D'Adamo  
Lisa (Lundy) Kusnitz  
Colleen (Walsh) Taylor  
**1979**  
Richard C. Barek  
Roberta A. Bonifacio  
Sharon (Bogan) Quinn  
Kathleen (Araujo) Shannon  
**1980**  
Patricia (Nawrocki) Murphy  
Wanda (Cabral) Myers  
Barbara (Medeiros) Williams  
**1981**  
Joseph R. Costa  
Antone Lima  
Jane (Kravitz) Shelton  
**1982**  
Jane (Feitelberg) Mackeen  
Lisa (Teixeira) Medeiros  
David P. Nicolau  
Susan (Faria) Nicolau  
Antonio E. Sousa  
**1983**  
Deneen Cloutier  
William A. Gagliardi  
Timothy G. Kelly  
Francis (Chico) Kuhn  
Clara (DeAlmeida) Regan  
William A. Suneson  
**1984**  
Alison (Hornsby) Chaltas  
**1985**  
Lisa (McGinn) Canuel  
Alexander Panos  
**1986**  
Gary P. Howayeck, PC  
**1987**  
Anne (Pacheco) Allen  
Danielle M. Pavao  
Delia Vieira-Cruz  
**1988**  
Claudine A. Cloutier  
J. Barry McDonald, Jr.  
**1989**  
Karen (Cinquini) Fischetti  
**1991**  
Danielle Roussel  
**1993**  
Lisa Raiche  
**1994**  
Nancy Furtado  
**1995**  
Christine E. Silva  
**1996**  
Barden H. Castro  
**1997**  
Paul G. DaSilva  
**2003**  
Barret Castro  
Marion (Appel) Simon

## **DURFEE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2014**

FALL RIVER — The Durfee High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2014 includes a set of twins, a former professional baseball player, the current director of athletics at Durfee and a member of the school's first family of swimming.

Seven former Durfee athletes, as well as a special inductee, have been selected for induction, which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13, at White's of Westport.

For the first time, the induction ceremony is being held in the fall, helping to make it a weekend celebration. The Class of 2014 will be honored during halftime of the Durfee vs. Bishop Connolly football game on Friday, Sept. 12, at Mac Aldrich Field.

The newest Durfee HOF selections are: Nancy Kitchen (Class of 1986), Victor Pereira (1984), Colin Christ (1996), Chris Antao (1998), Timothy Furtado (1989), Cathleen (Farrell) Feldman (1973), Christine (Farrell) Feldman (1973) and Dr. James D. Coleman.

### **NANCY KITCHEN, Class of 1986**

The second member of the her family to be selected for Hall of Fame induction, she achieved great individual and team success for the Hilltoppers. The sister of Hall of Famer Susan (Kitchen) Brown, Kitchen was team MVP her last three years. She helped Durfee to a 10-0 conference record her junior year and was a top-three finisher in the 100 and 200 freestyles at the sectionals. Her senior year, she was second in the 100 free and fourth in the 100 back at the sectional meet and took a sixth place in the state meet, all while serving as a virtual player-coach after the head coach resigned unexpectedly. Recipient of the school's top scholar-athlete award as a senior, Kitchen held the Durfee pool record in the 500 freestyle for more than two decades.

### **COLIN CHRIST, Class of 1996**

Christ was clearly among the area's premier athletes during his time at Durfee. He played three years varsity in both football and basketball. On the football field, Christ was a pass-catching, bone-crunching blocker. He shone even brighter at defensive end,

where he earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Connecticut. He was a two-time Herald News all scholastic, a three-time Big 3 Conference all star and played in the prestigious Shriners Game in '96. Christ was an agile power forward on the basketball court, and threw shot and discus in spring track and field for two years.

### **CHRISTINE (FARRELL) FELDMAN, Class of 1973**

The first recipient (technically co-recipient with her sister) of the Lillian Darmody Trophy as female athlete of the year, Farrell was a three-sport standout for coaches Margot Lavoie (volleyball, softball) and Beverly Cambra (basketball). She earned a varsity letter in all three sports in all three years. In 1972, she helped to lead the Hilltopper basketball team into the South Sectional playoffs. A well-rounded student-athlete, she was a member of the Varsity Club for three years and was the sports editor for the Durfee Hilltop in 1972-73.

### **CATHLEEN (FARRELL) FELDMAN, Class of 1973**

Like her twin sister Christine, Cathleen Feldman was a three-sport standout, lettering in volleyball, basketball and softball in all three years. She shared the first Lillian Darmody Trophy, as female athlete of the year, with her sister. She also was team captain in all three sports her senior year after serving as basketball captain in her junior season. A guard, she helped the Hilltoppers to the Bristol County League basketball title in 1972 as the team went 10-0. She was on the Varsity Club and was sports editor for the Durfee Hilltop.

### **CHRIS ANTAO, Class of 1998**

High on the list of top wrestlers in school history, Antao in 1998 became the first Hilltopper in 17 years to win a state title when he took first place at 130 pounds at the Division 1 championships. He posted a stellar record of 44-4 in his senior season. Antao left Durfee as its second winningest wrestler, sporting a career record of 109 wins and 24 losses. Also in 1998, Antao was the South Sectional champion, runner up at the All State Meet and third at the New England Championships. A three-time Big 3 Conference all star and a two-time Herald News all scholastic, Antao was part of the first Sacred Heart University wrestling team. He is the varsity wrestling coach at Durfee High School.

### **TIM FURTADO, Class of 1989**

A standout in football, hockey and baseball, Furtado was Durfee's male athlete of the year his senior year. He may be best remembered for baseball, where he was a hard-hitting, strong-armed catcher who often eliminated the opponent's threat of base stealing. As a senior, he batted .435 with four home runs and 31 runs batted in. He lettered three times in baseball and hockey and twice in football, where he was the quarterback. After his Durfee career and a year of prep school, Furtado signed a contract with the Seattle Mariners and played minor league ball in their organization.

### **VICTOR PEREIRA, Class of 1984**

Patience paid off for Pereira, widely regarded as one of the finest point guards in Durfee history. Because of a glut of hoops talent at Durfee during his four years at the school, the 5-foot-6 Pereira had to wait until his senior year to get significant varsity time. Given his chance to start, Pereira emerged as a press-breaking, pin-point-passing, accurate shooting machine to help the Hilltoppers to a 25-0 record and the Division 1 state championship. He followed that with an all-star career at Eastern Connecticut State University, and later played professionally in Portugal and Ireland. Pereira is Durfee's director of athletics. He is a member of the New England Basketball Hall of Fame and the Eastern Connecticut State Hall of Fame.

### **DR. JAMES D. COLEMAN**

A former Fall River resident now residing in South Carolina, Coleman served as Durfee's school and athletic physician from 1989 to 1997. During those 18 years, his devotion and hours of service far exceeded the scope of his appointed duties. An orthopedist, Coleman regularly attended athletic events and was a regular in the halls of Durfee and in its athletic training facility from August to June every school year. He served Durfee when sports medicine and on-field emergency care were fields in their infancy. His greatest contribution may have been in education. He volunteered countless hours to coach and parent education and support, regardless of the size of the organization requesting his presence. Coleman's emphasis was always on the preservation of the health and welfare of any girl or boy who wore the red and black.



## It's Hard To Leave Fall River

By Paul Payton, Class of 1970

Living now in the rural Midwest with a New England accent I am often asked the question, "Where are you from?"

I tell them, Fall River, MA. Surprisingly, some folks actually have heard of Fall River. The usual comment is, "Isn't that where Lizzy Borden lived?" Others who have never traveled back east will ask, "What is it like living in New England?" The other question I get is, "Do you miss it?"

The answer to those questions is that is yes I do miss Fall River. I grew up in the north end of Fall River by North Park and with so many blocks of families surrounding the park, you always had playmates. My best memories of north park were sledding in the winter. With its steep hills we would all pile onto a toboggan and zoom down often falling off and crashing into the deep snow from the blizzard the night before closing the schools for that day. It was a wonderland.

In the summer, going to Horseneck Beach was literally, a day at the Beach. It was prior to cars having air conditioning, so all the windows would be open. I remember getting to about the fourth light on Rt. 88 when you could begin to smell the ocean air and that same breeze would fill the car with cooler air. I still have yet to find a nicer beach than Horseneck.

For our family, Fridays were our Chow Mein day. We would often go to the Chinese

restaurant on Brightman St. for a Chow Mein Sandwich. To this day, I still order Chow Mein from the Oriental Chow Mein shop on 8th street. It's still a treat.

I have not been back to Fall River for several years now, but each time that I use to go back I would have to go through my bucket list of foods that I miss so much. First on the list would be a Chorico sandwich, followed by a grinder. Nowhere do they make anything like a Marzilli's or Marcuccis 's grinder. The fresh New England seafood and my local favorite, a stuffed quahog. People in the Midwest would ask me, What's a quahog?" Also if I was able to hit Sam's for a meat pie before I left, then my food quest would be complete.

After leaving Fall River when I was twenty three what I missed the most were the people I had grown up with, most of which were schoolmates beginning at St. Joseph's elementary. I would joke, telling my children of how Sister Mary Vicious would crack my knuckles with the ruler. From there I was off to Morton Jr. High, then Durfee. I graduated with the class of 1970 and remained friends with many of my classmates and teachers. During my senior year I worked in the school's office with Alan Silvia, now a State Representative, Herman Bomback who was a terrific athlete. Herman still runs several baseball leagues in the city, and Laura Tavares. Laura went on to become a doctor, then as fate would have it, she married Herman Bomback.

It was neat to work in the Durfee office. One

of our duties would be to call and check to see if the absent student was home sick and not skipping school. That worked well for your friends who you would mark down that yes, they were home sick when you knew they were off to the beach that day.

Now with email and Facebook, I have reconnected with many of my classmates. It is awesome to catch up and see where life has taken everyone. Just recently, I spoke with Steve Nawrocki. I started by saying, I don't know whether to call you Mr. Nawrocki, Coach, or Steve. Steve, laughed and said, "Just call me Steve." We reminisced about his family's summer cottage on Sawdy Pond. It was that cottage and its squeaky screen door that later on in life I duplicated in the Pocono's Mountains.

Now I live with my wife Cris of 37 years out in the Midwest just outside the small farming community town of Crab Orchard, NE., population 49. Life in rural Nebraska is very peaceful. We have a 1000 vine vineyard, make some wine, enjoy the wine and fish the lake that our house sits next to.

I won't be long until 2015 gets here and I get to see again many of my Durfee classmates at our 45th reunion. You can bet that my trip will include all the local culinary delights that I mentioned.

*Editor's note: The writer is also author of a novel "Ransom by Mail", available on Amazon and Kindle.*



*Doves are released at the Rededication Ceremony of the Durfee Bells signifying their new beginning at the current Durfee High School. The ceremony was held on September 19, 2014.*



*Lester Cory, President (Right) and John Freeman, Vice President (Left) of the Durfee Bells Preservation Society are pictured sharing a satisfied handshake at the Rededication Ceremony for the Durfee Bells. The event was the culmination of ten years work toward their goal.*



*The finished Bell Tower and the crowd that assembled for the rededication ceremony.*



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### Class of 1965 - 50th Year Reunion

Saturday, September 19, 2015 - Dinner at the Fall River Country Club

Information: Contact Steve Camara at [steve@stevecamara.com](mailto:steve@stevecamara.com) or 508-678-1463

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Thursday, August 6, 2015 - 12:00PM-3:00PM

The Cove Restaurant and Marina - 392 Davol St., Fall River

Contact: Steve Nawrocki 509-673-7473 or [Class of 1954@aol.com](mailto:Class of 1954@aol.com)

### Class of 1986 - 30th Reunion

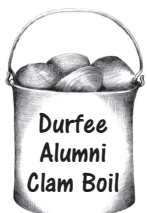
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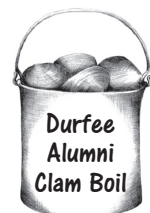
### ***Durfee Alumni Association - Clam Boil***

Fundraiser to benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

Monday, May 18, 2015 - 4:00PM-8:00PM

Lepage's Seafood & Grill - 439 Martine Street, Fall River, MA 02723

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### 2015-2016

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Thank you for taking the time to consider a nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please attach a resume, bio, any newspaper or magazine articles and any other information to the Nomination form. This information is needed to assist the committee. Nominations remain current for a five year period and should be submitted no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 to be considered by the 2015 Selection Board.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation (1980 or earlier) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Making the nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Association? \_\_\_\_\_ Is the Nominee a Member? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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