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## Robert J. Dupere, *An Alaskan Pioneer*

Robert J. Dupere, a 1948 graduate of BMC Durfee High School, found a lifetime of adventure on the road less traveled. In the process, he made significant contributions to the state of Alaska, this year celebrating 50 years of statehood. Alaska beckoned to those pioneers who were able to contribute their intelligence, ingenuity and determination to building a world-class state and overcoming bigger-than-life challenges in the process. Dupere answered this call.

Robert Dupere entered military service on August 2, 1948 and for the next ten years served honorably in the US and Europe, receiving numerous awards and citations for his leadership and contributions. While in active service, Dupere obtained a BS in Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. He was a Finance and Accounting Officer and 1st Lieutenant stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska, when he left active service. After that he spent over 20 years in the Alaska National Guard, retiring as a Colonel in 1982. In 1983 he was promoted, post retirement, to Brigadier General because of his meritorious service. Thereafter, he was nominated by the Governor and appointed by the President as Director of Selective Service Alaska. In 1996, Dupere was awarded a Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Selective Service Director in recognition of his "outstanding service of extraordinary benefit to the nation and the selective service organization."

Once Dupere left active service in 1958, he became Controller-Treasurer for the City of Fairbanks while Alaska was still a territory. In 1961, Governor Egan personally recruited Dupere to join his administration as Commissioner of Administration for the State of Alaska. He was instrumental in implementing modern financial management, accounting, and budgetary procedures in the new



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## Ruth Moss, *International Educator*



Ruth is a 1950 Durfee High School graduate, a 1969 University of Illinois alumnus and was the Honors' Office Nominee for the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. She has also studied toward her MBA at Babson College.

Ruth came to Fall River from New York at the start of 5th grade at the Hugo A. Dubuque Elementary School, followed by the James Madison Morton Junior High and then Durfee. Later, she worked in several downtown businesses and served as the manager of the Bell Shop.

Ruth's secondary education started at Southern Connecticut State College. However, her first career move was to Park Forest, IL, accompanied her husband, who went to work for the Defense Department in Joliet, IL. Ruth transferred and completed her degree at the University of Illinois at Circle Campus, Chicago. She taught 11th and 12th grade English at Beecher High School, Beecher, IL. She later divorced and came back to Fall River to spend a year with the family.

In early 1973, she and her children moved to Israel prior to the start of the Arab-Israeli War. Her 2 daughters, Shoshanna and Ami, lived and studied on a kibbutz while she taught high school English in Tel Aviv in the public schools and privately to embassy diplomats. One of

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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 2014 and to the Durfee Alumni Scholarship recipients. We wish for all of you a bright and prosperous future. Congratulations to our two Distinguished Alumni, Robert J. Dupere class of 1948 and Ruth Moss, class of 1950.*

*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 two years. It's been quite an experience. To our students, scholarship recipients and our distinguished alumni, much success in the future.*

*Dorothy Nicolau '55  
President  
Durfee Alumni Association*

## ALUMNI -

### *We Need Your Input and Support!*

Due to the increased cost of printing the **CHIMES**, the Association needs to be sure that it is being sent to those who want to receive it. See **page 11** and complete the Dues information form. You may also contact the Alumni Association by email or phone with your decision. **If we do not hear from you, it will be understood that you want your name removed from the mailing list.** The **CHIMES** can be viewed at the Alumni Website at [www.durfeealumni.com](http://www.durfeealumni.com). Also you may contact the Alumni office at 508-675-8100 ext 2061 or [alumni@durfeealumni.com](mailto:alumni@durfeealumni.com).

Remember that your \$5.00 dues or contribution to the Red & Black Club 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.

# 2013 Scholarship Recipient List

"Arthur W. Annie M. & Lydia M. Smith" & "Robert A. Richard" to .....	Krystal Araujo
"Harold R. Bannister" & "Alumni" to .....	Bailey Brooks
"Early Scholarship Holders" & "John A. Carvalho" & "William H. Lambert – William Lindsey" & "Alumni" to .....	Shena-Kaye Butler*
"Albert G. Pierce Memorial" & "Class of 1943" to .....	Briana Cabral
"B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association – William H. Barker" & "Nathan & Irene Anthony Chace" & "Oliver S. & Mary E. Hawes" to .....	Kimberly Cabral
"Morris & Ida Horvitz" & "Hugo V. Violette Memorial, Class of 1933 & "Annie Jennings Anthony" to .....	Morgan Cowen*
"Ronald Lamarre Memorial Scholarship Fund" & "Joseph Andrews Scholarship Fund" & "Alumni" to .....	Emmanuel Fernandes
"Richard & Cecile Cloutier Scholarship Fund" to .....	Emily Ferreira
"Helen C. Reddy Memorial Scholarship" & "Edward F. & Rose S. Smith Scholarship" to .....	Olivia Garant
"Eleanor F. McKey" & "Robert L. Ferreira Memorial" to .....	Sakiynah Howard*
"Thomas K. Brindley, Class of 1925 Fund" & "Charles V. Carroll" & "Class of 1928" to .....	Hieu Le*
"Durfee Southern Reunion" to .....	Selina Leboeuf
"Helen Simmons" & "Carmi A. Belmont" to .....	Joshua Leite*
"Elizabeth R. Stevens" & "John S. Brayton" & "Class of 1931" to .....	Joel Martins, Jr.
"Class of 1954" to .....	Kate Massoud
"James H. & Eunice T. Mullen" to .....	Hannah Massoud
"John J. & Elizabeth C. Harrington" to .....	Sarah Medeiros
"Class of 1960" & "Frank C. and Alice R. Chace" & "Class of 1924" & "The Phenix Memorial Scholarship, Carol Mother & Andrew (Class of 1988), Son" to .....	Emily Mello
"Robert J. Nagle & Rita M. Nagle" & "James Madison Morton, 3rd" & "Edward Borden Jennings" to .....	Austin Moniz
"George E. Devoll" & "James A. Brown" & "Class of 1991 Douglas Carvalho & Todd E. Majkut Scholarship" & "Evelyn E. Mason & Nancy J. French" to .....	Andrew Nadeau
"Dr. Joseph M. Rockett Scholarship, Class of 1942" to .....	Ashley Penney*
"Jerome Namias Scholarship Fund" & "Mary A. Draper" & "Andrew S. Borden" to .....	Griffin Prescott
"Durfee Southern Reunion" to .....	Hunter Reis
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Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Collias, President and Claudine A. Cloutier, Treasurer

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## 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 Roussell 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	
1982 M. Norman Zalkind ..... '31	2001 James Chace ..... '49	
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.**

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state government, much of which is still in place today.

In April 1964, Robert started his own financial consulting business which over the next 25 years, provided consulting services to many of Alaska's municipalities. He was the financial consultant who was instrumental in assisting the northern most cities up to Prudhoe Bay in forming and funding the North Slope Borough on July 1, 1972. Prudhoe Bay is the origination point for the Alaskan Oil Pipeline.

In 1992, at the twenty-year anniversary of the North Slope Borough's incorporation, Dupere was awarded an Outstanding Individual Award

by the North Slope Borough in recognition of his early fight to win legitimacy and self-determination for the people of this Borough.

From 1966-68, Dupere also served as a city councilman for Juneau, Alaska, the state's capital city. While a councilman, he spearheaded urban renewal for one of the poorest areas of the city. He also lobbied to have all the municipal government's retirement programs consolidated into the state's programs, thus providing better benefits at more efficient costs.

Robert Dupere married Kathryn Robinson in 1954, Kathryn worked alongside Robert for

over 30 years and was instrumental in helping him build a successful business. Together, they have 5 children and 4 grandchildren living in Alaska, Arizona, and Minnesota.

Dupere is an avid fisherman and will still often take unsuspecting visitors "out fishing" for fourteen hour days in the wilds of the Alaskan waters. A life-long learner, Dupere also travels the world, learning about the history and culture of the cities he visits. And he often travels back to the Fall River area to visit those who have been instrumental in helping him become who he is today - An Alaskan Pioneer.

## *Ruth Moss Biography continued*

her students was General Isser Harel, founder of the Mossad, Israel's Intelligence Agency. As a footnote, General Harel wrote The House on Gaibaldi Street, which chronicled his capture of Adolph Eichman, Hitler's commander in charge of managing the logistics of the mass deportation of Jews to the extermination camps in German-occupied Eastern Europe during World War II.

Returning to the states in 1976, she sold specialized business insurance and insurance on accounts receivable with the American Credit Indemnity Company, marketing to manufacturing plants, wholesalers and distributors. She made presentations to Asset Based Lending departments of major banks that required this type of insurance as collateral for financing. She retired from there in 1996.

Ruth joined the Peace Corps in 1997, teaching "Economics of the Free Market System" at Taraz State University, in the former Soviet Union Republic of Kazakhstan. She refused to teach the original course material that had been written by some well-known socialist

economist. Instead, Ruth wrote her own course, "Capitalism," and later would translate it. Ruth felt strongly that economics majors needed educating on not just the past but what changes were coming.

She started the Rose Kaplan Anglo American Language School in Taraz, Kazakhstan, in 1998. It is now the largest language school and translation service in the region. That curriculum, written by her, was taken to the New Life Community Schools located in Addas Ababa, Ethiopia as well as the Mbale School District, Central Uganda. Seven schools helped to educate over 4,000 students.

The Jasiu New Life Community School, also in Ethiopia and deep in the African bush in a tribal area not populated by any schools, was started to educate children, ages 4-10. The school instructed them on how to read and write as well as teaching them English. Because of her financial and educational contributions, the school was named for her grandson, Jasiu.

Ruth served as a volunteer in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) for 1 to 3 months annually from 1999-2005 while working on army and navy supply bases.

Ruth has had two books published: *Gift of the USA and Poison of Love*. Her first book, written in 1999, *Gift of the USA*, is about her experiences in the Peace Corps in regard to the different and changing economic environment with the fall of the Soviet Union's socialism and the coming of capitalism's private enterprise. Her second book, *Poison of Love*, published in 2010, she wrote as a teacher, concerned about the decline in the level of American education compared to other industrialized nations. At that time, the United States had declined to 25th place in educational achievement amongst industrialized nations.

Currently, she divides time living in Sun City West, AZ, Santa Fe, NM and Be'er Sheva, Israel. Ruth was a Rotarian and a Kiwanis member for many years and belongs to Mensa International.

## *Distinguished Judge, Edward F Harrington Retires*

United States Senior District Judge Edward F. Harrington, Durfee Class of 1951, and winner of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995, retired from the bench on December 31, 2013. He was appointed by President Reagan as a Judge for the U. S. District of Massachusetts in 1988 and became a Senior District Judge in 2001.

Prior to his judicial career, he served as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice

in Washington D.C. and in Boston for over 15 years. His duties involved being United States Attorney and chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force.

Judge Harrington was also a member of a select group of attorneys that U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy sent to Mississippi in the summer of 1964 to protect the rights of college students who were conducting voter registration. He is one of only seven

individuals who served as both United States District Judge and United States Attorney for the district of Massachusetts since the government established the district in 1780.

In October of 2013, the Fall River Diocese presented Judge Harrington with the St Thomas More award as a distinguished jurist during the annual Red Mass at St Mary's Cathedral.



# Our Alumni Scholarship Fund

*By Claudine Cloutier '88*

Durfee Alumni have a long and proud tradition of remembering their roots and giving back to new alumni through the Fall River High School Alumni Fund. The endowment is currently approximately \$8.8 million – a noteworthy achievement for a public high school in a largely working class city.

The Trustees interview senior applicants each Spring and then select the scholarship winners. Approximately 25 new scholarships are awarded to outstanding and deserving Durfee graduates every year. The scholarships awarded are not merely for the student's first year of college, but are given for each of the four years of the student's undergraduate studies. The fund therefore provides approximately 100 graduates with scholarships annually.

Every year new donations are received. During the last fiscal year, nearly \$62,000 was contributed. A donation of \$5,000 or greater must be made in order to establish and name a particular scholarship. Scholarships are frequently created by or in memory of devoted alumni. Through obituaries, spouses or children of deceased alumni may request donations in lieu of flowers.

This practice has become more common in recent times. For example, upon the passing of Mr. James Panos, trustee, Durfee principal and teacher, Valedictorian of the Class of 1951 over \$9,500 was added to his scholarship fund by numerous individuals out of admiration and respect for Mr. Panos. \$5,000 was added to the Anne Biltcliffe Duarte, Class of 71 fund by Anne's husband Michael Duarte, bringing the principal of that fund to \$30,000. Ann was an enthusiastic Alumna and member of the Alumni Association Board. Anne had expressed her wishes that a scholarship be established in her name. Michael has generously honored those wishes and Anne's memory. Robert L. Ferreira – Class of 1961 -- taught electricity for over 20 years. He passed away over Christmas break during the '87-'88 school year. A scholarship was established in his name and had been awarded independently for many years. Recently, \$10,500 was transferred to the Trustees to administer the Robert L. Ferreira Memorial Scholarship through the alumni fund.

Attendees of the Durfee Southern Reunion contribute generously each year. The success of the reunion this past year was demonstrated through a remarkable contribution of over \$6,500. The trustees received funds in honor of Mrs. Natalie DiRuzza – Class of '54. The Alumni Association adds several thousand dollars to its fund each year as do many classes through fundraising

at their reunions. As with all great traditions, that of alumni charitable giving has its share of interesting footnotes and donor tales. Many Durfee graduates have enjoyed Emma Borden's generosity through receipt of a scholarship named for her father, Andrew J. Borden, whose violent demise continues to play on every paranormal show known to humankind. Emma wanted to be certain that no single student was indulged, while others wait, so she limited each scholarship to \$300. At the time, that amount likely paid for tuition, board, and books. Unfortunately, it doesn't go as far today. Still, Durfee alumni will continue to reap the benefits of Emma's gift in perpetuity.

Those who have attended the May annual alumni meeting are familiar with the long list of scholarships available, each one having its own unique story. The scholarships reflect an array of donors, with different backgrounds and different professions and talents. But all reflect a commitment to ensure that the hard work and talent of Durfee graduates enjoy opportunity.

Although college tuition can be daunting to any family, the scholarships help Durfee's best and brightest continue reaching for the stars and realizing their incredible potential. If you are interested in establishing a scholarship, please contact Peter Collias at PGClaw@aol.com or Claudine Cloutier at CCloutier@kecheslaw.com.

## Durfee Basketball - The 20's and 30's

*By Manny Papoula*

Durfee Basketball began in 1905; only 14 years after Dr James Naismith invented the game. During the early years, 1905-1919, Durfee had good success. Early growing pains were evident; coaching changes took place including the years 1910 and 1911 when there was no coach hired. Instead a student manager took the reins, and, in 1911, led the team to an 11 and 4 record. The real low point of this era was the canceling of Basketball in 1918 and 1919.

The decade of the 20's was a time of celebration. Basketball was now reinstated as a full time sport. Durfee Basketball teams had nine winning seasons out of the ten years. The team with the best record was the 1925 team led by Steve Nawrocki, the team's leading rebounder and second highest scorer. As dominant as he was on the basketball court, he was a superstar in football.

Upon graduating from Providence College in 1929, he began his teaching career and became head coach in both football and basketball for the next eleven years. Probably the two most dominant basketball players of this era were Alvin Woltman (Class of 1929) and Bill Lomax (Class of 1928), who are both Durfee Hall of Famers.

Interestingly, Al Woltman and his son Lee share a rare distinction of being one of the rare father son combinations inducted into the Durfee Hall of Fame. Lee had an outstanding Football and Baseball career at Durfee and went to Colgate University where he also excelled in both sports.

The 30's decade with a new coach, Steve Nawrocki, a 1925 Durfee graduate, brought the program a stability that had not previously existed. For the first twenty-three years of its existence, basketball had eight coaches. The added good news was that the program continued a winning tradition.

Newspaper articles often spoke of Durfee's great defensive play in that era and not much about offense. Sadly, only two players scored in double-

digit figures during this period. Rusty McIlwaine's 11.3 P.P.G. led the way followed closely by Red Harnett's 10.4 average.

The State Basketball Tournament was not the event in the 20's that it would become in later years. It had its infancy at Tuft's University in the late 20's and by the early 30's was moved to M I T. In those days, M I T was known as Tech and thus the name, Tech Tournament was born. Only eight teams were selected to participate and only one from Southern Massachusetts.

Because selection was so difficult, Durfee only made one appearance in the tournament and that was in 1930, and this despite teams with better records in later years. That year Durfee lost in the first round to Brockton.

The good news about this decade was the stability that developed in the program. This would serve as the foundation for the glory years that would follow under the coaching of Luke Urban and his successor Skip Karam.

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# 2013 - 2014 Red and Black Club Membership

**1923**  
John V. Donnelly - Memoriam

**1928**  
Doris (Edwards) Downey

**1933**  
James A. Partridge - Memoriam

**1935**  
Helen (Barker) Howard

**1936**  
Nathaniel M. Dashoff  
Alice (Shaw) Harkin  
Alice (Pizio) Kosiba

**1937**  
Paul P. Dunn, MD  
Chester W. Mahon  
John J. Mosley

**1938**  
Helen (Malinowski) Bednarz - Memoriam  
Chester J. Bednarz - Memoriam  
Joseph M. Gosselin  
Kathleen (Robinson) Lawlor  
Ruth (Barnes) Skillings

**1939**  
Ella (Fazzinia) Despres  
Faust D. Fiore  
Albert Resnick, MD

**1940**  
Elizabeth (Wong) Chung  
Margaret M. Dougherty  
Rita (Parise'e) Kennann  
William F. McCarthy  
Vernon O. Mills  
Hon. Milton R. Silva, Retired

**1941**  
Evelyn (Manchester) August  
Abraham Ehrenhaus  
Anne (Pizio) Sullivan-Glasco  
Marjorie (Hodgson) Lawton  
Russell E. Lawton  
Elizabeth (Harrington) Manning  
William B. McIlwaine  
Frank P. Mello  
Rita (Denicourt) Pearson  
Louise (Cottell) Robinson  
Gerald L. Shovelton  
Beverly (Kerness) Unger  
Albert J. Vezina, Sr. - Memoriam

**1942**  
Robert H. Clifton, M.D.  
Bertram A. Udovin, Captain, USN, Ret.

**1943**  
Sumner Alpert  
George A. Bedard  
Lionel H. Boucher  
Patrick L. Connors  
Manuel P. Costa  
Dorothy (Mockas) Hough  
Humbert M. Lopes  
Barbara (Goldberg) Mazer  
Doris (Audette) Mello  
Donald P. O'Neil  
Joseph E. Sullivan  
Maria (Mello) Tomalonis  
Mildred (Benevides) Toulan  
Joan B. Twaddle

**1944**  
Omar L. Bergeron  
Kip H. Cohen  
James Daley  
Raymond F. Denicourt  
Barbara (Wagner) Eaton  
June (Hill) Falvo  
Madeline M. Hamel  
Daniel J. Love  
Madeline (Flynn) Tozowski

**1945**  
Robert N. Brightman  
Donald M. Cripps  
Germaine (Bedard) Deshenes  
Edward H. Freeman  
Joseph L. Feinberg

Phyllis (Horwitz) Friedman  
Marilyn (Kosso) Goldberg  
Stanley Janczura  
Roger J. McCann  
Judith (Kahn) Sanders  
Daciano W. Stone  
Betty (Munro) Welch

**1946**  
Janice (Tate) Anderson  
Rosalyne (Spindel) Bernstein  
Roger J. Boulay  
Virginia (Kelley) Carey  
Philip A. Clorite  
Mary (Tavares) Cordeiro  
George L. Gesner  
David H. Hall

Louise (Castonguay) Hatch  
Florence (Mellor) Hook  
Muriel (Girard) Laflamme  
Janice (Larrivee) Morrell  
James Mullins  
James F. Nichols, MD  
Peter Pacheco  
Rosann (Barrett) Potota  
Catherine (Iodice) Rapoza  
Edward F. Smith  
Juliette (Talbot) Whitehead

**1947**  
Josephine Dawicki  
Margaret (Maltezos) Krick  
Robert H. Lincoln  
Elaine (Walmsley) Manchester  
Atty. Edward M. Rockett  
Mary (Bradbury) Sewell  
Hon. James H. Smith, US Magistrate Judge, Ret.  
Dr. Stanley F. Stafiej  
Donald G. Wood

**1948**  
Doris (Allen) Blankley  
Barbara (Taylor) Dennier  
Meredith (Pearson) Eastman  
Gladys (Jaworski) Gaj  
Lillian (Zajac) Guimond  
Robert A. MacAyeal  
Yvette (Caouette) Miner - Memoriam  
Frances (Roach) Moniz  
John J. Moriarty  
William R. O'Neil  
Elizabeth (Ryan) Polder  
Alice (Morley) Recca  
Dennis Rezendes  
Richard M. Rosenberg  
Roger L. Roussel  
Cremilde (Torres) Stavros  
Marjorie (King) Tache

**1949**  
Henry J. Augustine  
Barbara A. Bogle  
Atty. Peter G. Collias  
Anthony G. D'Adamo  
Joan (Pemberton) Daley  
Peter P. DePaola  
Theodore Faryniarz  
Janice (Phillips) Fiedler  
Harold W. Flynn  
Arlene (MacDuff) Holland  
Paul R. Kelleher  
Elizabeth (Williams) Marsden  
Helen (Warden) Martin  
Louise (Pierce) McCarthy  
Reva (Wemick) Newfield  
Ralph J. Pickup  
Bernard J. Poritz  
Joseph Powers  
Gerald A. Sandler  
Edwin Shivel  
Anne (Patten) Sylvia  
Julia (Sliva) Tesseneer  
Beverly (Snell) Scudder-Wallwork

**1950**  
James R. Allen  
Mary Lou (Walkden) Banks  
Robert J. Berube  
Wesley J. Fastiff  
John A. Gagliardi, D. M. D.  
Professor Steven R. Goldberg  
Laura (Ramos) Gracia  
Paul B. Grozen, Capt. USN, Ret.  
Alice (Fernandes) Hayden  
Harold Katzman, Lt. Col. USAF Ret.

Shirley (Ratte) Luongo  
John F. McMahon, Jr., Col. USAF  
Jane (Larocque) Morse  
Louis B. Martins  
Lew Nadien  
Lillian (Dias) Price  
Barbara (Cohen) Rosenberg  
Stanley J. Sieczkowski  
Arthur J. Thibodeau  
Velma L. Travers  
Carolyn (Capstack) Tuovinen  
Janice (Kay) Warren

**1951**  
Lorraine (Dupuis) Amarantes  
Theresa (Arruda) Anderson  
Ernest Byron  
LTC Santi Diruzza, USA, Ret.  
Carol (Durfee) Fraser  
Maria (Cuthbert) Greenhorn  
Irene (Podolski) Hambley  
Robert J. Hayden, Jr.  
Elva (Bertoncini) Kanakry  
John Kuttner, USAF, Ret.  
Carolyn (Holt) Lafreniere  
Marcelline (Bertolini) Medeiros  
Joseph E. Mullaney  
William Munro  
Elaine (Phillips) Ostroff  
Franklin D. Raposa  
Earl Sanft  
Peter A. Sarantakis  
William A. Seymour  
Norman Shepherd  
Everett J. Smith  
Charles D. Somers  
Angelo Stavros  
Doris M. Thornton  
Stephen S. Trond

**1952**  
Dorothy (Kelly) Arruda  
Zelma (Vincent) Braga  
Joan (Winslow) Buhrendorf  
Thomas F. Burke  
Shirley (Kardosz) Cavanaugh  
Jean (Gosciminski) Chapman  
Wilma (Taylor) Cleveland  
Hazel (Langton) Costa  
Charles Cummings  
Pauline (Levesque) Cyr  
Albert E. Dean  
George Duclos  
Gerald Fallon  
Deborah (Radovsky) Finn  
John A. Freeman  
Richard Freitas  
John T. Golitz  
Ronald A. Golz  
Clarice (Levrault) Hargraves  
Mary (Ryan) Janczura  
Natalie (Wilson) Lafleur  
Ora Beth (Ruderman) Levine  
Judith (Campeau) Liles  
John E. Machado  
Robert B. McMahon  
Manuel V. Medeiros  
Hugh C. Neville  
William L. O'Hare  
Dino Polselli  
Mario S. Polselli  
Thomas Powers  
Jacqueline (Zubat) Remus  
Helen (Bohun) Schultz  
Anne (Foley) Sewell  
Joan (Ross) Smith  
Nancy (Pollock) Stavis  
Noreen (Curt) Sullivan  
Muriel (Briggs) Wachlin  
Raylah (Reitzas) Weinstein  
Thomas M. Williams

**1953**  
Norma (Pereira) Atkinson  
Roland G. Bouchard  
Virginia (Gardella) Burke  
Michael P. Daley  
William B. Dixon  
Thomas E. Dupont, Sr.  
Dr. John Fletcher  
Margaret (Burns) Higgins  
Eleanor (Dubiel) Kippax  
Beverly (Barlow) McCutchan  
Elizabeth (Bergeron) McMahon  
Carolyn (Britto) Murray

Ronald T. Silva

**1954**  
Nancy (Cowen) Arruda  
Arnold H. Bennett  
James E. Bullock  
Rev. Alan D. Carvalho  
Ann (Hanley) Crane  
Lydia (Rocha) DiBella  
Robert L. Goddu  
Robert L. Gagnon  
John T. Harrington, M.D.  
Gordon Jennings  
Cecilia (Medeiros) Jennings  
Stephen R. Kay  
Raul Martin  
Richard J. Masse  
John C. Matula  
Raymond H. Medeiros  
Cecilia (Pereira) Mull  
Stephen J. Nawrocki  
Wendell Ogden  
Bruce E. Place  
Dr. Joel Potash  
Patricia (Henaire) Richard  
Diana (Cestodio) Silva  
Ellen (Couto) Silveria  
Lorraine (Dube) Silvia  
Ronald Silvia, Col., USAF, Ret.

Francis J. Sullivan  
James M. Twaddle  
Major W. Wheelock  
David H. Wordell

**1955**  
Robert E. Alcock, Jr.  
William A. Beaulieu  
Robert A. Bogle, Jr.  
Robert Borge  
Gene Botelho  
Winifred (Durfee) Dimock  
Frederick A. Drayton, Jr.  
Richard J. Dube  
Jacqueline (Freitas) Farrell  
Charles H. Gesner  
Harry B. Golding  
Janet Greenwood  
Robert E. Hillman  
Robert Hoole  
Viola (Borden) Jenks  
Nancy (Reed) Leary  
Louis J. Lovit  
Joan (Linhares) Mello  
Howard M. Miller, Esq.  
Dorothy (Henaire) Nicolau  
Joseph A. Occhiutii  
Beverly (Costa) Pereira  
Rhoda (Kaplan) Pierce  
Stanley W. Sokoloff  
Beverly (Tierney) Tansey  
Freda (Saber) Thomas  
Gerald P. Violette

**1956**  
Anthony J. Abraham  
James C. Alosi  
Paul A. Borkman  
Patricia (Furze) Cassidy  
Dr. Robert F. Chapman  
Nancy (Cooperstein) Charney  
Lester W. Cory  
Douglas Crook  
Claude Desjardins  
Janice E. Farrell  
Lorraine (Lanclais) Forcier  
Howard E. Gold  
Diane (Bernstein) Greenfield  
Daniel T. Harrington, MD  
Louise (Higgins) Harrington  
Jeannette (Lortie) Kenyon  
Delores (Franco) McGarr  
Eileen (Galego) Medeiros  
Beverly (Soja) Nawrocki  
Janice (Nichols) O'Brien  
Betsey (Sundel) Parent  
Judy A. Schneider  
Dr. Jerome D. Schwartz  
Joan (Hopkins) Sheedy  
Marion (Appel) Simon  
Priscilla (Mullen) Smith  
Wayne P. Smith  
Lionel Spiro  
Jeanette (Wood) Wirz  
Lois (Duckworth) Wordell  
Mel B. Yoken

**1957**  
Belisario A. Almeida  
Sandra (Friar) Arsenault  
Thomas J. Arruda  
Alice (Guillemette) Bransfield  
David M. Burns  
Harvey I. Chafitz  
Irene (Murray) Clark  
Thomas A. Davol, Jr.  
Carl A. Deeb  
Janet (Payer) Dillon  
Patrick J. Donovan  
Joan (Lipson) Herszkowitz  
Pauline (Ferreira) Garnett  
Colonel David W. Gavigan  
Randy Hom  
Bruce E. Hutchinson  
Eleanor (Fozzard) Kreassig  
Louis E. Latif, Ph D  
Charles H. Martin  
Joseph Medeiros  
Normand A. Miville  
Kenneth R. Murray  
Bessie (Jamoulis) Pagonis  
Robert J. Pontes  
Ann (Lane) Ryan  
Margaret (Nawrocki) Sullivan  
James A. Wallace, Jr.  
Lynne (Riley) Wilson  
Francis P. Wilson  
Geraldine (Callahan) Wise  
Mary Ann Wordell

**1958**  
Antone Benevides, Jr.  
Margaret (Foley) Deston  
Genevieve (Camara) Driscoll  
Linda (Kane) Edgar  
Judith (Longshaw) Fino  
Thomas R. Flynn  
Ann (Boyko) Gannon  
William C. Griffiths  
William F. Keating, Jr.  
Edward D. Lima  
Norma (Dubiel) McKenzie  
Patricia (Pelton) Medeiros  
Dorothy (Albernaz) Midura  
Lionel M. Morais  
Stephen J. Peters  
Meg (Donnelly) Peterson  
Antonio T. Pimental, Col., USAF, Ret.  
Rev. Leo Polselli, C.S.C.  
Michele (Kaufman) Rallis  
Russell E. Robertson  
Judy (Grinnell) Sanford  
Manuel Silvia  
Walter R. Silvia

**1959**  
Nancy (Manchester) Bennett  
Judith (Crowley) Bolick  
Patricia (McCoy) Borkman  
Charles J. Caperonis  
Robert C. Durfee  
Carole (Freeman) Fyans  
Carol S. Friar  
June (Travers) Gagnon  
William H. Goddard  
Douglas A. Gray, Jr.  
Richard W. Kocou  
Mary Lou (Clark) Levine  
Daniel M. McDonald  
Patricia (Wilson) McDonald  
Daniel C. Medeiros  
Maria (Pereira) Medeiros  
Claire (Leary) McMahon  
Irving H. Picard  
Clorinda Ventura  
Suzanne (Guillotte) Vitale

**1960**  
Beverly (St. Laurent) Abegg  
Charles Auclair  
Michael T. Black  
Clark E. Broden  
Jo Ann (Case) Carvalho  
Carolyn (Sullivan) Curry  
Thomas J. Curry  
John L. DeFusco  
Mark G. Filler  
Judith (Cohen) Goodwin  
Ruth (Ward) Hathaway  
Kenneth D. Langley  
Mary-Louise (Soares) Mancini  
Lois (Murphy) McMullin

Judith (Hecht) Mednick  
Mary Agnes (Pelton) Murphy  
Dolores (Botelho) Silva  
Linda (Towers) Warren  
Richard Warren  
Sandra (Stockinski) Watters  
Dr. Zen Williston  
Sandra (Thomas) Wood

**1961**  
Norman Bleau  
Robert M. Camara  
Rayna (Maltais) Cipollini  
Joan (Brisette) Flynn  
Thomas C. Gibson  
James A. Golen  
Ellen (Donnelly) Hardgrave  
Frances (Gardella) Kingsley  
Paul Lepage  
Camilla A. Los  
Bernice (Barnaby) Mannion  
Robert J. Marchand, Esq.  
Albert P. Ragonesi  
Marina Ventura  
Margaret A. Walsh

**1962**  
Richard D. Bates  
Valerie (Smith) Booth  
Thomas J. Braga  
Arthur M. Ferrance, Jr.  
William A. Green  
William Hathaway, Jr.  
Maurice N. Larrivee  
Paula (Kline) McGillivray  
Nancy (Tobol) McManus  
John E. Mullaly  
James H. Packer  
William J. Perry  
Joseph S. Radovsky  
Janet (Spence) Ringuest  
Joyce B. Rodrigues  
Milton Ryan  
Barbara (Goltz) Sheer  
Arthur A. Teixeira  
Robert L. Williston

**1963**  
James M. Blackburn  
Ingeborg (Costa) Defusco  
Penny (Berger) Glunts  
Pauline (Freitas) Klodner  
James McManus  
Theresa A. Ryan  
Barry H. Slaven  
Norman R. Somer

**1964**  
Douglas R. Baer  
Joseph A. Brum  
Cheryl (Clarke) Furze  
Angelina (Duarte) Gastall  
Robert R. Greeson  
Linda (Stafford) Harrop  
Raymond Messier  
Alice Ouellette  
Henry L. Pineau  
Bernadette (Dionne) Silvia  
Anne Polselli-Sweet  
Charlotte (Costa) Thomas  
Gerard E. Vaillancourt

**1965**  
Steven A. Camara  
E. Susan (Speier) Garsh  
Robert Goldin  
Joyce (Freedman) Goldweitz  
Alan W. Isherwood  
James Karam  
Susan (Bouley) Lavoie  
John R. Manso  
Joseph A. Marshall  
John W. Mills, PH. D  
Cheryl (Harvey) Mish  
Paul A. Montour  
Irving H. Zangwill

**1966**  
Thomas Atheam  
Cristina (Mello) Ajemian  
Teresa (Futak) Berard  
Douglas G. Clarke  
Jean (Pitera) Halligan  
Marilyn (Furtado) Harris  
Bonnie (MacLaughlin) Heap

Allen Juda  
Barbara R. Katersky  
Richard N. Levrault  
James J. Linhares  
Leonard Martin  
Katherine (Boyko) Milano  
William T. Mullaly  
Robert E. Pavao, D.D.S.  
Paula (Gallagher) Perry  
Stephen D. Perry  
Paula (Allison) Pizio  
Sandra J. Souza  
Robert A. Taylor

**1967**  
Anne E. Donnelly  
Jose G. Noversa  
James M. Smith  
Ada (Jackson) Wilders

**1968**  
Susan (Booth) Avery  
Edward Botelho  
Susan (Pacheco) Buchan  
Reena Deutsch Ph. D.  
Thomas J. Donnelly, Esq.  
Robert A. Rapoza  
Lois (Avila) Wilding

**1969**  
Patricia E. Eagan  
Virginia A. Handfield  
Ann Harkin  
Rev. John G. Hughes II  
Joanne (Dusoe) Marshall  
Joan Reid  
Richard S. Schwartz  
Susan (Teixeira) Sousa  
Robert P. Thomas

**1970**  
Sheila (Kelly) Kelly-Chace  
Jeanne (Pereira) DeMarco  
Mary (Swist) Clement  
Judith Conrad  
Monte C. Ferris, Sr.  
Stephen Gardiner  
Christine (Jean) Gibney

**1972**  
Wayne T. Borge  
Linda E. Greer  
Joan (Harkin) La Coss  
Kris E. Roberts  
Sheryl Ryan, M.D.

**1973**  
David A. Kenney  
Patricia A. Murphy

**1974**  
Eloise (Lauzier) Carrier  
Roberta (Fillippi) Schneller  
James Vaillancourt  
Barbara (Urban) Walsh

**1975**  
Maria (Miranda) DeMelo  
Michael P. Duarte  
Carol (Rivard) Geller  
Jeffrey E. Ledoux  
Debra (Perry) Ozug  
Susan (Ogden)  
Jane Piotrowski  
Karen (Donnelly) Proulx

**1976**  
Michael O. Feldman  
Justin F. Paulo  
Gale (Souza) Powers

**1977**  
Kenneth Fiola, Jr.  
Margaret E. O'Neil  
Shirley A. Tobol

**1978**  
Holly Bronhard  
Carole (Weglowski) Fiola  
Elizabeth (Fiore) Guay  
Michael Guay  
Lisa (Lundy) Kusnitz  
Colleen (Walsh) Taylor

**1979**  
Richard Barek  
Robert A. Bonifacio  
George S. Dimock  
Sharon (Bogan) Quinn  
Kathleen (Arujo) Shannon

**1980**  
Patricia (Nawrocki) Murphy  
Wanda (Cabra) Myers  
Kerry (Hartnett) Richardson  
Barbara (Medeiros) Williams

**1981**  
Steven A. Harrington  
Antone Lima  
Jane (Kravitz) Shelton

**1982**  
Jane (Feitelberg) Mackeen  
David P. Nicolau  
Susan (Faria) Nicolau  
Antonio E. Sousa

**1983**  
Timothy G. Kelly  
Francis (Chico) Kuhn  
Clara (DeAlmeida) Reagan  
John E. Robinson

**1984**  
Alison (Hornsbly) Chaltas

**1985**  
Lisa (McGinn) Canuel  
Alexander S. Panos

**1987**  
Anne (Pacheco) Allen  
R. Bruce Dimock  
Delia Vieira-Cruz

**1988**  
Claudine A. Cloutier  
John Barry McDonald, Jr., Esq.

**1989**  
Jenifer Pereira-Weiss

**1990**  
Laurel (Gastall) Howe

**1992**  
Diane (Pereira) Robinson

**1993**  
Belinda Morrisette  
Lisa Raiche  
Amber Roy

**1995**  
Kerri (Gibney) Laurenzo

**1996**  
Barden H. Castro

**1997**  
Paul G. DaSilva

**2003**  
Barret H. Castro

**Other**  
Robert Richard - Memoriam

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# DURFEE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2013

*By Greg Sullivan*

The Durfee High School Athletic Hall of Fame has announced its list of 2013 inductees. The list of four athletes features, essentially, four specialists: distance runner Ronnie Ferreira, baseball player Jeff Davis, wrestler Dan LePage, and swimmer Nancy Jane Hargraves. The late Jim Wilcox, a longtime teacher/coach/event official, has been selected as a Special Inductee.

Here is a quick look at the Durfee Hall Of Fame Class of 2013:

**JEFF DAVIS, Class of 1990:** One of the great arms in Durfee baseball's impressive history, Davis was exceptional and consistent in his two-year varsity career. As a junior, the righthander posted a 6-3 record with a 1.38 ERA and 65 strikeouts and 19 walks in 50 2/3 innings pitched. As a senior, he was 8-3 with a 1.45 ERA and 86 strikeouts and 2 walks in a remarkable 72 innings pitched. An infielder when not pitching, Davis batted .329 and .333 in his two years.

After helping Spindle City to a runnerup finish in American Legion Baseball in the summer of 1990, Davis embarked on a brilliant two-year career at Massasoit Community College, leading MCC to its first NJCAA World Series championship in 1992.

At that World Series, Davis earned the W in three of his team's four wins. He was 9-1 in both years, batted .329 as a freshman, and was named first team all-American as a sophomore.

A 28th-round draft pick of the Texas Rangers in 1993, Davis embarked on an impressive five-year pro career ultimately ended by shoulder injury (four surgeries). He was the Rangers' Minor League Pitcher of the Year in 1993 when he went a combined 13-7 with a 2.77 ERA for Single A Port Charlotte and Double A Tulsa.

The year before, Davis had fanned 72 batters in 49 2/3 innings. In 1996, he was placed on the Rangers' 40-man roster and attended big league spring training, where he worked a scoreless inning against the Yankees.

A resident of Somerset, Davis is married to the former Kathryn Sullivan. In 1999 he joined the Sullivan family business, the Waring-Sullivan Funeral Homes. He has three daughters, Julia Rose, Margaret Mary and Annie Kathryn.

**NANCY JANE HARGRAVES, Class of 1986:** A four-year member of the swimming and diving team, her specialty was the 100-yard backstroke

and she went undefeated in that event in all conference and dual meets for all four years. She qualified for both the South Sectional and State meets for all four years, winning the sectionals as a junior and taking fifth All State the same year.

As part of Durfee's exceptional 200-yard medley relay team, Hargraves helped the Hilltoppers to first place in the South in 1983 and third place in '82. At the State Meet, she helped the Toppers to place fourth in 1983.

A leader and mentor for other swimmers, she and teammate Nancy Kitchen were virtual swimmer/coaches in 1985.

Outside of Durfee, Hargraves was also very competitive and successful. She twice (1982, 1984) qualified for the National AAU competition in Florida, swimming against the best competition in the country.

**RONNIE FERREIRA, Class of 1994:** One of the great runners (cross-country and track) in Durfee history, Ferreira excelled from the start of his career and finished with 15 varsity letters, more than 40 school (class and overall) records, and was eight times all-scholastic for both the Boston Globe and Boston Herald.

In cross country, Ferreira was runnerup in the state his senior year. He won the City Companionships three straight years (setting course records at all three schools) and took first place at the State Coaches Meet three straight years.

As a senior he also won the prestigious Catholic Memorial Invitational.

He set course records at Durfee, Diman, Bishop Connolly, Somerset, Brockton, New Bedford (Buttonwood Park), Bishop Feehan and Dighton-Rehoboth high schools. His school record time on his home course beat the record set by New Bedford running legend Joe Correia.

With two seasons to do track each year, Ferreira continued to pile up the notable accomplishments. Perhaps the most notable of those, at least to old-time Durfee athletics followers, came in Ferreira's junior year when he ran an outdoor mile in 4:29 to break Art McAndrew's 4:32 school record set 31 years earlier. Ferreira already had a 4:29 indoor mile to his credit, an effort which helped to earn him an invitation to that year's Top 12 New England Milers meet at Harvard, where he took third place.

He broke his own record the next year with a 4:26. Ferreira is also the school record holder in the two miles (9:16). Ferreira did not run outdoor track his senior year. All of Ferreira's track record still stand and many of his cross country marks do also.

A resident of Fall River, Ferreira works as a managing partner for JD Byrider in Boston. He

has a wife, Maria, and three children, Joshua, Maria, and Amanda.

**DAN LePAGE, Class of 1996:** With LePage, it wasn't a matter of if he would land in the Durfee HOF, it was question of when. That time has come for one of Durfee's all-time great wrestlers.

Winning 100 matches in a career is a rarity. LePage reached that plateau just five matches into his senior year, and with a career record of 144-18, he is the winningest wrestler in Durfee history. LePage shone from the start, posting a 23-6 record as a freshman. In his career, he twice won a Division 1 South title and twice took third place at the All State Tournament.

The list of his other accomplishments – as a senior he wrestled at the very competitive 152 pounds – include twice winning the prestigious Marshfield Holiday Invitational Tournament and a third place at the New England Championships.

His 40 wins as a junior included 30 pins.

Outside the halls of Durfee, LePage was a two-time USA Wrestling Freestyle state champion, a Bay State Games gold medalist and Bay State Games two-time bronze medalist.

After graduating from Durfee, LePage wrestled for Syracuse University, where was a three-time team MVP. These days LePage is the owner/head wrestling coach of Clinch MMA in the city. He also co-hosts the K.O. radio show.

**KATHERINE ATTAR, Class of 1994:** Attar makes an unprecedented second-year-in-a-row appearance in the list of individual inductees. It all has to do with motherhood. Selected for induction in 2012, Attar was unable to make the trip from Maryland due to the impending birth of her child.

The plan is to make it this year. She was a three-sport (volleyball, basketball, softball) star at Durfee and followed with a superb volleyball career at Holy Cross.

She was a potent middle hitter and blocker in volleyball. In basketball, she gave Durfee a big, athletic presence in the middle, a shot blocker with a very soft shooting touch. In softball she hit for power and average and, arguably, was the best defensive first baseman in school history. Her long reach and deft footwork saved many an otherwise errant throw.

## **SPECIAL INDUCTEE**

**JIM WILCOX:** He was a name, a face synonymous with Durfee High School. A 1959 graduate, Wilcox competed in track and football. He returned to Durfee in the early 1970s to start a near four-decade career as a social studies teacher. Though he retired as a teacher in 2006, Wilcox remained very attached to Durfee until his death in 2012. One of the areas first distance running coaches,



he coached both cross country and track and field at Durfee, mentoring Dave Ozug and Steve Gardiner, who themselves would go on to great coaching success.

When his coaching days were complete, Wilcox devoted his significant energy and unique brand of intelligent enthusiasm to his part-time career of sporting event officiating. He refereed basketball, officiated football, and became a nationally recognized track and field official.

And while his experience and skill as a track and field official landed him assignments at events as big as the U.S. Olympic Trials (2004, 2008), he never lost his passion for working the local high school events on those cold, windy April days outdoors or those long indoor meets at Durfee High School, the ones that stretched close to 10 p.m.

Wilcox was known for being the last to leave the Urban Field House after those indoor

events, making sure every student athlete had a ride home. Wilcox was not only a teacher and mentor, he was a fountain of information. He was long known as the go-to guy for any questions about Durfee athletics history, sports rules and interpretations, and history in general. "If you wore the red and black," retired Durfee trainer Paul Peloquin said, "Jim was invested in your success. Induction as an official may be unprecedented for the Hall of Fame but the duration and passion of Jim accomplishments in this role merits it."

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## Durfee Bells Ring Out Strong

*By Les Cory 2001*

The 10-bell chime that hung in the belfry of the old Durfee High School building on Rock St. is now a 12 bell chime hanging in the new Durfee High School tower on Elsbree St. Later this year, 2 additional bells will be added to complete a "Star Spangled Banner Chime" as designed and sold by the Meneely Bell Foundry of West Troy N.Y. beginning 100 years ago in 1914.

New bells have been added through the generosity of Julie Cleare, the family of Allen L. Jarabek, the Class of 1949 and Ted, John and Dan Harrington in memory of their parents, John J and Elizabeth Harrington. Only one more bell needs to be funded to complete the chime.

The brick walkway is complete and all the bricks that were ordered have been placed. The next bricks will be installed in the circle of benches near the walkway. Order forms are on the Durfee High School web site or email [LCory@umassd.edu](mailto:LCory@umassd.edu) and I will send you one. Visitors to the walkway are frequently surprised to see the names

of so many of their classmates and to read the inscriptions. In the midst of hundreds of bricks inscribed in memory of parents, grandparents, teachers and classmates is one that reads, "Know what? Yes, I do. I really do." Veterans from 4 wars have memorial bricks in the walkway.

Since late November of 2012, the bells have rung on the hour and the big tower clocks have been keeping perfect time. The bells have been played on several special occasions including the 2013 graduation. Sadly there have been 2 times that the tenor bell has been tolled as have other bells in the city. In December the tower was adorned with colored lights and an illuminated Christmas tree was displayed inside the tower at ground level.

There are two main parts of the project yet to be completed. One is funded, the other is not. First, the area of the tower surrounding the clocks will be enclosed. The architect specified metal louvers but these have proven to be prohibitively expensive. As an alternative, some long-lasting material, yet to be specified will be installed both to enhance the appearance of the tower and to

discourage our feathered friends from taking up residence.

The last phase of the project involves the fabrication and installation of mechanical clappers inside the bells and the installation of a manual keyboard called a "clavier" in the lower level of the tower to enable the bells to be played live by a musician as they were for the 100 years that they hung on Rock Street. Now the bells are played by a computer interface and the bells are rung by external strikers that are energized by electro-mechanical solenoids. The computer interface will remain active after the clavier is installed so that the bells can still be programmed to play when no musician is in attendance. This last part of the project is also one of the most expensive. Our latest quote to have this equipment fabricated and installed is \$52,377 of which \$15,000 is for the clavier itself. There are several naming opportunities associated with this final phase of the project.

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## Supporting Durfee Athletics

*By Carole Fiola*

Friday, November 22, 2013 was the 4th Annual Durfee Hilltopper Athletic Foundation (DHAF) Friend Raiser held at the Cultural Center in Downtown Fall River. There were approximately 200 in attendance and as always this "reunion" type event was fun, lively and of course a successful fundraiser for Durfee Athletics. Over \$5000 net was raised.

Many generations of Hilltoppers were in attendance, including Bob Hargraves Sr., Butch Denardo, Bethany Plasski, Paul Hart and Nick Salmon to name a few.

This year there was a silent auction of Celtic, Bruins and PC Friar tickets thanks to the generosity of Nick Christ, President of BayCoast Bank. Another new twist on the event was the display and sale of old Durfee Uniforms that had been turned over to

the non-profit Durfee Hilltopper Athletic Foundation and will soon be available for sale through the website at [durfeeathleticfoundation.com](http://durfeeathleticfoundation.com).

The Durfee Hilltopper Athletic Foundation was formed in the Fall of 2010 by a volunteer group to raise funds for Durfee Athletic Programs. All proceeds are used to fund items requested by the coaches of the Durfee Athletic teams that are not funded through the school budget. To date \$70,000 has been raised from proceeds of the Annual Golf Tournament held in July each year at the Fall River Country Club, the annual Friend Raiser held the Friday before Thanksgiving and through the sale of banners that are placed in the Field House, Football Stadium and Baseball Field throughout the school year.

Items purchased include; Olympic Weight Sets, Track sand Pit Covers, Soccer Field fencing, Baseball Pitching machine, Basketball Hands up

defenders, Power Volleyball System, sled pads for Football, Coaching Sticks, Speed Chutes, Soccer Training Goals, Wrestling Tackle Mat, Basketball Shooting Machine and Softball Pitching Machine.

If an Hilltoppers out there are interested in serving on the Board, attending any of our events in 2014 or contributing to this 501 c 3 non-profit organization, please check out our website, [www.durfeeathleticfoundation.com](http://www.durfeeathleticfoundation.com), email [carolefiola@aol.com](mailto:carolefiola@aol.com), Missy Karam Panchley at [mkpfr@gmail.com](mailto:mkpfr@gmail.com) or call 508-641-0297.

Current DHAF Board Members include: Carole Weglowski Fiola; President, Louis Pacheco, Vice-President; Melissa Karam Panchely, Treasurer; Jodi Jarabek Oliveira, Secretary; Wendy Charves Correia, Linda Sowersby Reid, Robert Hargraves, Sr (Golf Tournament Chair), Robert Bogan, Christopher Resendes, Nicholas Christ, Sr. and Kenneth Fiola, Jr, Esq.



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  - Pay your annual membership dues
  - Make a donation
  - Submit your Alumni Information
- Request your annual Chimes newsletter electronically
- View current and past Chimes newsletters in the archive
  - Post and check out the list of upcoming reunions
  - Nominate a distinguished alumni
  - Check out the list of upcoming reunions
  - Post photos from your reunion to share

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### **Class of 1954 - 60th Year Reunion**

Saturday, August 9, 2014 - Eagle Event Center - 5:00 PM-?

Contact: Steve Nawrocki - 508-673-7473 - [Class of 1954@aol.com](mailto:Class of 1954@aol.com)

### **Class of 1964 - 50th Year Reunion**

Friday, August 15, 2014 – Drop in get reacquainted reception at the Belmont Club, 34 Franklin St.

7:00 PM, No Cover, Cash Bar

Saturday, August 16, 2014 – Fall River Country Club - 6:00PM Cocktails, 7:00 PM Dinner, dancing to follow

Contact: Charlotte Costa Thomas – [mydurfee64@gmail.com](mailto:mydurfee64@gmail.com) or 508.674.4951

### **Class of 1959 - 55th Year Reunion**

Friday, August 22, 2014 - Fall River Country Club

Contact: [trues62@aol.com](mailto:trues62@aol.com) or [jekeeley@verizon.net](mailto:jekeeley@verizon.net)

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

Monday, May 19, 2014 - 4:00PM-8:00PM

(Eat in or Take Out)

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

\$20.00 per person

## 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

**The Durfee Alumni Association**  
**needs to hear from you if you wish to continue to receive The Chimes**

**2014 - 2015 Alumni Information Form**  
PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION BELOW OR SUBMIT AT  
**WWW.DURFEEALUMNI.COM**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Year Of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ If spouse is a graduate – Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Full Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not publish my information

\_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 (dues) \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 (min. \*Red & Black Club) \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Please check if you want the Chimes emailed to you \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **Durfee Alumni Association, P.O. Box 9656, Fall River MA 02720 – 0011**

Submit your personal information and pay your dues or Red & Black at – **www.durfeealumni.com**

\*For inclusion in the Spring 2015 issue of the Chimes, Please return no later than December 31, 2014

**2014 – 2015 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 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 to be considered by the 2014 Selection Board

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Of Graduation (1979 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**



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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.

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