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Distinguished Alumna Margery Eagan



Margery Eagan is the co-host of 89.7 WGBH's midday program Boston Public Radio. She has worked with co-host Jim Braude for 18 years, first doing a TV show together at NECN then a radio show at WTKK. The duo came to WGBH in 2013.

Eagan was the Catholic spirituality columnist for the Boston Globe's website, Cruxnow. In 2015 Margery Eagan won first place for excellence in religion

commentary at the Religion Newswriters Association's annual conference in Philadelphia.

She has written for her hometown paper, The Fall River Herald News, as well as the Standard Times of New Bedford, Boston Globe, Burlington Vermont Free Press, Boston Magazine, and the Boston Herald, where she wrote a column for 27 years. Eagan grew up in Fall River and graduated from Durfee High school in 1971. She attended Smith College and graduated from Stanford University. She has three children and lives in Brookline.

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

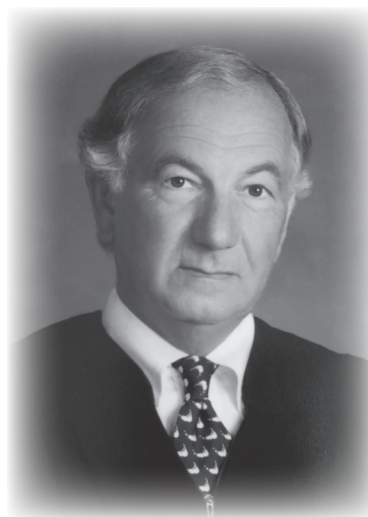
INTERESTING ALUMNI INFORMATION

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
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Distinguished Alumnus Honorable Joseph I. Macy



The B.M.C. Durfee Alumni Association has selected the Honorable Joseph I. Macy as the recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award.

A retired Justice of the Massachusetts District Court Judge Macy is a 1961 graduate of Durfee, a 1965 graduate of Brown University, and a 1968 graduate of Boston University School of Law. He served as an infantry First Lieutenant during the Vietnam Conflict where he saw combat as an

advisor to South Vietnamese Forces.

Upon his discharge from the service he returned to practice law in Fall River. Prior to his appointment to the bench Macy was partner and founder of the firm Macy & Frank.

Judge Macy served on numerous boards including the YMCA, Deaconess Home, Fall River Chamber of Commerce, Wauuppa Water Board, Diman Regional School Committee, Fall River Line Pier, Fall River Port Authority as well as being a corporator of the Citizens- Union Savings Bank. He served as counsel to the Fall River School Committee, Swansea School Committee, Citizens for Citizens and the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority. While on the Chamber Board he presided over the "I Like to Live in Fall River Because" contest promoting the city.

He was particularly interested in the Citizens Scholarship Foundation serving on its board and developing a long lasting friendship with its founder Dr. Irving Fradkin. He devoted many hours to the Foundation and spoke often at its awards ceremonies, culminating in serving as the keynote speaker at Dr. Fradkin's retirement celebration. He donated scholarships in memory of

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Annual Meeting ~ May 25, 2018 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Nagle Auditorium ~ Refreshments 6:30 to 7:30 PM

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Another year has gone by in the life of the Durfee High School community. We are beginning a new alumni directory project. The last project had found Durfee grads in every state in the union, as well as Guam, the Virgin Islands and 22 foreign countries, including every continent but Antarctica. What will we find this time? A good high school education sets the groundwork for one's journey in life, be it a short one or a long one. With hundreds of students in every new class matriculating each year, Durfee enriches not only the Fall River area but the world at large.

I wish to send a warm welcome to all of you. It would be good to see you at the annual meeting, where we name the Distinguished Alumni and present scholarships to the new graduates, but at least we hope to connect with you every spring through our collective reading of the Chimes. I would also like to draw your attention to the forms in this publication for paying your dues in the alumni association and especially for joining the Red and Black Club. The money you send supports not only the publication of The Chimes but also the Alumni scholarship as well as our attempts to support student activities through the year. Note also that we have a website and a facebook page, where we would be delighted to see you and hear from you. On the website you can pay your dues through Paypal, and you can also ask to get the Chimes in electronic form rather than having it printed and mailed, if you prefer.

Finally I would like to congratulate the 2018 graduates of Durfee. Welcome to our association, and best of luck to you all in going out into the world, to experience it and contribute to it! We hope you will always look back with pride on your time at Durfee, and feel supported by the ranks of alumni who have gone before you and the traditions of our school.

Sincerely,

*Judith Conrad 1970, President
B. M. C. Durfee Alumni Association
January 15, 2018*

Honorable Joseph I. Macy continued

deceased family members and encouraged others so to do.

Judge Macy practiced law in Fall River until 1998 and was well known as a trial lawyer. Upon his appointment to the judiciary the Herald News wrote, "Well respected among his colleagues, Macy has long been on the short list in Fall River of attorneys to retain in difficult cases." Initially appointed to the Taunton District Court by Governor Paul Cellucci, Macy served throughout the region. He was appointed Presiding Justice of the Nantucket District Court in 2006 and served until 2013 when he reached the statutory retirement age. He was selected for recall and served an additional two years on the bench.

In 2015 he was appointed Corporation Counsel for the City of Fall River, a position he presently holds.

In 2006 Judge Macy received the Law and Justice Award presented by the Commission for Social Justice of the Massachusetts Sons of Italy.

In October of 2017 he was awarded the St. Thomas More Medallion as the recipient of the Joseph P. Harrington Founder's Award at the Bishop's Annual Red Mass.

Judge Macy resides in Fall River with his wife Paula, Durfee '62, and has two children Stephanie and Peter who now reside in New York.

In making this selection the committee was particularly mindful of Judge Macy's long career of public service, his continuous involvement in this community, and his lifelong dedication to Durfee and Fall River.

2017 Scholarship Recipient List

"Harold R. Bannister" to	Marc Akouri
"Richard & Cecile Cloutier Scholarship Fund" to	Katelyn Banalewicz
"Elizabeth R. Stevens" & "John S. Brayton" & "Class of 1931" to	Sierra Bernardo
"Robert J. Nagle & M. Rita Nagle" & "James Madison Morton, 3rd" & "Edward Borden Jennings" to	Maria Cabral
"Albert G. Pierce Memorial" & "Class of 1943" to	Aubrey Correio*
"Jerome Namias Scholarship Fund" & "Mary A. Draper" to	Devon Ferreira
"George E. Devoll" & "James A. Brown" & "Class of 1991 Douglas Carvalho & Todd E. Majkut Scholarship" & "Evelyn E. Mason & Nancy J. French" to	Jinnae Jang
"Eleanor F. McKey" & "Robert L. Ferreira Memorial" to	EleaneLema
"John J. & Elizabeth C. Harrington" to	Charles Martin
"Early Scholarship Holders" & "John A. Carvalho" & "William H. Lambert - William Lindsey" to	John-Paul McDonald
"Arthur W., Annie M. & Lydia M. Smith" & "Robert A. Richard and Patricia L. Richard Memorial Scholarship" to	Isabel McDonnell
"James H. & Eunice T. Mullen" to	Jessica Medeiros*
"Durfee Southern Reunion" to	Amber Mello
"Class of 1954" to	Jessica Miranda*
"B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - Ernest Baroody" & "Aaron Dashoff Memorial Scholarship" to	Alexus Moniz*
"John T. & Louise B. Crowley Scholarship" & "Herman P. Mello" to	Jenna Moniz
"Harold R. Bannister in memory of James Edward Bannister and Catherine Manning Bannister" to	Sarah Normington
"Helen Simmons" & "Carmi A. Belmont" to	Madison Pimental*
"Helen C. Reddy Memorial Scholarship" & "Edward F. & Rose S. Smith Scholarship" to	Aaliyah Quintal
"Dr. Joseph M. Rockett Scholarship, Class of 1942" to	Brendan Rockett*
"Morris & Ida Horvitz" & "Hugo V. Violette Memorial, Class of 1933" & "Annie Jennings Anthony" to	Zachary Roussel
"Ronald Lamarre Memorial Scholarship Fund" & "Joseph Andrews Scholarship Fund" to	Vanessa Smith
"Thomas K. Brindley, Class of 1925 Fund" & "Charles V. Carroll" & "Class of 1928" to	Sabrina Sousa
"Durfee Southern Reunion" to	Brittany Tabicas
"Class of 1960" & "Frank C. and Alice R. Chace" & "Class of 1924" & "The Phenix Memorial Scholarship, Carol Mother & Andrew (Class of 1988), Son" to	Adam Turcotte
"B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association - William H. Barker" & "Nathan & Irene Anthony Chace" & "Oliver S. & Mary E. Hawes" to	Madison Valois

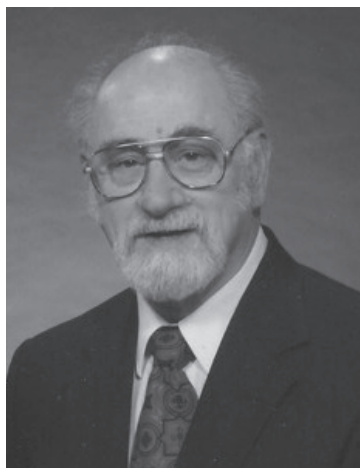
*Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation Grant

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Collias, President - Claudine A. Cloutier, Treasurer - Trustees of the Fall River High School - Alumni Scholarships

Previous Distinguished Alumni Recipients

1961 Malcolm P. Aldrich.....	'18	1987 Thomas J. Brown	'42	2005 Lucille Roussel Hadley.....	'36
1962 Bishop James L. Connolly	'13	1988 Frank S. Feitelberg	'24	2005 Daniel Bogan	'51
1963 Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq.....	'05	1989 James Dean	'50	2006 Hon. William C. Carey	'42
1964 Edward B. Hanify, Esq.....	'29	1990 William H. Gaudreau	'46	2006 John Moriarty	'48
1965 Dr. John C. Corrigan.....	'21	1991 Marcel P. Joseph	'53	2007 Arthur A. Teixeira	'62
1966 Myer N. Sobiloff	'24	1992 William K. Reilly	'58	2007 George Duclos.....	'52
1967 Essis Gifford	'02	1993 Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF	'38	2008 Col. David W. Gavigan.....	'57
1968 Jerome Namias.....	'28	1994 Hon. Milton R. Silva	'40	2008 Dr. William D. Tompkins.....	'39
1969 Helen Winward Brown	'03	1994 William F. Powers	'48	2009 Dr. R. Judson Carlberg.....	'58
1970 Thomas Rodgers, Jr.	'30	1995 Hon. Edward F. Harrington	'51	2009 Thomas J. Curry	'60
1971 John B. Cummings, Esq.	'08	1995 Joseph E. Mullaney, Esq.	'51	2010 Betty M. Welch.....	'45
1972 Humberto Cardinal Medeiros	'37	1996 Michele Kaufman Rallis	'58	2010 Louise Durfee	'48
1973 Ambassador William J. Porter	'30	1997 Peter G. Collias, Esq.	'49	2011 James J. Karam.....	'65
1974 Hon. James P. McGuire	'31	1998 Mel B. Yoken.....	'56	2012 Irving H. Picard	'59
1975 James A. Nannery	'31	1998 Faust D. Fiore	'39	2012 Joseph F. Sabik, MD.....	'79
1976 Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney .	'23	1999 John J. McAvoy	'37	2013 John J. Fletcher, MD.....	'53
1977 Gen. Melvin Zais	'33	1999 Dr. John T. Harrington	'54	2013 Reena Deutsch, PhD	'68
1978 Francis L. Gragnani	'36	2000 William F. Long, Jr.	'44	2014 Ruth Moss.....	'50
1979 Robert J. Nagle	'28	2000 Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr.	'38	2014 Robert J. Dupere	'48
1980 Hon. Mary J. Fonseca	'32	2001 Lester W. Cory	'56	2015 Joseph A. Conforti, PhD	'63
1981 Dr. Roger N. Violette	'25	2001 James Chace	'49	2015 Ronald A. Schwartz, MD.....	'52
1982 Florence C. Brigham	'17	2002 Kenneth L. Nathanson	'42	2016 Anthony F. Cordeiro	'80
1982 M. Norman Zalkind	'31	2002 James H. Smith	'47	2016 Hon. E. Susan Speier Garsh	'65
1983 Bayless Manning	'40	2003 Morton Dean Dubitsky	'53	2017 Zelma Vincent Braga	'52
1984 Phillip Sacknoff	'35	2003 James F. O'Hearn	'53	2017 Charles D. Smith Ph.D.....	'54
1985 James J. Hammond	'26	2004 Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews	'54		
1986 Richard M. Rosenberg	'48	2004 Ernest Moniz.....	'62		

Alumni Loses Distinguished Member, Faust Fiori



Faust Fiore, Distinguished Durfee Alumnus, died on June 12, 2017 after a short illness at the age of 95. He was the husband of Muriel (Keen) Fiore who predeceased him in 2008.

A proud graduate of the Class of 1939, he continued his music studies at the New England Conservatory. He then went on to serve in WWII in the 5th Army Band from 1942-1945 in England, Africa, and Italy. After his honorable discharge, he continued his study of music and graduated from Boston University. While a student at Boston University, he played the Flute in the prestigious National Youth Orchestra under the direction of Arthur Fiedler.

In 1949, after playing in several orchestras around the country, he returned to Fall River to teach music in the public schools. In 1965 he was appointed Director of music in the City of Fall River and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1984. As a testament to his excellent teaching skills, he was awarded the prestigious Lowell B. Mason award for excellence in teaching at the Music Educators National Conference.

In addition to his teaching duties, Faust was very active in the city of Fall River promoting the Arts. Faust proudly served as Artistic Director and conductor of the Greater Fall River Symphony Society for 40 years.

He was recognized with an award by the Greater Fall River Arts Unlimited for his contributions to the Arts of the city.

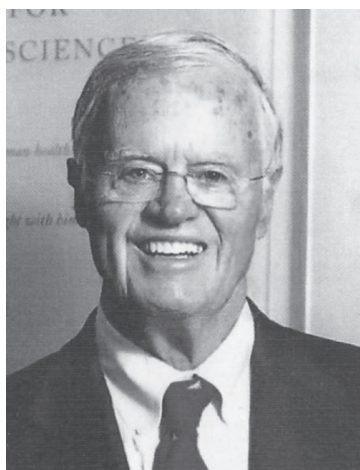
Faust was a member of and served as President of the Musicians Union. One of his greatest achievements was the development of the Durfee High School marching band. Over his tenure the band became a fixture at sporting events and parades.

In honor of his contributions to the Music and Arts in the community and his outstanding work as an educator, he was honored by the Durfee Alumni Association as a Distinguished Alumnus in 1998. He served on the Alumni Board until his recent passing. All will agree he left a lasting legacy on education in Fall River.

He survived by his daughter Jane Fiore Bigelow and husband Gary of Fall River, son Faust and his wife Tracy of Mattapoisett, daughter Elizabeth Guay and Husband Michael of Waterford, CT and Christopher Guay and daughter in law Lauren.

Donations in his memory can be made to the BMC Durfee Alumni Association (Faust and Muriel Fiore Scholarship fund) PO Box 2519, Fall River, MA 02722.

Dr. John T. Harrington, Distinguished Alumnus, Passes



It is with great regret the the Durfee Alumni learned of the passing of John T Harrington, MD, on October 31, 2017. Honored as a Distinguished Alumnus in 1999, he led an exemplary professional career that covered decades.

After graduating from Durfee High School, he continued his studies at the College Of The Holy Cross and the Yale University School of Medicine. After an Internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, he began to build his professional life in Nephrology .

As his career continued he would serve as Chief of General Medicine at Tufts Medical Center, Chair of Medicine at Newton Wellesley Hospital, and a member of the editorial board of the New England Journal of Medicine along with the writing of numerous scholarly articles in his chosen field. From 1994-2002 he served as Dean of Tufts Medical School. His skills and knowledge made him world renowned as a kidney specialist. He was sought after as a mentor and teacher for students, young doctors and colleagues.

Appointed a Professor of Medicine in 1979 at Tufts University School of Medicine, he was the winner of ten teaching awards. While working at the school, he developed the hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and

renal transplant programs. While he was Dean of the Medical School, the first new research facility, the Jaharis Family Center for Biomedical and Nutrition Sciences was constructed.

Despite his worldwide fame, he was always true to his humble roots of Fall River. He loved Durfee High School and took great pride in being the number one ranked student in the Class of 1954. He and his brothers , the Honorable Edward F. Harrington of Portsmouth, RI and Daniel T. Harrington, MD of Fall River, have created a scholarship in memory of their parents which is administered by the Durfee Alumni Association that helps support deserving Durfee graduates.

He leaves his wife Gertrude (Trudy) of 57 years, and seven children and their spouses-Trudy and Andrew Becker of Blacksburg, VA, Kathleen and Andrew Clark of Houston, TX, Daniel Harrington, of West Roxbury, Mark and Deanna Harrington of Houston, TX, Ann and Michael Murphy of Westwood, MA, John and Bethany Harrington of Wellesley, MA, Tim and Kelly Harrington of West Roxbury and twenty one grandchildren.

Distinguished Professor, Kenneth D Langley

Kenneth Davol Langley, a distinguished professor at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth and a 1960 Graduate of Durfee passed away on October 14, 2017. Ken received his B.S. Degree in Textile Technology from UMass Dartmouth in 1964 and his M.S. from the Institute of Textile Technology in Charlottesville, VA in 1968. He was internationally known for his expertise in this area and often appeared in court as an expert witness regarding fibre analysis.

His Hobbies included boating, hiking, and photography. He leaves a legacy of touching many lives as a professor, giving to and helping others, and never expecting anything in return.

Sadly missed by his wife Maryann and family, they ask that in his memory we please consider an act of kindness toward someone.

Durfee Bells Up In the Air

by: Les Cory '56

The bells are up and ringing and all but a few of the memorial bricks have been placed in the walkway. The clavier has been modified to accommodate the manual ringing of our 14 bells and plans are underway to complete the installation.

But, a new situation has developed. The Fall River School Committee has endorsed a plan to build a new high school building on the Elsbree Street campus. As envisioned by the architect, the new, modern, multi-story building will be sited in an area that encompasses the site of the existing bell tower and walkway. The proposed building, somewhat reminiscent of the old Durfee High School building on Rock Street, would include an observatory and a belfry. Presumably, the bells would be moved from their present home in the bell tower to the new belfry. According to the architect, all of the bricks and benches now associated with the tower could be moved to a place of prominence near or in the new building. The fate of the existing tower itself is still a matter of some concern. One proposed option is to move it to the opposite end of the athletic field where it would be nearer to the existing high school building, a portion of which is slated for preservation as a community center.

The Durfee Bells Preservation Society Board of Directors has voted and voiced its opposition to any plan which disturbs the present tower and associated walkway and plaza. Having said that, this writer sees the incorporation of the bells into a new structure as an opportunity to promote student involvement in the ringing of the bells. One reason the bells have seldom been played is that the bell tower is far away from the school building and students are not allowed to leave the building unsupervised. Whether the tower and bells are moved or remain intact, hopefully provisions will be made for students to access the ringing equipment and to learn to play the bells as their predecessors did for nearly 100 years. This was certainly the intent of the donor, Mary Brayton Durfee Young who, in 1885, had inscribed on the biggest bell, "... the chime of bells are for us, for all, and it may be hoped for many generations to come." It is in this spirit that Janice Curry and a few others spearheaded the effort to save the bells from destruction nearly 2 decades ago.

Bricks can still be added to the walkway in honor or in memory of someone dear. Several classes have purchased bricks and well-wishers from the community have bought bricks as well. For details, please contact Les Cory, Chairman, Durfee Bells Preservation Society, Inc. LCory@umassd.edu.

DURFEE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLAM BOIL

*Fundraiser to benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
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Lepage's Seafood & Grill - 439 Martine St, Fall River, MA 02723
\$25.00 per person - *Advanced tickets are required*
Email @ durfeealumniassociation@gmail.com
Or contact a member of the Association*

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Durfee High Link: fallriverschools.org/durfeehigh.cfm
Durfee Bells Link: fallriverschools.org/Durfee/PDFs/Brick%20Order%20Form.pdf
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1923
John V. Donnelly - Memoriam

1933
James A. Partridge - Memoriam

1936
Alice (Shaw) Harkin - Memoriam
Alice (Pizio) Kosiba

1937
Martha (Durand) McVey
Ellen (Gross) Mockas

1938
Chester J. Bednarz - Memoriam
Helen (Mallinowski) Bednarz - Memoriam
Kathleen (Robinson) Lawlor - Memoriam

1940
Lucy (Torchia) Campos
William F. McCarthy
Vernon O. Mills, USN, Ret.
Lester Schwartz
Hon. Milton R. Silva, Ret.
Wanda (Wojtowicz) Wrobel

1941
Abraham Ehrenhaus
Eldredge H. Leerning
Rita (Denicourt) Pearson
Louise (Cottell) Robinson

1942
Miriam (Levin) Klein
Lucy (Baj) Los - Memoriam
Walter L. Tokarz
Charlotte (Flanagan) Weber
Ernest W. Whittle

1943
George A. Bedard
Patrick L. Connors
Dorothy (Mockas) Hough
Humbert M. Lopes
Doris (Audette) Mello
Donald P. O'Neil
Juliette (Monks) Servis
Joan B. Twaddle

1944
Omer L. Bergeron
Elizabeth (Askew) Borden
George A. Candido
M. June (Hill) Falvo
Shaker J. Shaker
Madeline (Flynn) Tozowski

1945
Shirley (Ayer) Correiro
Donald M. Cripps
Stanley Janczura
Edward I. Pettine
Betty (Munro) Welch
Carlton H. Yates

1946
1st LT Raymond L. Berube, USMC - Memoriam
Roger J. Boulay, MD
Virginia (Kelley) Carey
Phillip A. Clorite
Robert A. Deane
George L. Gesner
Donald H. Hall
Joseph F. Henry 1947
Muriel (Girard) Lafamme 1946
Paul H. Lambert, MD 1946
James Mullins 1946
James F. Nichols, MD 1946
Peter Pacheco 1946
Rosann (Barrett) Patota 1946
Earl A. Posey 1946
Jerome Ritter 1946
Elizabeth (Pacheco) Strongo 1946
Dorothy (Williams) Wall 1946
Juliette (Talbot) Whitehead 1946

1947
Clarisse (Dupont) Deane - Memoriam
Lawrence V. Gancarz
Joseph F. Henry
Denise (Croisetiere) Larrivee - Memoriam
Robert H. Lincoln, Sr.
Elaine (Walmsley) Manchester
George H. Martin, Jr.
Sally (Cuttler) McGinn
Leona (Guidotti) Ribeiro
Hon. James H. Smith, US Magistrate Judge, Ret.
Dr. Stanley F. Stafiej
Donald G. Wood

1948
Jacqueline (Pierce) Aitken
Doris (Allen) Blankley
Jeanne (Boissoneau) Collias
Phyllis (Capone) Corcoran

Louise Durfee
Meredith (Pearson) Eastman
Gladys (Jaworski) Gaj
Constance (Capstack) Mendes
John J. Moriarty
Elizabeth (Ryan) Polder
Barbara (Brigham) Posey
Richard M. Rosenberg
Alfred J. Smialek
Cremilde (Torres) Stavros
Marjorie (King) Tache - Memoriam
Violet (Chadwick) Wagoner

1949
Peter G. Collias, Esq.
Joan (Pemberton) Daley
Peter P. DePaola
John A. Fazzina
Janice (Phillips) Fiedler
Arline (Mac Duff) Holland
Paul R. Kelleher
Elizabeth (Williams) Marsden
Helen (Warden) Martin
Louise (Pierce) McCarthy
Reva (Wernick) Newfield
Ralph J. Pickup, Jr.
Bernard J. Poritz
Gerald Sandler
Edwin Shivel
Anne (Patten) Sylvia
Julia (Silva) Tesseneer
Anna (Wisz) Zdon

1950
James R. Allen
Barbara (Spoonier) Bell
Robert J. Berube
John A. Gagliardi, D.M.D.
Laura (Ramos) Garcia
Col. Joan I. Gray, USAF, Nurse Corp, Ret.
Paul B. Grozen, Capt. USN, Ret.
Alice (Fernandes) Hayden
Lt. Col. Harold Katzman, USAF, Ret.
Louis B. Martins
Jane (Larocque) Morse
Ruth (Moskowsky) Moss
Lillian (Dias) Price
John Raposa
Florence (Seraphin) Richardson
Barbara (Cohen) Rosenberg
Bernard A. G. Taradash
Janice (Kay) Warren

1951
Daniel E. Bogan
Edward S. Cunningham
LTC Santi DiRuzza, USA, Ret.
Albert T. Estes, Jr.
Maria (Cuthbert) Greenhorn
Robert J. Hayden, Jr.
C M Sgt. John Kuttner, USAF, Ret.
Carolyn (Holt) Lafreniere
Edmond M. Machado
Marceline (Bertolini) Medeiros
James F. Melvin
Judith (Bergeron) O'Connell
Franklin D. Raposa
Earl Sanft
William A. Seymour, MD
Norman Shepherd
Everett F. Smith
Charles D. Somers
Florence (Picard) Southland
George F. Southland
Angelo A. Stavros
Carl D. Taylor
Doris M. Thornton
Oliver H. Wagner - Memoriam
Harold C. Walmsley
William J. Webb, Jr.

1952
Dorothy (Kelly) Arruda
Jean (Higgins) Bogan
Zelma (Vincent) Braga
Joan (Winslow) Buhrendorf
Wilma (Taylor Wagner) Cleveland
Hazel (Langton) Costa
Lawrence Donnelly
George R. Duclos
Roland T. Dupont
Gerald Fallon
Deborah (Radovsky) Finn
Donald W. France
John A. Freeman
Richard Freitas
Joan (Souza) George
John T. Goltz
Ronald A. Goltz
Harriet (Solotist) Grunberg
Mary (Ryan) Janczura

Janet (Paquin) Kotlarski
Joseph Kotlarski
Natalie (Wilson) Lafleur
Doris (Belford) Lehmer
Judith (Campeau) Liles
John E. Machado
Judith (Kline) Markowitz
Manuel V. Medeiros
William L. O'Hare
Paul A. Pannoni
Dino Polselli
Mario S. Polselli
Thomas Powers
Jacqueline (Zubat) Remus
Helen (Bohun) Schultz
Ronald A. Schwartz, MD
Joan (Ross) Smith
Rona (Bernstein) Solberg
Libania A. Souza
Nancy (Pollock) Stavis
Noreen (Curt) Sullivan
Muriel (Briggs) Wachlin

1953
Charles S. Bailey
Frederick C. Buda
Ann (Wojnar) Burke
Ronald Caplain
Lois (Hodgson) Condon
William B. Dixon
Thomas E. Dupont, Esq.
John J. Fletcher, PhD
Margaret (Burns) Higgins
Eleanor (Dubiel) Kippax
Beverly (Barlow) McCutchan
Carolyn (Britto) Murray
Joan (Powers) Pacia
James D. Salvo

1954
Leonard G. Alves
The Rev. Shirley (Scholes) Andrews
Nancy (Cowen) Arruda
Arnold H. Bennett
James E. Bullock
Msg. Edmund Cabral, USA, Ret.
Rev. Alan D. Carvalho
Marjorie (Enos) Couri - Memoriam
Barbara (Christensen) Daley
Robert L. Gagnon
John T. Harrington, MD
Miriam (Taylor) Harrison
Carolyn (Bartsch) Hinves
Cecilia (Medeiros) Jennings
Gordon Jennings
Stephen R. Kay
Douglas G. MacDuff
Raul Martin
Richard J. Masse
Ronald C. Mather
John C. Matula
Raymond H. Medeiros
William J. Moran
Cecilia (Pereira) Mull
Stephen J. Nawrocki
Wendell S. Ogden
George H. Petrin
Bruce Place
Carol (Krasnow) Schwartz
Lorraine (Dube) Silvia
Col. Ronald Silvia, USAF, Ret.
Francis J. Sullivan
James M. Twaddle
Major W. Wheelock
David H. Wordell

1955
Blanch (Cadoret) Adams
Robert E. Allcock, Jr.
Charlotte (Sowa) Alves
Carole (Wisnart) Anderson
Maureen (Dickinson) Bedard
Janet (Park) Been
Ronald Bernier
Robert A. Bogle
Robert Borge
Gene V. Botelho
David T. Clarke
Pauline (Kotlarski) Davis
Muriel (Levesque) Gagnon
Harry B. Golding
Janet Greenwood
Gertrude (Hargraves) Harrington
Robert Hoole
Viola (Borden) Jenks
Louis J. Lovit
Joan (Delaney) Lunde - Memoriam
Joan (Linhares) Mello
Dorothy (Henaire) Nicolau
Stanley W. Sokoloff

Beverly (Tierney) Tansey
Pauline (Morin) Vezina
Gerald P. Violette
Mary Lou (Doyle) Wall
Carolyn (Frain) Witkowski

1956
George A. Bishop, III
Paul A. Borkman
Patricia (Furze) Cassidy
Robert F. Chapman, PhD
Nancy (Cooperstein) Charney
Beverly (Padelford) Clay
Lester W. Cory
Douglas Crook
Claude Desjardins
Nancy (Holt) Ellis
Janice E. Farrell
Hebert Feldman
Lorraine (Langlais) Forcier
Howard E. Gold
Daniel T. Harrington, MD
Louise (Higgins) Harrington
Jeannette (Lortie) Kenyon
Robert Kitchen
Robert L. Lagace
Seraphina (Jacome) Lagace
Delores (Franco) McGarr
Eileen (Galego) Medeiros
Beverly (Soja) Nawrocki
Janice (Nichols) O'Brien
Stephen F. Pirog, Jr.
Judith A. Schneider
Joan (Hopkins) Sheedy
Priscilla (Mullen) Smith
Wayne P. Smith
Lionel B. Spiro
Sylvia (Hollins) Starkie
Jeanette (Wood) Wirz
Odette M. Wood
Lois (Dickworth) Wordell
Dr. Melvin B. Yoken

1957
Belisario A. Almeida
David M. Burns
Gerald F. Burnstein
Harvey I. Chafitz
James R. Collard
Thomas A. Davol, Jr.
Janet (Payer) Dillon
Lt. Col. Patrick J. Donovan, USAF, Ret.
Pauline (Ferreira) Garnett
Col. David W. Gavigan
Joan (Lipson) Herschkowitz
Bruce E. Hutchinson
Eleanor (Fozzard) Kreassig
Louis E. Lataif
Charles H. Martin
Joseph C. Medeiros
Roland A. Medeiros
Aaron J. Ostroff
Bessie (Jamoulis) Pagonis
Robert J. Pontes
H. Bradley Smith
Margaret (Nawrocki) Sullivan
Paula (Sludsky) Sultan
Geraldine (Callahan) Wise
Mary Ann Wordell

1958
Dorothy (Frain) Blais
Margaret (Foley) Deston
Judith (Longshaw) Fino
Thomas R. Flynn
Florence (Bell) Gray
William C. Griffiths
William F. Keating, Jr.
Francis Latessa
Norma (Dubiel) McKenzie
Patricia (Pelton) Medeiros
Dorothy (Albernaz) Midura
Lionel A. Morais
Margaret (Rego) Murphy
Lucy (Dubiel) Paulo
Stephen J. Peters
Col. Antonio T. Pimental, USAF, Ret.
Charlotte (Smith) Pirog
Rev. Leo Polselli, C.S.C.
Thomas E. Poole
Michele (Kaufman) Rallis
Irma (Schwartz) Rosenthal
Dale R. Silva
Manuel T. Silva
Walter R. Silva
Jeffrey S. Trust

1959
Nancy (Manchester) Bennett
Muriel (Burns) Bodington
Charles J. Caperonis

John Cipollini
Carol S. Friar
June (Travers) Gagnon
Barbara (Czapiga) Gajda
Claudia (Britto) Gifford
Douglas A. Gray, Jr.
Polly (Tickle) Hearn
Robert Hughes
Mary Lou (Clark) Levine
Kenneth A. Machado
Thomas H. McGarty
Claire (Leary) McMahon
Maria (Pereira) Medeiros
Beverly (Costa) Pereira
Irving H. Picard, Esq.
Phyllis (Oliveira) Pingley
Robert Sampson, MD
Clorinda Ventura
Suzanne (Guillotte) Vitale

1960
Beverly (St. Lawrent) Abegg
Charles H. Auclair
Michael T. Black
Clark E. Broden
Mark G. Filler
Judith (Cohen) Goodwin
Michael S. Lipsky
Ronald J. Lowenstein
Lois (Murphy) McMullin
Mary Agnes (Pelton) Murphy
Doris (Gagnon) Pacheco
Dolores (Botelho) Silva
Linda (Towers) Warren
Richard Warren
Sandra (Stocklinski) Watters
Zen Williston, PhD
Sandra (Thomas) Wood

1961
Kenneth Barton
Gerald I. Bedrick
Norman Bleau
Dorothy (Cahill) Champlin
Steven A. Chafitz
Rayna (Maltais) Cipollini
Joan (Brisette) Flynn
Constance (Rocheleau) Furtado
Thomas C. Gibson
James A. Golen
Ellen (Donnelly) Hardgrave
Geraldine (Michael) Holewiak
Cynthia (Loudon) Isherwood
Natalie (Governo) King
Frances (Gardella) Kingsley
Paul LePage
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Patrick E. Lowney, Esq.
Bernice (Bamaby) Mannion
Robert J. Marchand, Esq.
Beatrice (Oliveira) Martins
Betty Jean (Bussard) McGarty
Gerald J. Michael, PhD
Richard R. Schenck
Francis C. Silvia
David C. Trindade, PhD
Marina Ventura
Margaret A. Walsh
Donald Yousif

1962
Veronica (Rodrigues) Barreiro
Richard D. Bates
Theresa (Arruda) Bell
Valerie (Smith) Booth
Thomas J. Braga, PhD
Joseph A. Caldeira
Nancy A. Coray
Joseph G. Dias
Gary W. Drenniak
Arthur M. Ferrance, Jr.
Natalie (Marvin) Gildea
Lillian (Labecki) Glickman
William A. Green
G. Edward Larrivee
Maurice N. Larrivee
Paula (Kline) McGillivray
Nancy (Tobol) McManus
John E. Mullaly
Peter J. Nasiff
James H. Packer
Gregory A. Pelagio
William J. Perry
Joseph S. Radovsky
Susan (Fearney) Ramsden
Janet (Spence) Ringuest
G. Milton Ryan
CDR Paul L. Soares, USN, Ret.
Ayres J. Souza
Mary Ann (Pereira) Trznadel

Paul L. Trznadel
David W. Turner
Robert L. Williston

1963
James M. Blackburn
Prof. Joseph A. Conforti
Penny (Berger) Glunts
Marcia (Gold) Horowitz
Barbara (Wilson) Kanuse
Barbara (Zukroff) Koppel
Judith (Rogers) McCormick
James McManus
E. Jeffrey Pontiff
Marilyn (Smith) Rose
Theresa A. Ryan
Norman R. Somer
Bahira H. Sugarman
Michael J. Sullivan

1964
Joseph Brum
Sarah L. Burns
Ernest H. Dessert
Joyce (Wilson) Dessert
Pauline (Buffington) Dooley
Gayle (Isherwood) Emond
Cheryl (Clarke) Furze
Angelina (Duarte) Gastall
James M. Gibney
Robert R. Greeson
Linda (Stafford) Harrop
Carol A. Hryciw-Wing
David J. Mello
Alice Ouellette
Henry L. Pineau
Victor S. Rezendes
Michael L. Shand
Claire (Soares) Sullivan
Charlotte (Costa) Thomas
Gerald E. Vaillancourt
Robert C. Wood

1965
Shirley (Eisenman) Allen, Esq.
Vincent J. Berube
Barry L. Bor
Steven A. Camara
Col. Francis DiNucci, USA, Ret.
Geraldine (Berube) Fortier
Hon. E. Susan (Speier) Garsh
Joyce (Freeman) Goldweitz
Daniel L. Goyette
Linda (Kaufman) Grabiner, PhD
Donald Howarth
Paulette (Bazemore) Howarth
Alan W. Isherwood
James Karam
Donna (Davis) Kiely
Richard C. Laudon
Susan (Bouley) Lavoie
Walter S. Los
John R. Manso
Joseph A. Marshall
Therese (Cousineau) Messier
Cheryl (Harvey) Mish
Paul A. Montour
Suzanne (Perron) Montour
Joyce Perry
Christine (McIntyre) Plante
Susan Sharp
Russell C. Walters
Irving H. Zangwill

1966
Thomas Atheam
Teresa (Furtak) Berard
Robert G. Botelho
Douglas G. Clarke
Joyce (Felipe) Coelho
Susan (DePippo) Falotico
Lydia T. Gonsalves
Aline (Desrochers) Guay
Jean (Pitera) Halligan
Marilyn (Furtado) Harris
Bonnie (MacLaughlin) Heap
Rabbi Allen Juda
Sheldon M. Kline, Esq.
Roger G. Lepage
James J. Linhares
Leonard G. Martin
Carol A. Michael
William T. Mullaly
Robert E. Pavao, DDS
Stephen D. Perry
Paula (Allison) Pizio
Elizabeth (Ferreira) Schneider
Janet (Carroll) Smith
Sandra J. Souza
Edward J. Tavares
Robert A. Taylor

Donna (Enos) Wahl

1967
Cynthia (Janusz) Azevedo
John Azevedo, II
Joseph J. Berek, Jr.
Henry A. Chamberlain
Anne E. Donnelly
Richard L. Gourse
Camille J. Maslanka
Jose G. Norversa
James M. Smith
Ada (Jackson) Wilders

1968
Susan (Booth) Avery
Ronald J. Bettencourt
Susan (Pacheco) Buchan
Mae (Joe) Chandran
Renna Deutsch, PhD
Roberta (Castro) Dobbins
Thomas J. Donnelly, Esq.
Norman J. Lamontagne, PhD
Katharine Leigh, PhD
Capt. Raymond Mello, PE CEC USN, Ret.
Jean (Botelho) Parenteau, PhD
Diane (St. Laurent) Sanders
Lois (Avila) Wilding

1969
Joann R. Deutch
Geraldine (Cabral) Duarte
Joan Gancarski
Karen (Shaker) Giglio
Patricia (Joseph) Goldman
Virginia A. Handfield
Ann M. Harkin
Joanne (Dusoe) Marshall
Richard S. Schwartz
Stanley J. Sikora, Jr.
Susan (Teixeira) Sousa
Robert P. Thomas
Sheila B. Zangwill
Joseph M. Ziccardi

1970
Judith Conrad
Jeanne (Pereira) DeMarco
Stephen Gardiner
Christine (Jean) Gibney
Sheila M. Kelly-Chace
Donald J. Pacheco
Robert Pearson
Jenny L. Ryan
Lorna (Ponte) Tomek

1971
Beverly (Medeiros) Alberto
Robert Labonte
Mary (Martins) Lopes
Karlheen (Harkin) Maclean
Michael J. Vieira, PHD

1972
Leah J. Ehrenhaus-Hersh
Linda E. Greer
Robert C. Hadley
Joan (Harkin) LaCoss
Kris E. Roberts
Sheryl A. Ryan, MD
Joseph G. Stankiewicz

1973
Phoebe (Massoud) Blackburn
Gail (Pacheco) Bliss
John R. Morris

1974
Eloise (Lauzier) Carrier
Thomas W. Jean
James Vaillancourt
Barbara (Urban) Walsh

1975
John D. Costa
Michael P. Duarte
Joan (Motta) Eline
Carol (Rivard) Geller
Debra (Perry) Ozug
Susan (Ogden) Pavao
Jane Piotrowski

1976
Donna M. Barre, MD
Justino F. Paulo
Gale (Souza) Powers
Philomena (Benevides) Roger
Victor P. Santos
Donna (Francoeur) Thibault

1977
Kenneth Fiola, Jr.
Jane A. Murphy
George Sabar

1978
Brenda (Bishop) Azar
Holly J. Bronhard
Carole (Weglowski) Fiola
Elizabeth (Fiore) Guay
Michael A. Guay
Lisa (Lundy) Kusnitz
Jane (Lyons) Sullivan
Colleen (Walsh) Taylor

1979
Roberta A. Bonifacio
Sharon (Bogan) Quinn
Christopher Rockett

1980
Anthony F. Cordeiro
John M. Moreira
Patricia (Nawrocki) Murphy

1981
Antone Lima
Monique (Tremblay) Oliveira
Jane (Kravitz) Shelton

1982
David P. Nicolau
Susan (Faria) Nicolau
Antonio E. Sousa

1983
Deneen C. Cloutier
Timothy G. Kelly
Francis M. Kuhn
Roger A. Lafleur
Marlene (Moreira) Santos

1984
Matthew G. Leger

1985
Lisa (McGinn) Canuel
Elizabeth Hornsby-Graham

1986
Jill A. Hathaway
Anne (Rivard) Hill

1987
Anne (Pacheco) Allen
Danielle M. Pavao

1988
Claudine A. Cloutier, Esq.
Colleen E. Masse, Esq.
J. Barry McDonald, Jr., Esq.

1989
Matthew J. Desmarais
Antone Moniz

1990
Timothy Burke

1996
Barden H. Castro
Colin W. Christ

1997
Paul G. DaSilva

2002
Brian W. Christ

2003
Barret H. Castro
Nicole L. Morell

OTHER
Ann F. Smith - Memoriam

SAVING THE MANN MURALS UPDATE

by: Joyce B. Rodrigues, '62
B.M.C. Durfee Alumni Association
Member at Large

In the 2017 edition of the Durfee Chimes (Vol. 37, No. 1), Stephen J. Nawrocki '54, editor, continued the history of the Technical Building by spotlighting the Mann Murals in the articles "Memories of the Tech Auditorium" and "John Mann, Artist and Historian."

In the third article "Saving the Mann Murals," I presented the current efforts to care for the murals being made by the School Department with support from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

The School Department

a. The School Department's Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Kenneth Pacheco, and the members of the Facilities and Operations Subcommittee, have stated that maintenance is ongoing in the Tech auditorium and will continue as needed to address the damaged ceiling and interior water damage. (Subcommittee meeting on Oct 18, 2016)

b. At the same meeting the Subcommittee approved the recommendation to hire a conservator to assess the value and condition of the murals. The School Committee approved the recommendation on November 14, 2016.

The Community Preservation Committee

The CPC approved the proposal to hire a conservator on June 2, 2017. The Fall River

City Council voted to fund the project on June 13, 2017.

The assessment of the murals was conducted on July 19, 2017, by Mr. Peter Williams of Peter Williams Museum Services Boston, an art conservator and leading authority on art work dating from the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

Mr. Williams' report to the School Department is summarized as follows:

"While there [at the Durfee Tech auditorium] I was able to do a cleaning test on one of the murals from an electric lift. I determined that the murals could be safely cleaned on-site; and that they are extremely dirty and had never been varnished. I also discovered that the murals were originally painted on canvas and are firmly glued to the walls of the auditorium and are not secured to stretcher bars.

I attempted to determine how easy it would be to peel the murals off the wall and discovered it would be extremely difficult and impractical to do so without causing possible significant damage. I do not see that the murals could be removed from the back since they are mounted on a brick wall which has been plastered over."

To conclude, Mr. Williams recommended cleaning the murals on-site and retaining them in the auditorium since removing them from the walls would in effect destroy them. To date there is no decision by the School Department on how and when the Tech building will be restored and the Mann murals cleaned in place.

With the information provided by Mr. Williams' report, I contacted Ms. Jacqueline Francisco,

Director of Fine and Performing Arts for the Fall River Public Schools Department, for her expert opinion. Ms. Francisco recommended photographing the murals using the process of high resolution digital photography. This process, used by museums all over the world when original art work cannot be moved or when museums wish to document their collections, would create copies of the murals for prosperity.

At the December 19, 2017 meeting with the Durfee 3 Building Committee, I asked for a vote to move forward with soliciting estimates for photographing the Mann murals and asked the Building Committees for space in the new Durfee to exhibit the story of Fall River as depicted in the Mann murals. The committee unanimously voted for the architects to plan space in the new Durfee for a photographic exhibit of the Mann murals.

The next step is to solicit estimates and funding for high resolution digital photography of the Mann murals.

The Durfee Chimes will keep classmates informed as this project proceeds.

To learn more about the murals, click on the Keeley Library website:

<http://www.sailsinc.org/durfee/mannslides.htm>

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ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, May 25, 2018 - 7:30 PM

Nagle Auditorium

Refreshments - 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Figures 1 and 2 show Peter Williams (right) and Robert Medeiros (left), Supervisory Custodian, Tech Bldg, on a lift examining and evaluating the condition of the Mann murals.



Figure 2. Mann Murals, July 19, 2017 (closer view)

Above photo shows Peter Williams from the conservation firm Museum Services, inspecting the Mann Murals in the Tech Auditorium regarding the feasibility of placing them in the proposed new high school. His conclusion is it would be extremely difficult, impractical and expensive to attempt to remove them as they are so securely attached to the walls. In addition, moving them could cause significant damage. Initial estimates exceed one million dollars.

ALUMNI - WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please complete the form on page 11 and return it in the enclosed envelope or contact the Association by email with your decision. Our email is 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.

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.

FALL FIVER'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL-DURFEE 3

by: Edward Costar '66

As a proud Durfee graduate, former School Administrator who worked for 25 years at the "new" Durfee, and an existing School Board member who serves on the committee which oversees construction of the newest incarnation of our beloved alma mater, I find myself in a unique position, having seen the old, the new, and the development of what is to come.

Alumni fondly recall the iconic Rock St. building which opened its doors in 1887 and remains a marvel of architecture even today, while it continues to function as a Massachusetts State Courthouse.

That Durfee was a beacon of education which produced many prominent faculty and graduates. Students worked in spaces and facilities that, by today's standards, would be considered antiquated. Yet it mattered little that labs and classrooms were small, or that athletic fields were distant, for we were a resourceful lot who were grateful for all we had. But as the school aged, replacement was inevitable. After 91 years, the Durfee on Elsbree St was opened for business in 1978.

It would come to be known as the "new" Durfee. Unfortunately "new" became "old" very quickly. Right from the start there were deficiencies. Open classrooms housing four classes, with no walls to separate them, were too noisy and learning became highly problematic. By the time I moved into the building in 1980, finding adequate space was already a problem. Temporary walls were erected everywhere. The building was designed in a convoluted pattern which resembled an airport and wasted space. Getting from one end to another was confusing and inefficient.

Maintenance was a nightmare. Leaks in the windows and roof, poor air quality, moldy carpets, stained ceiling tiles, and crumbling walls, needed constant repair. Even today, on rainy days, there are buckets throughout the building catching rain drops. Attempts to find sufficient funding sources to fix the school were unsuccessful.

Still, our resilience and spirit drove us on and many educational success stories kept Durfee

Pride alive. After nearly forty years of "making do" the time had come to consider creating a newer, better Durfee. I like to call it Durfee 3.

During the past 40 years, Fall River has successfully constructed several state of the art schools. New Middle Schools were erected at Henry Lord, Kuss and Morton, giving our students wonderful facilities in which to learn. Along the way we also gained valuable experience that guides us forward in the process of creating Durfee 3.

I sit on the Durfee building committee along with nearly 30 leaders and educators chosen from throughout the city. Most have been through this process before, but it's all new to me.

The first step was to obtain approval from the Massachusetts Building Authority (MSBA) which would provide the City of Fall River up to 80% reimbursement for the cost of construction. This process involved a thorough documentation of the myriad of problems associated with the deterioration and educational deficiencies that presently exist. The building was systematically inspected and evaluated.

Those who work in the High School presented an educational vision. Potential building sites throughout the City were examined and considered while experienced professionals provided evaluations and oversight throughout; Architects were chosen following the required MSBA Building Process.

The ultimate outcome is proceeding along in 5 specific phases.

Phase 1. Feasibility Study, was completed in June 2017.

Phase 2. Schematic Design Phase to be completed by January of 2018

Phase 3. Scope, Budget and Funding Agreements,

Phase 4. Actual Design Development and Construction, starting in May 2019

Phase 5. Construction Completion, tentative completion date of June 2022

Along the way school administrators, teachers and students have walked with architects through the building, illustrating shortcomings and providing direction which expresses what their "dream" school would look like.

Some meetings were intense. One included a presentation with seven options and drawings which illustrated potential school designs. No single design was perfect. There were complications. Do we keep recently constructed athletic fields and build a school around these? Do we demolish everything and start from scratch? What do we do with a renovated Gym and Performing Arts Building? What about the possible cost of each option? After several hours the group reached a tentative consensus which would take the best of several options and combine them into a hybrid which met our needs.

Another time, distinguished alumni who had successfully restored the historic Durfee Bells from the original school expressed concerns. Where would the bell tower be placed? When the architect suggested placing them on top of the building's main entrance, the artistic rendering was not only pleasing to the eye, but also revived memories of the "old" school. Other improvements and adjustments continue to be considered as the project moves forward. Public hearings, Facebook and Twitter comments and School Committee presentations enable constant feedback and input.

The designers have consistently emphasized retaining a sense of Durfee's history while ensuring that students are also offered the best that modern education has to offer. After witnessing the builders' recent High School creations in Newton and across the river in Somerset, the committee was greatly assured that Durfee 3 would indeed be something special.

Durfee 3 will honor the past while looking to the future. Confidence is high that a new and improved school will become a reality. Our proud tradition of educational excellence will continue in a world class facility that will make alumni and Fall River citizens proud.

As one architect put it, "This building will be like no other in the State".

(For those interested in following our progress please go to "Durfee Rising" on Facebook, or Twitter.)

CLASS OF 1954 - 64th Year Reunion

Thursday, August 2, 2018

12:00PM - 4:00PM

The Cove Restaurant and Marina

392 Davol St, Fall River

Contact: Steve Nawrocki 508-673-7473 or

Class of 1954@aol.com

CLASS OF 1963

55th Year Reunion

Save the Date:

August 24, 2018

The Cove Restaurant and Marina

392 Davol Street

Fall River, MA

CLASS OF 1965 - 53rd Year Reunion

Saturday, September 8, 2018

11:30 AM-4:00 PM

McGoverns Restaurant, 310 Shove St, Fall River

Additional information will be mailed

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXCEEDS TEN MILLION DOLLARS!!!!

by: Claudine Cloutier '88

Civic duty – a phrase we don't hear or think about often enough anymore. But the notion of performing one's civic duty and investing in the future of our society was, and still is, of central importance to many Durfee Alumni. As reflected in the annual report in May, 2017, the Fall River High School Alumni Scholarship Fund has reached the \$10 million mark. Continuing generosity of alumni and friends, as well as a strong market, have helped us reach that milestone.

While the fund is extremely healthy, the needs of Durfee graduates, facing ever-skyrocketing tuition bills have never been greater. Tuition, room and board at most private universities exceeds \$60,000 per year. For public universities, the cost of attendance, with room and board, can easily be well over \$20,000 per year. Many qualified students are deterred from even applying to their first choice due to these staggering and daunting figures.

Many of us, myself, included, have either benefitted directly from the fund or know someone who has. The scholarship I received upon graduation helped me through Yale and inspired me to "pay it forward." If any alumni are considering doing the same, here a few things to know about the process.

Although gifts of any amount are welcomed, in order to establish a named fund, a minimum donation of \$5,000 is required. The principal of the scholarship is invested and the interest is granted as the scholarship, allowing the scholarship to continue in perpetuity.

Often, several named scholarships are granted to a single student in order to provide that student with a larger award. The list of all – nearly 200 – named funds with the corresponding principal is contained within the program of the annual meeting in May.

With respect to the selection process, each Spring, the trustees review the applicants' academic and extra-curricular achievements and interview each candidate. Both merit and need are considered. Approximately 25 students are selected to receive scholarships.

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. As reported at the annual meeting in May, 2017, over \$196,000 in scholarships had been paid for the year.

Recipients are announced at the annual meeting in May, at which time the program reflects, not only the list of scholarships being awarded in that particular year, but also the list of scholarships still being paid to those moving on to their sophomore, junior, and senior years in college.

Each recipient must then report his or her grades to President Peter Collias at the end of every semester in order to demonstrate that they have maintained a satisfactory grade point average. Failure to report one's grades or maintain one's grades can result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

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.

If you are interested in adding to that venerable list and establishing a scholarship, please contact Peter Collias at PGClaw@aol.com or Claudine Cloutier at Ccloutier@kecheslaw.com.

MEET DURFEE PRINCIPAL, MATTHEW DESMARAIS



As we all know, education is a top priority for us in Fall River. Our schools have made great strides in our test scores, especially at the secondary level. In June of 2017 the Superintendent of Schools reorganized his administrative team. One major move he made was to appoint a new Principal at Durfee.

His choice was a young, enthusiastic 1989 Durfee graduate, Matthew Desmarais. With a projected opening of a new High School in the Fall of 2022, Matt brings a youthful perspective as well as an excellent professional background and knowledge of Fall River to this position.

In addition to his Durfee background, Matt was educated at the Highland and Tansey Elementary Schools, and at Morton Middle School. His collegiate education took him to the University of Massachusetts/Dartmouth where he graduated in 1993 with a degree in History.

In addition to the above he brings a wealth of experience that can be received by working one's way up the ladder. After graduating from UMass, he began his work career by managing a restaurant in Ft Lauderdale, FL. for three years. Here he developed his leadership abilities as well as those life skills associated with working in a public environment.

After this experience, his love of education took over and he began his professional career in education by spending the next five years as a substitute teacher and office assistant at Durfee. This was followed by five years of teaching History at Durfee, four years as a Vice Principal, and then seven years as the History Department Head with two concurrent Interim roles as ELA Department Head and World Language Department Head. This variety of training over that fourteen year period brought him to his current position in June of 2017.

By the time this mailing gets to the Alumni, Matt will be close to completing his first year as Principal. Planning for the new High School should be progressing well. Upon wishing him good luck, his comment was "I'm learning something new every day." The Durfee Alumni congratulate Matt, and look forward to working with him in the future.

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Bright with Durfee's hue.

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