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James Karam Biography



James Karam is President and founder of First Bristol Corporation and provides the leadership and direction of this 35 year old regional Real Estate Development and Management Company. Originally founded in 1975, First Bristol Corporation's focus has been the development of quality retail shopping centers, first-class office buildings, and hotels throughout Southern New England. Mr. Karam's commitment to excellence is evidenced by the successful nature of the company's varied developments and his recognition for being in the forefront of this ever-changing industry. He also is co-owner of WSAR and WHTB radio stations, serving the Massachusetts Southcoast region.

Mr. Karam's current and past professional and civic affiliations are extensive. He has devoted many hours in civic and charitable organizations, including as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the largest community health care system in New England, Caritas Christi Health Care System, and as the former Chairman and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for the University of Massachusetts five (5) campus system, Co-Chairman of the Southcoast CEO Group and Southcoast Economic Development partnership. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Steward Health Care System, a for-profit portfolio company of Cerberus Capital Management.

As a general partner and co-developer of several major award-winning residential developments, Mr. Karam has been recognized for his contribution to three Massachusetts award winning Historic Residential Rehabilitation projects, Lafayette Place, The Highlands, and The Hudner Building. In 2007 and 2009, two of his hotel developments were selected as the "Outstanding Hotel Conversion" award winners of the year in the U.S. by Hilton Hotels.

In the area of commercial development, First Bristol Corporation has developed in excess of 3,000,000 square feet of shopping centers, hotels, and office buildings throughout Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, including Wal-Mart, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, and CVS anchored shopping centers. First Bristol has also been a leading provider of first class office buildings in Mass and R.I. and five (5) hotels located in Providence, RI; Norwood, Mass; Raynham, Mass; and Newport/Middletown, R.I.. Each has been recognized by Hilton and Marriott Hotels as national award winners for design and performance.

Mr. Karam is an alumnus of the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and a member of the Red & Black Club of his alma mater, Durfee High School. In addition to recognition by his peers, he is also the recipient of numerous awards including: Citizen's for Citizens "Hubert Humphrey Award," the Fall River Chamber of Commerce "Outstanding Citizen" award, the University of Massachusetts "Entrepreneur of the Year" award, an "Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration" from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, and an "Honorary Doctorate of Law" from the Southern New England School of Law.

Formal recognition will be made at the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Karam and his wife, Janis, reside in Tiverton, Rhode Island and have four children.

Annual Meeting ~ May 27, 2011 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Nagle Auditorium ~ Refreshments 6:30 to 7:30 PM

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Letter from the President

My Dear Fellow Durfee Alumni,

Another year has come and gone and my term as B.M.C. Durfee Alumni Association President is ending. Once again I give thanks for the efforts of a tremendously helpful Executive Board. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to this fine group of talented volunteers.

On behalf of this Board let me warmly congratulate the Class of 2011 and most particularly, this year's Alumni scholarship recipients. We sincerely wish you all the best and much success in your future career choices. We hope you will always remember your high school years at Durfee with fondness and pride. Please keep in mind that as you graduate from Durfee you immediately become a part of the illustrious group proudly known as Durfee Alumni. As you become successful independent adults, never forget your roots, firmly grounded in the education you received at Durfee.

This year the Board of Directors of the B.M.C. Durfee High School Alumni Association will add a new name to an ever-growing list of Distinguished Alumni. "Jim" Karam is a well-known, very successful local businessman whose accomplishments you can read about on Page 1 of this issue of Durfee Chimes. We congratulate him and extend our sincere thanks for his many contributions to our community.

In closing, please allow me to thank all dues-paying members of the Alumni Association and especially those who have joined at the "Red & Black" level. Your financial help allows us to grow as an organization and to provide annual scholarships to deserving Durfee Seniors. A membership form is printed on Page 11 and an envelope is provided for your convenience. Please consider joining your Alumni Association, and, if possible, become involved as an active member of this fine organization. We welcome new members who have energy and ideas to share. The time commitment is minimal but the satisfaction is great.

May you enjoy good health and prosperity,

Sincerely,

Angelina Gastall '64-President
President

Class of 1961 Reunion

Friday, September 23, 2011

Meet at 4:30 @ Court House/Former Durfee
Tour of Building

Hors d'oeuvres 6 PM Quequechan Club

Friday, September 24, 2011

White's of Westport from 6:30 PM

Contacts: Bernice Barnaby Mannion 508-672-8157

Marilyn Jolivet 508-676-0148

2010 Scholarship Recipient List

S. Peter Khoury Memorial Scholarship to	Katelyn A. Almeida
Class of '38-Isabel O'Neil & Marion Pitman Rounseville to	Kayla D. Andrade
Beatrice Capeto to	Kayla S. Arruda
Stephen & Margaret Nawrocki to	Kevin C. Burgo
Todd Branco & John A. & Eileen Carr to	Katelyn M. Burns
Susanne Earnshaw & Jean Earnshaw Plouff to	Jillian N. Correira
Andrew J. Borden to	Carolyn G. Curtis
Ruth A. Holmes & The Richard B. Butler, MD & Milton J. Gilbert, MD to	Ron D. Dumais
Mitchell Stashkow & Wilford K. & Ruth Hunsaker Bradbury to	Brittany L. Farias
Beatrice Capeto to	Nicholas N. Farias
Devoll Scholarships & Anne Biltcliffe Duarte Class of '71 & '22.....	Peter R. Janeiro
Felix Makarewicz Memorial, Alice Pizio Kosiba, Class of '36 & Emily E. Winward to	Sade A. Luwoye
Andrew J. Borden to	Michael R. Massoud*
Andrew J. Borden to	Kate E. McDonald
B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association-Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney & Malcolm P. Aldrich to.....	Patrick J. Meara
William E & George J. Apps & Jerome Namias to.....	Amanda P. Medeiros
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Frederick O. & Rachel B. Dodge & Thomas W. Newbury, Class of '33 & Robert E. Newbury, Class of '36 & B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association & Hon. Roger F. Sullivan to.....	Courtney E. Melo
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Julia M. Harrington & Henry J. Shea Educators Scholarship Fund & Class of '44 to	Jordan E. Prescott
B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association-Ellis Gifford & Ralph N. & Dorothy S. Friar & Joseph C. & Arlene Trottier Perron to	Daisy Santiago*
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Alumni to	Danielle M. Silvia*
Beverly Kerness Unger & William F. Kaylor Scholarships to	Michael T. Sousa
Karen A. Jarabek to	Steven A. Souza, Jr.
George F. Fernandez Memorial, Class of '40 & Ernest P. & Georgina Pavao & Alice C. Harrington, Class of '34. Scholarships to.....	Belinda J. Teixeira
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Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation to	Jenna L. Carneiro

*Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation Grant

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

Previous Distinguished Alumni Recipients

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

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

DURFEE BELLS ARE COMING HOME!



Late this summer the Durfee bells will be installed in the new Durfee bell tower on Elsbree Street. It has been nearly 10 years since the bells were shipped off to the Meeks Watson bell foundry in Georgetown, Ohio to be refurbished and tuned.

Since the publication of the last edition of the Chimes, a lot has been accomplished. Construction details were finally completed and the last of the engineering approvals was obtained in June of 2010. On July 21, we rejoiced as the first shovelful of dirt was turned and a massive 10 foot deep, 20 by 20 foot hole was dug for the tower foundation near the entrance to the Durfee High School sports complex. Over the following 3 weeks, forms were built and the hole was filled with over 100 tons of crushed stone and 50 cubic yards of concrete. The anchors to hold the tower in place were embedded in the concrete and in late August, galvanized steel was trucked in and construction of the tower began in earnest. Members of the Durfee Bells Preservation Society were on hand to witness every beam being raised in place as the main portion of the tower rose to its full height of 52 feet. On top of the tower, the 8-ringed, open frame steeple was hauled into place by an 80 foot crane on September 9th.

The “topping off” ceremony was attended by about 50 Durfee alums and friends who applauded the installation of the finial – the final piece at the very top of the tower that brought the finished height to 77 feet above the surrounding Durfee campus. Those who have been to the top can attest to the magnificence of the view from that dizzying height.

Painting of the structure was done in colors selected by the architect, John Lusk of Bristol RI and then, on a bright, chilly but mostly windless November day, the 4 majestic, 8 foot diameter clocks were installed. The clocks were a gift from the Robert Curry family and Rev Shirley Andrews in loving memory of Janice Curry who, together with Dr. Ira Rex, Paul Vaitses and a few others began the project to restore and re-hang the Durfee Bells more than a decade ago. The onset of winter brought work at the tower site to a temporary close.

In March, Bell Master Rick Watson, came to Fall River from Ohio to take final measurements for the chime frame that his company is fabricating to support the nearly 10 tons of bells that will make up the Durfee chime.

There were 10 bells in the original Durfee chime. One was stolen while the bells were in storage and a new bell has been cast to replace it. The stolen bell has yet to be recovered. About 1910 – 25 years after the Durfee bells were made, the Meneely Bell Foundry began marketing what Mr. Meneely called a “Star Spangled Banner Chime.” It consisted of 14 bells. Our new chime frame and all the associated bell playing apparatus is being designed to support 14 bells. The committee hopes that donors will come forward to help procure the four additional bells that are needed to complete the 14 bell chime. The smallest of the new bells is valued at \$6,700 and the biggest will cost \$22,900. The name of a donor and a brief message or saying can be cast into the metal of any of the new bells.

Once the chime frame is completed – probably in July, it will become an integral part of the tower and the bells will be brought home and installed. Landscaping and the laying of the engraved brick Pathway of Memories will be held off until the bells are installed so that the heavy equipment used in the bell installation will not damage the new walkway. This will allow an additional opportunity for those who want to purchase memorial bricks to do so probably through the end of June.

There are still parts of the project that remain to be accomplished but all of the money raised to date will have been spent once the bells are in place and the landscape work is finished.

The following is yet to be done. Estimated costs are in parentheses.

1. The area around the clocks needs to be enclosed. (\$24,000)
2. Bird screening needs to be installed around the bells. (\$5,000)
3. The bottom level must be enclosed to protect the ringing equipment. (\$28,000)
4. Ringing equipment needs to be designed, built and installed to enable manual ringing of the bells. (\$32,000)

The historic bells were a gift to the city of Fall River from Mary Brayton Durfee Young in honor of her son, Bradford Mathew Chaloner Durfee. The bells hung for more than 100 years in the steeple of the old Durfee High School building on Rock Street. Several traditions were instituted in those years including the tradition that the big tenor bell was rung 29 times – once for each year of the life of B.M.C. Durfee’s life – at 8:10 AM each school day. There are several stories as to how that tradition was begun but it can be said with certainty that there was no such condition imposed by Bradford Durfee’s mother in her deed of gift. The daily ringing of the bell was most likely simply a “wake up call” that the school day was about to begin and students were expected to be in their home rooms within the next 5 minutes. However that tradition began, none of the students who attended the “old” Durfee will forget it and no student now at Durfee has ever experienced it.

Please use the form on Page 11 to help us reach the final goal to finalize the entire project. Naming opportunities are still available.

Places of Interest on the Web for Durfee Alumni

Durfee High Link: fallriverschools.org/durfeehigh.cfm

Durfee Bells Link: fallriverschools.org/Durfee/PDFs/Brick%20Order%20Form.pdf

Durfee Yearbooks: sailsinc.org/durfee/yearbooks.htm

Alumni Website: durfeealumni.com/index.htm

We Are Almost There!



2010 - 2011 Red and Bl

1923

John V. Donnelly - Memoriam

1932

Agnes Black

1933

Norman P. Seagrave
James A. Partridge - Memoriam
Major Edward V. Toolin

1934

Donald D. Black
Lt. Col. Peter M. Furguele Ret.

1935

Helen (Lathrop) Brooks
Helen (Barker) Howard

1936

John C. Carvalho, DDS
Nathaniel Dashoff
Lucille (Roussell) Hadley
Alice (Pizio) Kosiba
Lorraine (Ashley) Phillips

1937

Paul P. Dunn, M.D.
John C. Greene
Chester W. Mahon
Joseph F. McGrady
Martha (Durand) McVey
John J. Mosley
Helen (Burke) Piper

1938

Mary M. Hadley
Kathleen (Robinson) Lawlor
Eunice (Hodgson) Pickup
Paul Schraer
Georgiana (Souza) Supra

1939

James F. Arkson
Ella (Fazzina) Despres
Faust D. Fiore
Allan L. Lubin
William D. Tompkins, M.D. - Memoriam

1940

Elizabeth W. Chung
Margaret M. Dougherty
Elizabeth (Morley) Greene
Rita (Parisee) Kennann
William F. McCarthy
Milton R. Silva

1941

William A. Carroll
Col. William A. Deplitch USMC (Ret)
Abraham Ehrenhaus
Anne (Pizio) Sullivan-Glasco
Marjorie (Hodgson) Lawton
Russell E. Lawton
Elizabeth (Harrington) Manning
William B. McIlwaine
Frank P. Mello
Rita (Denicourt) Pearson
Constance (Brigham) Schreiber
Mary (Gaspar) Silva

1942

Susan D. Blake
Geraldine (Franklin) Barrow
LTC Harold J. Dusoe USA Ret
Rina (Battiston) Fisher
Shirley (Fozzard) Fogwell
Miriam (Levin) Klein
Captain Bertram A. Udovin USN (Ret.)

1943

Wesley S. Alpert
George Bedard

Lionel H. Boucher
Tjerese (Pelletier) Fournier
Dorothy (Mockas) Hough
Humbert M. Lopes
Doris (Audette) Mello
Donald P. O'Neil
Juliette (Monks) Servis
Joseph E. Sullivan
Joan B. Twaddle
Fern R. White
Vern Wild

1944

Fernande (Lemay) Berube
Kip H. Cohen
Raymond F. Denicourt
M. June (Hill) Falvo
Madeleine M. Hamel
Barbara (Davidson) Hutton
Phyllis (Nerenberg) Littman
Daniel J. Love
Harold M. Parsons
Hugo D. Rockett
Elaine H. Rodman
Irene (Antaya) Roth
Herbert S. Strauss
Madeline (Flynn) Tozlowski

1945

Robert N. Brightman
William D. Healey
Stanley Janczura
Roger J. McCann
Edward Pettine
Hugo Rockett
Judith (Kahn) Sanders
Irene (Dougherty) Simmons
Daciano W. Stone
Theresa (Powers) Sunderland
William J. Torpey
Betty (Monro) Welch

1946

Janice (Tate) Anderson
Muriel (Raymond) Batcheller
Roger J. Boulay
Virginia (Kelley) Carey
Phillip A. Clorite
Mary (Tavares) Cordeiro
Sidney L. Dubitsky
Robert F. Gardella
George L. Gesner
Florence (Mellor) Hook
Muriel (Girard) Laflamme
Earl E. Lopes
Janice (Larrivee) Morrell
Robert T. Mullen
James Mullins
John G. Munro
Rosann (Barrett) Patota
Earl A. Posey
Matthew E. Potash
John D. Rapoza
Adel (Shabshelowitz) Savitz
Edward F. Smith
Dorothy (William) Wall
Juliette (Talbot) Whitehead

1947

Beatrice (Moniz) Bolduc
Nancy Carroll
Josephine Dawicki
Frederic J. Lamoureux
Normand R. Larrivee - Memoriam
Elaine (Woimsley) Manchester
Robert D. Newton
Col. Frank T. Pimentel, Sr.
Mary (Bradury) Sewell
James H. Smith
Dr. Stanley Stafiej
Oscar M. Teixeira
Donald G. Wood

1948

Doris (Allen) Blankley
Louise Durfee
Meredith (Pearson) Eastman
Gladys (Jaworski) Gaj
Lillian (Zajac) Guimond
Robert A. MacAyeal
Yvette (Caouette) Miner - Memoriam
Frances V. Moniz
John Moriarty
Barbara (Brigham) Posey
Joseph D. Raposa
Richard Rosenberg
Roger L. Roussell
Stuart J. Silowitz
Gerald T. Tache

1949

Henry J. Augustine
Barbara A. Bogle
Eleanor (Fox) Browe
Anthony D'Adamo
John (Pemberton) Daley
Peter P. DePaola
Theodore Faryniarz
John A. Fazzina
Harold W. Flynn
Harold L. Hall
Arline (MacDuff) Holland
Paul R. Kelleher
George Martin
Elizabeth (Williams) Marsden
Reva (Wernick) Newfield
Alfred J. Ouimet
Joseph Powers
Daniel Ready
Audrey (Gordon) Shumway
Myron Shumway, Jr.
Edwin Shivell
Anne (Patten) Sylvia
Julia (Silva) Tesseneer

1950

James R. Allen
Mary Lou (Walken) Banks
Robert J. Berube
Laura (Ramos) Gracia
Nancy (McGee) Goncalo
Joan I. Gray Col. USAF NC Ret.
Capt. Paul B. Grozen USN Ret.
John J. Hargraves
Alice (Fernandes) Hayden
Lt. Col. Harold Katzman, USAF Ret.
Irene (Ouellette) St. Laurent
Stanley J. Sieczkowski
Eleanor (Lynch) Sweeney
Arthur J. Thibodeau
Velma Travers
Carolyn (Capstalk) Tuovinen
Janice (Kay) Warren

1951

Theresa (Arruda) Anderson
Daniel E. Bogan
LTC Santi Diruzza, USA (Ret)
Barbara (Wong) Eng
Maria (Cuthbert) Greenhorn
Robert J. Hayden
John Kuttner
James F. Melvin
Joseph E. Mullaney
Chester T. Nuttall, Jr.
James S. Panos
Franklin d. Raposa
Earl Sanft
William A. Seymour
Norman Shepherd
Angelo S. Stavros
Doris M. Thornton
Stephen S. Trond

1952

Dorothy (Kelly) Arruda
Gertrude (Fletcher) Baumgardner
Jean C. Bogan
Constance (Bouchard) Briosi
Joan (Winslow) Buhrendorf, Jr.
Thomas F. Burke
Shirley (Kardosz) Cavanaugh
Hazel (Langton) Costa
Albert E. Dean
Lawrence A. Donnelly
George R. Duclos
John A. Freeman
Richard Freitas
John Gagnon
Ronald Golz
Clarice (Levrault) Hargraves
Mary (Ryan) Janczura
Judith (Campeau) Liles
Robert B. McMahon
John R. Marum - Memoriam
John Medeiros
Manuel V. Medeiros
Antonio T. Moniz
Ruth (Hindle) Moniz
Hugh C. Neville
William L. O'Hare
Dino Polselli
Mario S. Polselli
Thomas Powers
Jacqueline (Zubat) Remus
Muriel (Briggs) Washlin

1953

Roland Bouchard
Fred C. Buda
Michael Daley
Morton Dean-Dubitsky
Thomas E. Dupont, Sr.
Robert B. Higgins, Jr.
Beverly (Barlow) McCutchan
Elizabeth (Bergeron) McMahon

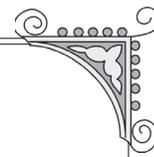
1954

Rev. Shirley (Scholes) Andrews
Robert L. Goddu
John T. Harrington, MD
Stephen R. Kay
Miriam (Dress) Lasky
Ruth (Joseph) Lescault
Elizabeth A. McCallum
Richard J. Masse
John C. Matula
Raymond H. Medeiros
Shirley (Medeiros) Mohamed
Stephen J. Nawrocki
Wendell Ogden
Bruce Place
Dr. Joel Potash
Patricia (Henaire) Richard
Lorraine (Dube) Silvia
Col. Ronald Silvia USAF Ret.
Francis J. Sullivan
Major W. Wheelock
David H. Wordell

1955

Ronald G. Andrews
Robert E. Allcock, Jr.
Carole (Wishart) Anderson
Janet (Park) Been
Robert A. Bogle, Jr.
Gene Botelho
Pauline (Kotlarski) Davis
Frederick A. Drayton
Winifred (Durfee) Dimock
Richard J. Dube
Jacqueline (Freitas) Farrell
Charles H. Gesner
Harry B. Golding
Gertrude (Hargraves) Harrington
Robert Hoole
Viola (Borden) Jenks

Black Club Membership



Robert M. Keshura
Louis J. Lovit
Joan (Delaney) Lunde
Joan (Linhares) Mello
Dorothy (Henaire) Nicolau
Rhoda (Kaplan) Pierce
Robert Place
Beverly (Tierney) Tansey
John E. B. Tuttle

1956

Anthony J. Abraham
James C. Alosi
Michael R. Bergeron
Paul Borkman
Elizabeth (Roderick) Carlin
Patricia (Furze) Cassidy
Dr. Robert F. Chapman
Nancy (Cooperstein) Charney
Lester W. Cory
Claude Desjardins
Janice E. Farrell
Dennis D. Griffin
Daniel T. Harrington, MD
Jeannette (Lortie) Kenyon
Delores (Franco) McGarr
Eileen (Galego) Medeiros
Beverly (Soja) Nawrocki
Janice (Nichols) O'Brien
Anna (Cabral) Pieroui
Joan (Hopkins) Sheedy
Judy Schneider
Priscilla (Mullen) Smith
Wayne P. Smith
Helena (Boyko) Sowa
Lionel B. Spiro
Jeanette (Wood) Wirz
Lois (Duckworth) Wordell

1957

Belisario A. Almeida
Sandra (Friar) Arsenault
Roland H. Boulay
M. Declan Bransfield, III
Harvey I. Chafitz
Anna (Charette) Cloutier
William N. Craig
Thomas A. Davol
Carl A. Deeb
Patrick J. Donovan
Eleanor (Fozzard) Kreassig
David W. Gavigan
Pauline (Ferreira) Garnett
Joan (Lipson) Hershkowitz
Randy Hom
Henry A. Kowalski, Jr.
Charles H. Martin
Joseph Medeiros
Kenneth R. Murray
Bessie (Jamoulis) Pagonis
Robert J. Pontes
Margaret (Nawrocki) Sullivan
Paula (Sludsky) Sultan
Francis P. Wilson
Richard A. Wise

1958

Claudette (Foucher) Bridgeman
Judith (Longshaw) Fino
Thomas R. Flynn
Ann (Boyko) Gannon
William C. Griffiths
William C. Hickey, Jr.
William Keating, Jr.
Francis A. Latessa
Patricia (Pelton) Medeiros
Dorothy (Albermaz) Midura
Lionel A. Morais
Meg (Donnelly) Peterson
Col. Antonio T. Pimentel
Rochelle (Frolich) Zohn

1959

Robert Amedeo
Philip Coelho
Robert C. Durfee
Carole (Freeman) Fyans
June (Travers) Gagnon
William H. Goddard
Douglas A. Gray, Jr.
Mary Lou (Clark) Levine
Claire (Leary) Mahon
Col. Antonio T. Pimentel
Suzanne (Guillotte) Vitale

1960

Beverly (St. Laurent) Abegg
Charles Auclair
Michael Black
JoAnn (Case) Carvalho
Carolyn (Sullivan) Curry
Thomas J. Curry
Mark G. Filler
Ruth (Ward) Hathaway
Lois (Murphy) McMullin
Kenneth A. Machado
Dolores (Botelho) Silva
Linda (Towers) Warren
Richard Warren

1961

Norman N. Bleau
Robert M. Camara
Joan (Brissette) Flynn
Alfred Furtado
James A. Golen
Ellen (Donnelly) Hardgrave
Frances (Gardella) Kingsley
Paul Lepage
Camilla A. Los
Bernice (Barnaby) Mannion
Dr. Joyce (Ferreira) Oster, Ph.D.
Marina Ventura

1962

Richard D. Bates
Valerie (Smith) Booth
Thomas J. Braga
Paul B. Dutra
William S. Hathaway, Jr.
Eileen (Shaw) Horwitz
Karen (Leyland) Jackson
Marilyn (Ethier) Johnson
John E. Mullaly
James H. Packer
William J. Perry
Joseph S. Radovsky
Janet (Spence) Ringuest
Joyce B. Rodrigues
G. Milton Ryan
Jean (Gazzaro) Staite
Arthur A. Teixeira
Robert L. Williston

1963

James M. Blackburn
Joseph A. Conforti
Ingeborg (Costa) DeFusco
Barbara (Clark) Kay
Thomas Pruneau
Alan T. Robillard
Judith (Cummings) Robillard
Theresa A. Ryan
Barry H. Slaven
Norman R. Somer

1964

Cheryl (Clarke) Furze
Angelina (Duarte) Gastall
Craig F. Pereira
Charlotte (Costa) Thomas

1965

Steven A. Camara
John W. Gardella

Robert D. Goldin
James J. Karam
Cheryl (Harvey) Mish
Suzane (Perron) Montour
Paul A. Montour
Nancy (Caperonis) Osguthorpe
Irving H. Zangwill

1966

Thomas Athearn
Robert Bandarra, Sr.
Teresa (Furtak) Berard
Douglas G. Clarke
Joyce (Feliipe) Coelho
Jean (Piters) Halligan
Marilyn (Furtado) Harris
Bonnie (MacLaughlin) Heap
James Linhares
Rev. Msgr Jeremiah J. McGrath
Leonard Martin
William T. Mullaly
Robert Pavao, DDS
Stephen D. Perry
Sylvia (Medeiros) Santos
Sandra J. Souza
Robert A. Taylor

1967

Gerald J. Delisle
Jose G. Noversa
Ada (Jackson) Wilders

1968

Susan (Booth) Avery
Susan (Pacheco) Buchan
Reena Deutsch
Lydia (Rocha) DiBella
Thomas J. Donnelly
Maryann (Cunha) Goulart
Henry L. Pineau
Robert A. Rapoza
Lois (Avila) Wilding

1969

Bernadette (Bernard) Beaulieu
Virginia A. Handfield
Ann M. Harkin
Joan Reid
Stanley Silora

1970

Sheila (Kelly) Chace
Pauline J. Gagnon
Stephen Gardiner
Christine (Jean) Gibney
Deborah (Zalkind) Semine
Lorna (Ponte) Tomek

1971

Jill (Crawley) Graff
Kathleen (Harkin) Maclean
James Teixeira, Jr.
Michael Vieira

1972

Joan (Harkin) La Coss
Kris E. Roberts
Sheryl Ryan, M.D.
Gabriel Souza, Jr.

1974

Jeffrey J. Greer
Deborah L. Rossi
James Vaillancourt

1975

Michael Duarte
Carol (Rivard) Geller
Maria (Miranda) DeMelo
Susan (Ogden) Pavao

1976

Michael O. Feldman

Justin Paulo
Gale (Souza) Powers
1977
Shirley A. Tobol

1978

Holly Bronhard
Lisa (Lundy) Kusnitz
Colleen (Walsh) Taylor

1979

Richard C. Berek
Roberta A. Bonifacio
Michael V. Medeiros - Memoriam
Caroline (Ferreira) Pereira
Moses Pereira

1980

Mary L. Leger
John M. Moreira
Patricia (Nawrocki) Murphy
Wanda (Cabral) Myers

1981

Joseph R. Costa
Antone Lima

1982

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

1985

Lisa (McGinn) Canuel
Alexander Panos

1986

Anne (Rivard) Hill

1987

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

1988

Claudine A. Cloutier

1990

Laurel (Gastall) Howe

1991

Marc E. Gula

1995

Wendy (Gamson) Sirois

1996

Barden H. Castro
Elizabeth (Amaral) Lee

2003

Barret Castro

Other

Zen Williston

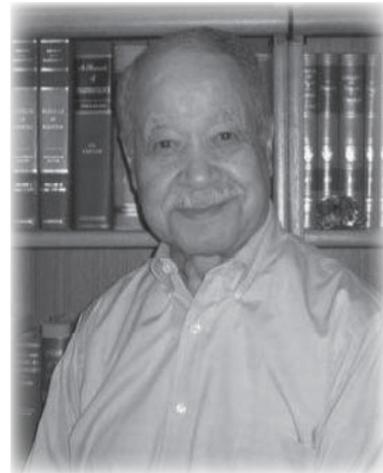
Anyone interested in becoming a member of our Red & Black Club, may send a donation of \$25.00 or more to:

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Alumni Association
P.O. Box 9656
Fall River, MA 02720-0011

“IN MEMORIAM”



Distinguished Alumnus
Brigadier General John J. Liset
 Class of 1938
 Award Presented 1993
 Passed away May 5, 2010



Distinguished Alumnus
Dr. William Tompkins
 Class of 1939
 Award Presented 2008
 Passed away December, 2010

In addition to the passing of two of our Distinguished Alumni recipients, there were over 220 other Alumni members who passed away in 2010 in ages ranging from 33 years to 106 dating from the Class of 1927 to date.

Our Treasurer Jan O'Brien reported at a recent monthly meeting that some 16,000 Chimes went out last year at a cost of 61c each and resulted in a deficit; this simply means that unless we can count on more support in the form of joining the Red & Black Club on Pages 6 & 7 we may have to cut back or reduce the amount of Chimes going out so we humbly ask for your help in our efforts by using the form on Page 11 to join the Red & Black Club.

<p>CLASS OF 1958 52 1/2 Reunion June 25, 2011 from 5 PM FR Country Club An interim No frills Informal Reunion Alice Garvin agarvin2005@comcast.net Bill Keating wmKeating@comcast.net</p>	<p>CLASS OF 1966 REUNION November 12, 2011 Venus de Milo Restaurant Contacts: Bob Pavao 508-678-8626 Jane Godin McCauley 617-478-2888 Pat Capone Souza 508-636-8209</p>	<p>CLASS OF 1981 July 9, 2011 5 to 11 PM Venus de Milo Restaurant Contacts: Sue Smith Cabral scabral@trimedia.com Deb Shipley Cerullo msdeby@msn.com</p>
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<p>CLASS OF 1956 Friday, September 9th 1 PM-FR Country Club Contact: Marilyn Souza Rebello 508-678-7729</p>	<p>RED & BLACK BRUNCH Sunday, May 22, 2011 10 AM to 12:30 PM FR Country Club Contact: Lionel - elainespts@aol.com 508-672-7634</p>	<p>CLASS OF 1951 Thursday, September 8th FR Country Club Contact: Aurora Perry 508-679-1270</p>
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<p>CLASS OF 1954 Thursday, September 1st FR Country Club Contact: Dick Masse 508-678-2458</p>	<p>CLASS OF 1960 Friday, September 16th FR Country Club Contact: Pat Fazio 508-672-4994</p>	<p>Nomination forms are on Page 11 to nominate an alumni member for the Distinguished Alumnus Award</p>
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THE KERR MILL BOYS OF WORLD WAR II

The American Thread Company, perhaps better known as the Kerr Mill complex of three large buildings along Martine Street was one of the largest employers in the State with some 1,800 employees before World War II broke out and approximately 565 of them joined the Military effort on behalf of the grateful Nation which saw 20 of the “Kerr Mill Boys” paying for freedom with their lives.

Shortly after the War’s end, the management of the American Thread Co. had a large granite monument placed in front the original building on Martine Street on September 20, 1948 and the story printed in the Fall River Herald News the following day. Time passed and in 1966, the monument was moved to Eastern Avenue and Jepson Street with the assistance of the five Gold Star Mothers in attendance and the War Veterans Council as the monument had fallen into disrepair. In total the monument has stood in those two sites until the War Veterans Council felt it was “lost” in the area where Route 6 used to be a regular route from Fall River to Westport at the Narrows and requested of the City the approval to move it to its new and final site, just a few yards from its original place on Martine St., at the bend of the road at Brayton Avenue and Eastern Avenue alongside the South Watuppa Pond flanked by a donated flag pole and work done by the City. The photo is at the end of this story.

I believe this was the second monument dedicated to the War Dead of World War II, the first Fall River casualty being Staff Sgt. James T. Griffin who was Killed in Action in Germany. His monument is at the corners of Fourth, Fifth and Branch Streets in the Corky Row Section with the playground named in his honor.

The following are the 20 “Kerr Mill Boys” and the data released to the Fall River Herald News of their status or directly from War Records Division of the Commonwealth through the Veterans’ Services Department in Fall River:

S1C USNR Vincent Bonin, Spring 1945, So. Pacific
Pfc George T. Cadrin 4/11/45 at Okinawa
S2C USNR James Connolly, 2/7/43 in No. Atlantic
S1C USNR Edward Correia, 3/19/45 aboard USS Franklin, Aerial Attack
Pfc Armand Croteau, 2/1/45 in Italy
Pvt. Robert N. Dozois, October 24, 1944 in Italy
Pfc Manuel R. Furtado, August 7, 1944 in France
Pvt. Normand Gignac, July 26, 1944 in France
Pfc Milton Healy, January 25, 1945 in France
Pfc Thomas E. Keavy, February 29, 1944 in Italy
Cpl Vincent G. Lord, Christman, 1944 in France
Pfc Charles Medeiros, January 15, 1945 in Belgium
Pvt Albert Metras, September 14, 1942 in the Solomons
Pvt Richard Roach, October 3, 1944 in Germany
Pfc Antone Valton, January 3, 1945 in France
Pfc Arthur A. Yokel, August 16, 1945 in Germany
Pfc Harold Nickerson MIA Leyte, KIA as of 12/9/45
T/5 William Snyder April 22, 1945 in Germany
Pvt. Joseph G. Bouchard November 12, 1943
Pfc Francis Walkden September 26, 1944



The Fall River Public Library was very well equipped with data from the Fall River Herald News regarding the additional data other than the names of the deceased veterans and find that they are a remarkable place to research almost any veteran of any war.

The original work place of the “Kerr Mill Boys” no longer stands since January of 1987 when a major fire destroyed the three buildings which once stood along the South Watuppa Pond which became a large discount store much like Arlan’s on Rodman Street, which suffered the same fate.



Southern Reunion

From far and near, in distance and age, from the Class of '37(Joe McGrady) to the Class of '81(Kathleen Cloutier Silva), they came; from Marco Island to Sarasota and Miami. On a Sun washed Saturday, March 5th with 80 degree temp 184 Durfee graduates and their guests renewed old friendships and made new ones at our 36th Southern Reunion.

The venue of Spanish Wells Country Club in Bonita Springs was the setting for the Noon reunion where all enjoyed a sumptuous lunch.

The camaraderie and opportunity to meet once again with memories and old-time songs, especially the Alma Mater, most of which remembered.

After introductions of all attendees raffles and auctions were held for the Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$ 5,500.00. We had an unbroken succession of classes from '45 to '66, with the 12 attendees from the Class of '54 as well as the Class of '60. We don't know where next year's Southern Reunion will be held as the Country Club has been sold, but please do not hesitate to contact us at (majorwheelock@comcast.net) if you would like to help or become a part of the Reunion.

*Yours,
Major Wheelock '54*



Back Row:

Bill Moran, Ron Silvia, Major Wheelock, Tom Perry, Gordon Jennings, Dick Masse & Gilbert Fernandes

Front Row:

Joan (Gifford) McHugh, Joyce (Chandanais) Melanson, Celia (Medeiros) Jennings, Dorothy (Floyd) Masse & Kathleen (Oliveira) Fernandes

2011-2012 Alumni Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to consider a nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please attach any newspaper or magazine articles which would assist the Committee in the nomination process. A resume and any other information would be helpful as well. Nominations remain current for a five-year period and should be submitted no later than September 30th 2011 to be considered by the 2011 Selection Board.

Name of Nominee: _____ Year Of Graduation: (1976 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

2011-2012 Alumni Information Form

PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION BELOW FOR ACCURACY AND EFFICIENCY.

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: _____

____ Please check if not on the mailing list for The Chimes ____ Do not publish my information

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

Please make checks payable to Durfee Alumni Association, P.O. Box 9656, Fall River, MA 02720-0011

* For inclusion in the Spring 2012 issue of the Chimes, Please return no later than December 31, 2011.

Durfee Preservation Society, Inc.

If you wish to make a donation to the bells project please make checks payable to Durfee Bells Preservation Society, Inc., P.O. Box 9235, Fall River, MA 02720. For your convenience you may send your contribution in the enclosed envelope along with your Alumni donation.

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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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