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# The G.H.S. Alumni Attic Groveton High School's

Alumni Newsletter



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#### THE 2014 BANQUET

The 47th Annual Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, July 19th, 2014 at the Town & Country Motor Inn in Shelburne, NH Social time will be from 4:00 PM to 6:00, followed by dinner, business meeting, and dancing. Cost and choice of entrees are listed on the reservation form. The price is allinclusive, that is, the price according to the choice of entree, includes tax and gratuity. Twentyfive rooms at a discounted room rate of \$96 plus tax have been reserved. Unclaimed rooms will be released two weeks prior to the **banquet.** The telephone number for the T&C is 603-466-3315. The Toll Free # is 1-800-325-4386.

## 4th Annual Guildhall Picnic on the Common Is a Go! All GHS Alumni Are Invited!

Bring your favorite lawn chair and sit under the shade of those beautiful trees down on the Guildhall Commons! Alumni, the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Guildhall picnic on the Commons is on and will be held Friday, July 18th, on the Guildhall Common with registration beginning at noon, and the meal to start at 1:00 P.M. The annual event continues to be a drawing card for GHS alumni so hope you will mark this on your calendar. The menu this year will be a return to the traditional hamburgers and hot dogs with potato salad and macaroni salad, chips, watermelon, dessert, and beverage. Yes, and along with the good food supplied by our own Lisa Huckins Guay'88, Lisa Simonds Grimes '85, and Pam Tetreault Jaworowski '70 will be the opportunity to see old friends and have an afternoon of conversation and fun with those people with whom we grew up. The price for the picnic will be \$14.00, and your money will be collected at the door. However, reservations are required so we can have an accurate count for our cooks. The deadline for the reservation is July 11<sup>th</sup>. However, please know that the alumni association must pay for the number that have reserved their place, no matter. The following ladies have agreed to be the contact people for our picnic and are both Groveton alumnae. They will be awaiting your call, email. or note.

Callie Croteau Goulet ('64) 1219 Lost Nation Rd Groveton, NH 035824 603-636-1316 agoulet4@ne.rr.com Mary Jane Ledger Clark ('69) PO Box 135 Guildhall, VT 05905 802-328-2706 <u>mjclark70@gmail.com</u>

An added adventure for you before the picnic. Tours of Groveton High School will be provided by Principal Michael Kelley at 10:00 A.M. on the morning of the picnic on July 18th. Go to the school, and see all the changes that our alma mater has undergone. **NOTE:** In the event of rain the location for the picnic will move to the GHS cafeteria.

**2014 ASSOCIATION DUES** Yes, those annual dues are due! The **GHS Alumni Association dues are** \$5.00 per alumnus/alumna per year. Those dues help to cover the cost of the printing and mailing of this newsletter and help with supplies for the picnic and banquet. And of course any additional help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Our newsletter is sent to all alumni for whom we have correct addresses. We certainly want your attendance at Alumni Weekend in July, but if you are unable to attend, please still send in your annual dues and any address updates.

Thank you, alumni!

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES** 

Classes 2009, 2004, 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979, 1974, 1969, 1964, 1959, 1954, 1949, 1944, 1939, 1934

Anniversary classes will be Honored at the banquet



## MAY 2014

## GHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD



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Norm Wiles '65 Vice-president nwiles@conknet.com



Leon Frizzell '65 Secretary frizz@illinois.edu



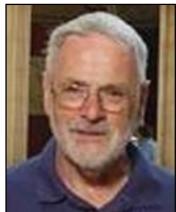
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## 2014 Election of Board Members

Please recall that in 2011 we became a nonprofit corporation, the Groveton High School Alumni Association, Inc. The new by-laws require that the membership elect approximately one third of the Board of Directors (BOD) each year for three-year terms. This gives continuity from year to year but allows for new people to be elected to the BOD. This year, the terms of office are expiring for Dick Nugent and Lisa Guay. Each of these members is eligible for reelection and are hereby presented as your slate of nominees. Of course, additional nominations or self-nominations are welcome. The membership will elect two board members at the annual meeting of the membership (at the alumni banquet) on July 19, 2014.

We take this opportunity to remind you that another aspect of the new by-laws is that the new BOD meets each year after the annual meeting to elect the corporation officers from among the BOD members. The officers serve for one year, but can be reelected.

## 2014 President's Message to the GHS Alumni

**Greetings, Groveton High School Alumni**... As we approach our 47<sup>th</sup> year of the Groveton High School Alumni Association, my message will be brief and simple and straightforward. Hopefully, you will mull over the words you are about to read, and they will motivate you into action.

- 1. This newsletter you are now holding offers you lots of good reading.
- 2. It gives you the information needed for alumni weekend in July with the school visit, the Guildhall picnic, and the banquet at the T & C.
- 3. The reservation form on the last page gives you the opportunity to pay your dues, donate to scholarships, and sign up for the events of alumni weekend.
- 4. And lastly, this document/newsletter serves as our connection to all of you. It espouses the principles of our association: promotion of comradery and friendship of alumni and the continuation of scholarships for Groveton seniors going on to higher level education.

Your alumni board is comprised of dedicated individuals who all do their part to make this organization work well. Yet, we all need your help in keeping our organization alive and healthy. What can you do to help?

- 1. Pay your annual \$5.00 dues to the GHSAA.
- 2. Be a class representative and help us in gathering addresses for your class. I consider this vital to our association. We cannot get our information out to you if we do not have addresses. Your association does not know your class members like you do. Work with other classmates, and do it together. Technology makes our work easier.
- 3. **Join the board**...One third of our board is up for election every year, and fellow alumni, we need you to come to the front. We need diversity and urge any alumni from our alma mater to join us.
- 4. Volunteer and help with the events that are planned.
- 5. Attend the events that are planned for you.
- 6. Support the various scholarships with your donations.

You can tell from this message that I like lists. Long paragraphs can deter people from reading so maybe this format will help get the message out there that **we need you!** I look forward to seeing many of you in July and catching up. Please feel free to contact me and any member of your board at any time. Our emails and phone numbers are in the newsletter.

## Warm regards, Robin Langley. Ashe '65 President of the GHSAA



"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do Nothing because you can only do a little – do what you can." (Sydney Smith 1771-1845)



You never forget the neighborhood kids you grew up with. 1

The 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and banquet of the Groveton High School Alumni Association, Inc. was held at the Town & Country Motor Inn in Gorham NH on Saturday, July 20, 2013. The annual meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Robin Langley Ashe '65. Following her welcoming remarks, President Ashe made special alumni introductions: Elizabeth McHarg Lilley '41, Earl Elliott '42, Iva Hickey Wood '45 and Mary Grout Robie '48.

President Ashe acknowledged the 5 year reunion classes beginning with the 6 members of the class of 1948 celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> reunion led by its president and annual attendee, Gary Normandeau. A special musical selection of the #1 song of each anniversary year was played. Members of the respective anniversary classes were introduced from the classes of 1948 ("12<sup>th</sup> Street Rag"), 1953 ("Song from Moulin Rouge" by Percy Faith), 1958 ("At the Hop" by Danny and the Juniors), and 1963 ("Sugar Shack" by Jimmy Gilmer and the Fireballs).

Choosing to break up the evening and move to the dinner, Robin arranged for Everett Frizzell '63 to offer a heartfelt, simple, ecumenical invocation reminding us all to never miss an opportunity to say an appreciative "thank-you" to deserving individuals in our lives.

Following the dinner, the special 5-year anniversary alumni were introduced: 1968 ("Hey Jude" by The Beatles), 1973 ("Killing Me Softly" by Roberta Flack), 1978 ("Stayin Alive" by the BeeGees), 1983 ("Billy Jean" by Michael Jackson), 1988 ("Don't Worry, Be Happy" by Bobby McFarrin), 2003 ("Beautiful" by Christine Aguilera).

President Ashe expressed great appreciation for all who have worked so diligently throughout the year on behalf of the GHSAA and singled out the following individuals who worked over the past few days to ensure that the Friday picnic on the Guildhall Commons and all events on Saturday went well : Judy Treamer (seating chart, name tags, check-in tables); Dennis McMann (special music at last minute); Donna McMann for helping with decorations and handing out corsages at the check in table; Herculean efforts of Dennis Maguire and Brian Ashe as well as Mike Mills, Dean Wiles, and Chris Wheelock (chairs and tables for picnic); Maria Marges Callahan and Judy Treamer (decorations & registration); Edna Whiting Young, Arlene Donovan Theriault, and Joan Miles Kinney (picnic food); Randy and Scott Labnon at the T&C for everything all day; Brian Ashe (events photographer); Dick Nugent (ceaseless in his support of the GHS database); Kathy Frizzell ( took meeting minutes in Leon Frizzell's absence); Norm Wiles (fantastic, informative newsletter, and help with decorations); Mary Jane Ledger Clark and Claire Perras (picnic reservations); the Groveton High School staff for everything they do to assist the GHSAA: Karen Conroy (computer support and GHS website announcements) Tom Young (help with the GHS tables and chairs and opening the school) Karen Tobin (scholarship advice), Pam Styles-Jaworowski (secretary at GHS who answers many questions); Lisa Guay (energetic board connection to GHS); Robin Ashe (continued service to the GHSAA).

The keynote speaker this year, Daegan Gonyer '03, son of James '76 and Roxanne Russ '79 Gonyer, used himself and his many achievements to attest to the quality of his education received through our Groveton schools. He specifically recalled teachers who challenged him in memorable ways and even started his first company, Illusion ATC, a rapid prototyping company while a senior at GHS. He currently is a doctoral physics student at Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY, and has started Blue Sphere Industries which is making advances in aeroponic farming techniques.

The business meeting started with **Old Business:** A motion was made by Gary Normandeau and seconded by Sandra Roy to approve the Secretary's report, prepared by Secretary Leon Frizzell, as it was printed in the annual newsletter on pages 4-5.

The Treasurer's report through July 31, 2012 was read by Treasurer Judith Treamer and placed on file. A current financial summary can be found on page 8 of the 2013 newsletter.

Scholarship Chair Deborah Montgomery gave a report on the scholarships that were awarded in 2013. The report can be found on page 6 of this year's newsletter. This year our scholarship committee which includes, Mary Jane Ledger Clark, Wendy Fournier Beaton, Karen Fogg Blodgett, Judy Treamer and myself met with Karen Tobin, Guidance Counselor at GHS in early June to determine this year's scholarship recipients. This year, we had nine applicants, and all nine received scholarships totaling \$10,000.00. We also received thank you notes from three of the above seniors, and they were very appreciative of their scholarship. I would like to thank Karen Blodgett: my friend, classmate and scholarship committee member for presenting scholarship Fund" and has already received \$1,682.00. This year, Alumni have donated \$6,292.00 for scholarships and we thank you for your generosity.

When queried, the audience indicated they very much liked the newsletter that was prepared by Vice President Norman Wiles. No suggestions for changes were offered, and Norm enjoyed appreciative applause acknowledging his efforts.

#### ALUMNI MEETING AND BANQUET MINUTES CONTINUED

President Ashe announced that Dick Nugent, not in attendance this year, will work with Dennis McMann '64 to share his responsibility for the Alumni Association database and website management. Robin noted that Dennis's mother, Norma McMann, was the founding secretary to the GHSAA in 1967, and we are grateful to Dennis for carrying on his mother's legacy of service to the GHSAA. Please let this serve as a reminder to all to submit timely changes of address and email so that the GHSAA records will be current.

GHSAA board member Lisa Guay, who teaches math at GHS, provided this year's GHS update. Groveton High School continues to have those inspiring teachers who make a difference in the lives of students; there is a new marquee outside GHS that promotes school-town communication, the varsity girls BB championship banner is now in the gym; high honors to the band in Springfield Mass competition; and recognition to the chorus.

**New Business:** President Ashe noted that the GHSAA is a non-profit organization, and the by-laws state that the organization can have up to nine Board members. Robin asked for member interest and support as new people are needed to replace current members. In particular, approximately one third of the board is up for reelection/replacement each year so that new people with fresh new ideas can be elected to the Board. She noted that Board members do not necessarily have to live in Groveton given our email/computer world. Patty Mills DiPrete '70 nominated Dennis McMann , seconded by Danny Dupuis, and Dennis was unanimously approved as a Board member by voice vote. Also Robin Ashe and Judy Treamer will each serve another 3 year term on the board. Robin then reminded the audience that the Board members will meet right after adjournment of tonight's meeting to select officers. The current board members and the year that their terms expire are as follows:

Robin Langley Ashe (2016) Leon Frizzell (2015) Lisa Huckins Guay (2014) Dennis McMann (2016) Deborah Langley Montgomery (2015) Dick Nugent (2014) Judith Treamer (2016) Norm Wiles (2015)



President Ashe announced that she had been successful this year in her appeal for someone to step forward to assume responsibility for the annual picnic starting next year. The Association is grateful to Lisa Guay for managing the picnic next year, and we eagerly look forward to her innovations and streamlining efforts. Several people noted that we truly need younger individuals to handle the procurement, setting up and taking down the tables and chairs next year!!

Shirley Brousseau Berube '67 led us in an energetic singing of our school song.

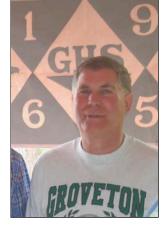
Following the school song, a special short music video was shown highlighting the music of the anniversary classes from 1938 to 2013. What better way to show our history than the evolution of the music eras! Nancy Frizzell Newton '73 then made a motion to end the business meeting by saying, "Time to dance!" The motion was seconded.

In conclusion, Robin announced that Gary and Bea Normandeau have attended the reunion every year and asked them to start the dancing with Randy Labnon, on the saxophone, playing, "In the Mood." They did a great job and certainly got all the rest of us' in the mood' to join them on the dance floor. All Groveton High School alumni are encouraged and invited to attend the alumni weekend gatherings. Hope we see YOU next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Frizzell '67(In lieu of Leon Frizzell '65)

Secretary





#### \$\$ \$\$ **Scholarship News** Awards came out of the following accounts: **Evelyn Swift Young Memorial Scholarship Beau Perras** Scholarship Rov Cascadden \$1.000 Class of 1937 Erica Langkau Dr & Mrs Vincent Paniccia \$1.500 The Groveton High School Alumni Association recently received a generous Sally Lewis scholarship donation in loving memory of Evelyn Swift Young by two of her children, Polly Stevens \$1,000 Walter Young, the class of 1968, and Gail Young Witter, class of 1966, and contributed to by cousin Dick Nugent, class of 1955. This \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a **Kailene Laundrey** Mabel Palmer Groveton senior at graduation, and the \$1,500 recipient will be determined by the scholarship committee when they meet in May based on the criteria that the family has specified. Evelyn Swift Young was born in Marrie Rachlen Groveton in 1919, grew up in Groveton with Craggy/McKelvey \$1,000 her parents, Lawrence and Martha Nugent Swift and her siblings, married Clifford Young in 1937, graduated from Groveton High School in 1937, valedictorian of her **Preston Mulcahy** class, and raised her six children in Groveton. Hollis Sawyer \$1,000 Son Clifford, class of 1965, died in an automobile accident in his senior year, and Gregory was in the class of 1971. Walter and **Kyle Rainville** Gail are indebted to their mother and want Chandler Matthews \$1,000 this one-time scholarship to be in her memory and honor. Deborah (Langley) Montgomery'68 GHS Scholarship Chairperson **Katelynn Hawes** 45 Montgomery Road Ralph Bennett \$1.000 Stark, NH 03582 Scholarships Jennifer Routhier Hollis Sawyer \$1.000

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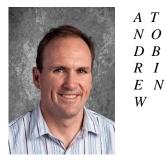
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## MUSIC THRIVES AT GROVETON HIGH SCHOOL !

The Groveton High School Alumni Association is honored to have Andrew Tobin, and Catherine Carter as guest speakers for its 2014 banquet on July 19th at the Town & Country Motor Inn in Shelburne, NH.









Many of us have fond memories of our band and chorus days at Groveton High School. Last spring I had the opportunity to hear the Groveton band and meet the band director Andrew Tobin following a National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. The band was wonderful, and their leader was very impressive!

So, Alumni, your association is very excited to have Andrew Tobin, the band instructor at Groveton High School, as our keynote speaker for the 2014 alumni banquet.

In addition, Catherine Carter, the choral director, will speak to us via video about her position at Groveton High School and SAU 58 schools. We may even be lucky enough to hear the sounds of the band and chorus!

Yes, alumni, the music program at Groveton High School continues to thrive!











Alumni of Groveton High School there will be a tour of Groveton High School on Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM given by the New Principal Michael Kelley. Any alumni who would like to see their old school meet in the school office.







## A 2013 Fiscal Year End Financial Statement

submitted by Judith Treamer

A current more detailed report will be given at the banquet by the treasurer







GHSAA, INC. Profit and Loss Statement For the Year Ending July 31, 2013					
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Operating Income					
Dues	\$	1,300			
General Donations	\$	1,200			
Total Income	\$ \$	2,500			
Operating Expense	(2,0	)32)			
Net Operating Income			\$	468	
Scholarship Donations	\$	11,414			
Interest	\$	2,806			
Total Income	\$	14,220			
Scholarships Paid	<u>\$</u> (10	,000)			
Net Income			\$	4,220	
Banquet Donations	\$ \$	3,496			
Banquet Expense	(4,0	<u>)96)</u>			
Net Loss			\$	(600)	
Picnic Donations	\$ \$	1,560			
Picnic Expenses	(1,8	335)			
Net Loss			\$	(275)	
Net Income			\$	3,813	
Balance Sheet July 31, 2013					
Operating Funds	\$	8,083			
School Fence Fund	\$	2,018			
Scholarship Funds	\$	204,668			
Total Cash=Net Worth			\$	214,770	









#### SCHOOL AND CLASS WEB SITES

<u>Classreport.org</u> has provided web pages for every GHS class from 1930 to the present. These sites are provided free of charge and have no pop-up ads. (They do ask for contributions but don't turn anyone off who doesn't make one. They really deserve any support we can give.) We need someone from each class to be class administrator (currently we have 20 classes with administrators). The main job of the class administrator is to be a point of contact for the class, collect addresses, and help classmates add their profiles to the site, including adding then and now photographs. Help is available. Many of the classes have already had their graduation pictures added to their sites, with a slideshow on the home page and individual pictures in the initial individual profiles. Currently, Dick Nugent '55 is the site administrator for all the GHS sites, which means he has access to the sites and can help the class administrators and alumni for classes without an administrator. The website for GHS is <u>www.classreport.org/usa/nh/groveton/ghs/</u> There you can see the list of classes since 1930, along with the name of the class administrator, if there is one, the number of classmates "located" (with an address recorded -- only shown if they have indicated so), and the number of "visits" (number of times the site has been accessed). Click on the class year to go to the site for that class. There you'll see the slideshow ( if there is one), reunion announcements class news, class messages, and many other features. Register to be able to add news and edit your profile Contact your class administrator or Dick Nugent at <u>ghs55nuge@cox.net</u> if you have questions or need help. You can see more information about Class Administrator tools and help by clicking on the link on the home page <u>CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE OR TO VOLUNTEER</u> if there is no Class Administrator.

## **GHS Deceased Alumni**

We say farewell to the following alumni and send our sympathy and prayers to family and friends. *Rest In Peace* 









Jean Johnson Hilliard '43 5/15/2013 Arlene Ridgwell Morin '60, 5/24/2013 Stanley James "Joe" Emery '39, 5/24/2013 Terry Lynne Niles '80, 5/25/2013 Robert Dupuis '43 6/02/2013 Elizabeth Calkins LeClere '41 6/21/2013 Wavne Llovd Miller '68 6/23/2013 Paul F. Alen '52 7/19/2013 Jeffrev Hurlbutt '70 8/15/2013 Louisa LeClaire McMann '47 10/15/2013 Evelvn Ashe Helms '33 11/05/2013 Arlene Perkins Sheridan '39 11/11/2013 Carl Lynwood Shoff '59 12/05/2013 Patricia Marshall Lang '47 12/11/2013 Shirley Perkins Brown '45 12/13/2013 Deane F. Warren '53 12/16/2013 Millicent Cloutier Gonver '56 12/23/2013 Eleanor Lakin Bacon '50 12/27/2013 Theodora Clark Bergeron '37 12/29/2013 1/05/2014 Norma Chapman Borusiewicz '53 Elizabeth Newell Langley '46 1/09/2014 Mary Perham Brown '44 1/16/2014 Valerie Allin Bartlett '76 1/16/2014 Carol Collins Schaffer '76 1/28/2014 Fred D. Shannon '54 3/3/2014 John Styles '47 3/10/2014 Alan Rich (Principal GHS) 3/14/2014

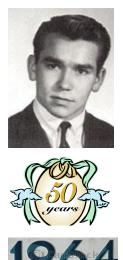
Above are the names of the deceased alumni that we have received notification. Please let us know if there are any additional names that should be added to the list so that we can remember them all in our prayers. *Yesterday is History...* 

Tomorrow is a mystery... Today is a Gift... That is why it is called "The Present".

## Golf Classic and Fort Tours Class of 1964 (50th)

Attention golfers: We the "Class of 1964", in the spirit of celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup>, have decided to host a golf tournament in conjunction with the annual Alumni banquet. Ideally it would be held at the T&C Motor Inn to coincide with the banquet. Unfortunately, the T&C golf course is booked on July 19<sup>th</sup> by another group. Scott Labnon of the T&C has offered a special discount rate at the Waumbek Country Club in Jefferson. All those interested in practicing your golf game, please call Neal Brown at (603-237-5764) or E-Mail him at <u>nmnworb@myfairpoint.net</u> for information and registration. You don't have to be an expert to enter. This will be open to alumni and spouses. It is all about having some fun with fellow alumni. Tee time will be 9:00AM at the Waumbek, weather permitting.

**Fort tour:** Those non golfers may be interested in the Fort Wentworth/Fort Weare tour, beginning at 10:00AM on Sat., July 19<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at the "meeting House", in Groveton for a brief tour there. Afterward, will be a short walking tour of Fort Wentworth and Weare, affording panoramic views of "Groveton's Volcano", weather permitting. For registration and information about the tours call me at (603-636-1614.). **Joe Berube "Class of 1964"** 







## School Superintendent Carl Ladd Named New Hampshire Superintendent of The Year

GROVETON, N.H. — In recognition of his dedication and performance, Carl Ladd, superintendent of the SAU 58 Northumberland-Stark-Stratford School has been named New Hampshire Superintendent of the Year.

Ladd was named top superintendent of the 2013-2014 school year by the New Hampshire School Administrators Association (NHSAA) in coordination with the American Association of School Administrators. In February, he will receive a special award during the National Conference on Education in Nashville, Tenn. On Thursday, Ladd, said, "I am very humbled by this honor and it certainly has much less to do with me than it does with the outstanding administrators, teachers, and support staff with whom I work, they are the real heroes." SAU 58 school board chairman David Auger said a successful education is the establishment of fundamental goals each year for each district and the SAU. (Cont. next column) ------>

## Grammar School Fence Project Update





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Bob Chapman is from this area and is handling the demolition of the former Groveton mill. Bob decided that demolition debris would be hauled to the landfill as generated, and any salvaged material that could be kept out of the debris would be sold at a fraction of its cost or given away to someone to reuse. Bob noticed the fence fund sign at the Groveton Elementary School and decided that money raised from the sale of roof insulation would help boost the fence fundraising effort. A total of \$4,500 was raised and donated to the fence fund. Shown during the check presentation, from left to right are Mike Stirling of Green Steel, property owners of the former mill. Addison Hall of the Downtown Fund overseeing the fence project, and Bob Chapman. Chapman also donated three cords of dry, cut and split firewood for a raffle to the Groveton High School Class of 2014 ChemFree efforts.

#### (Carl Ladd Named Cont.)

"Dr. Ladd provides such leadership in the creation of realistic goals, approved by the board at the beginning of each school year", said Auger. "Such goals are buildable in subsequent years providing a consistent way



forward for educational progress across the SAU. These goals become a common focus for all administration and teacher efforts."

Ladd was selected for the honor by a panel of his peers and from a distinguished group of nominees, said NHSAA representatives.

In a statement, Janet Strauss, the New England coordinator for the National Institute for School Leadership, said "Dr. Ladd is deeply committed to strengthening the academic success of his students and understands that a key to moving his SAU forward is strengthening the skills and capacities of his leaders. Carl is committed to intellectual growth and professional improvement. Carl is truly an exceptional person. His work ethic, humility and integrity are beyond reproach."

Ladd said his own teachers paved the way for a career in education.

"I was inspired by the teachers I had growing up who showed me the possibilities that existed through hard work, perseverance and high standards," he said. "I wanted to give some of that back to my community and to other children growing up in poverty, their circumstances don't define who they are, they can make their own futures if they are willing to work for it."

Ladd is a 1996 graduate of Lyndon State College, where he began his educational career training and earned a Bachelor of Science degree. In 2002, he earned a Master's in Education from the Vermont College of Norwich University. In 2005, he earned a certificate of advanced graduate study from Plymouth State University followed by a doctorate of education from Argosy University at Sarasota in 2010.

In 2000, while in the midst of his studies, he began his administration career as an assistant principal at SAU 36's Lancaster School. He also served as the interim principal/superintendent for SAU 77 in Monroe. In 2003, he became the principal of Groveton Elementary School, and in 2007, superintendent of SAU 58. Ladd said he has one of the best jobs in the world because he gets to help shape the future.

"I love working with administrators and teachers to provide the best quality education possible for all of our children in our everchanging, dynamic world," he said. "The future is so exciting – we just need to get our kids to see that and to want to be a part of it. Every day is a challenge that brings both blessings and curses – it's never the same."

Ladd, 49, lives in Groveton with his wife, Michele, a sixth grade teacher at The Lancaster School. Dr. Ladd is a wonderful role model of the many school superintendents in New Hampshire who work every day in support of public education," said Mark Joyce, executive director of NHSAA "Carl is a real champion for children."

## RESERVATIONS

FOR GHS ALUMNI BANQUET, DUES, & DONATIONS

PLEASE RETURN FULL SHEET WITH CHECK, FOR AS APPLICABLE, BY THE DEADLINE OF JULY 11, 2 MAIL TO: JUDITH TREAMER, 94 EVANS STREET, 0	2014.				
ALUMNUS NAME:					
MAIDEN NAME:	PHONE #:				
GUEST/SPOUSE NAME:	GHS CLASS OF				
EMAIL ADDRESS:					
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Complete address change below if you have moved. C	Otherwise leave blank.				
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\$         MABEL PALMER         \$           \$         HOLLIS SAWYER         \$	RALPH BENNETT CHANDLER MATTHEWS CRAGGY/MCELVEY "POLLY" STEVENS (new)				
SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS TOTAL:	AMOUNT: \$				
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T&C Sketch Circa 1956

#### Principal's Corner

I am very pleased and honored to be writing this letter of introduction to the Groveton Alumni. I began as the Principal in Groveton on July 1, 2013 and have thoroughly enjoyed my first year working in this community. I grew up and graduated from Littleton High School, so I am a North Country boy true

and true! I started out my educational career as a high school social studies teacher at Kennett High School for four years. I then became the assistant principal at Kennett for two years. While at Kennett, I was a class advisor, middle school football coach, and J.V. softball coach. I then moved to Profile School in Bethlehem, NH where I spent 8 years as the assistant principal and 5 years as the principal. Last spring, I enrolled in the National Institute for School Leadership (NISL) program at NCES in Gorham. During this 18 month program, I met several Groveton district employees, including the co-facilitator, Dr. Carl Ladd. I was very impressed with the innovative programs that were being developed and discussed by the folks from Groveton. As fate would have it, Mr. Couture became a superintendent in another district and the Groveton principal job became available and here I am. I have spent the better part of my first year learning and observing the programs and systems in place in the Groveton District. Through the NISL program, we designed an action plan to create a new vision statement for Groveton High School. We used a very thorough process by involving all constituencies in our development of the vision statement. The vision statement will serve to guide all of our professional practices, inform our decision making, give direction to our professional development plans, and support our initiatives to increase student achievement. The following statement was developed and adopted by the district:

### Vision

Groveton High School will prepare students to successfully transition from high school to higher education, career-readiness, and the competitive workforce. Our community will ensure a safe learning environment and implement an evolving standards-based curriculum. We will provide our students with rigorous and engaging learning experiences to ensure all students acquire globally competitive twenty-first century skills by equipping them with:

- Effective communication in reading, writing, speaking, and math
- Critical thinking and the ability to problem solve
- Responsibility and a strong work ethic
- Collaboration and teamwork experiences
- Pride in place and self

"Labor Omnia Vincit" or Hard work conquers all.

It has been a true pleasure getting to know the people in the Groveton community and I look forward to meeting some of the alumni during alumni weekend in July.

## Michael Kelley

## Special Thanks to Daegan Gonyer '03'

Special thanks to Daegan Gonyer, class of 2003, for agreeing to be the keynote speaker at the 2013 banquet. Alumni, if you were not there you missed a wonderful talk.

Consensus: Job Well Done !



## Groveton High School Alumni All-class Reunion Banquet, July 19, 2014

The 47th annual Groveton High School Alumni Reunion Banquet will be held the third Saturday in July, the 19th. The location will be the Town and Country Motor Inn located in Shelburne, NH. Social hour will begin at 4 PM, followed by dinner at 6. Get your reservations in before July 11th.





**Calendar** July 11th, 2014 Deadline for picnic & banquet reservations

**July 18th, 2014** School visit Picnic for all classes out of GHS see details inside

July 19th, 2014 Reunion banquet for all GHS classes at the Town & Country Motor Inn, Shelburne, NH -- see reservation inside. Judith Treamer GHSAA Treasurer 94 Evans St. Gorham, NH 03581