

# The G.H.S. Alumni Attic

## Groveton High School's Alumni Newsletter



### Groveton History Comes To Life

#### Meet/Greet Local Author, Jamie Sayen At Annual Picnic

This year's picnic on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> on the Guildhall Common brings a special guest, Jamie Sayen, author of the newly published oral history, *You Had A Job For Life, Story of a Company Town*. The book describes the history of the Groveton paper mill and the complexities of the paper-making process through the voices of its employees as well as the mill's impact on the community. Although the author had no involvement in the Groveton Papers Company, he pressed interviewees for clear, jargon free explanations of complex processes and events. He states that "due to the graciousness and generosity of men and women who agreed to be interviewed for the Mill Oral History Project, it was easy to write *their* story."

Join the author for informal conversation. You may be inspired by the stories recorded by your parents, relatives, neighbors, and friends. What stories could you share about your own experiences? You may be interested in obtaining a personally autographed copy of the book for yourself or as a special gift.

Registration begins at noon, followed by the traditional picnic lunch at 12:45 PM. Lisa Huckins Guay '88 and her crew (Lisa Simonds Grimes '85 and Pam Tetreault Jaworowski '70) will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts and beverages. The cost is \$15.00 to be collected at check-in. **Reservations are required by June 30<sup>th</sup>!** Please note that the Alumni Association must pay for the number of reservations even if there are "no shows." To make reservations please call, e-mail or send a note to the following alumni volunteers. **(Be sure to include your name, graduation year, and number attending, if leaving a message or sending note).**

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In the event of rain, the location of the picnic will move to the GHS gymnasium!

Prior to the picnic, **enjoy a tour of your alma mater at GHS at 10:00 AM, hosted by Principal Lisa Perras.** Please meet promptly at the front entrance to the school on July 20<sup>th</sup>!

### Alumni Entrepreneur, Greg Cloutier '68 To Speak At Annual Banquet

The 51st Annual Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, July 21st, 2018 at the Town & Country Inn and Resort in Shelburne, NH. The Alumni Association is presenting Greg Cloutier '68, local entrepreneur, as the guest speaker. You will learn about Mr. Cloutier's experiences in the community including the school system and his professional life as a manager at the paper mills and as an engineer specializing in the hydro industry. Please don't miss this highlighted event!

Socializing and cocktails will begin at 4 PM, followed at 6 PM by dinner, business meeting, and dancing. Cost and choice of entrees are listed on the reservation form. The price is all-inclusive, that is, the price according to the choice of entree, includes tax and gratuity. Twenty rooms at a discounted room rate of \$109 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. **Make your plans and reservations by July 6th, and don't forget your annual dues are due!**

**GHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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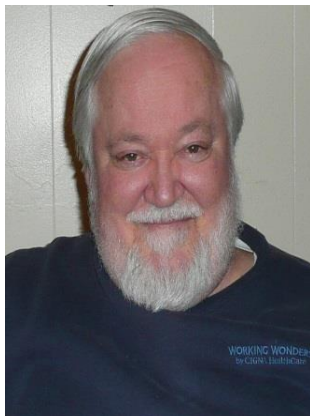
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**KEEP CALM AND PAY YOUR DUES**

**2018 Nominations and Election of Board Members**

Per the by-laws of our non-profit corporation, the members must elect one-third of the Board of Directors (BOD) each year for three year terms at the annual meeting of the membership which will occur at the alumni banquet on July 21, 2018 this year. The corporation's officers will be elected immediately following the business meeting on July 21st. This provides 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 Becky Merrow, Deborah Langley Montgomery and Norm Wiles. To date Becky and Debbie have been re-nominated. Additional nominations are needed and welcomed!

**Will YOU consider joining the Board?** It is an invigorating, rewarding experience! You will collaborate with a fun, hard-working team to assure the continued success of the GHSAA. There is only one face-to-face meeting of the BOD that occurs during reunion weekend. All other business is handled via e-mail and/or telephone contact. Please contact any board member! The rewards far outweigh the efforts! We look forward to hearing from **YOU!**



President's Message to the GHS AlumniRETURN.REMEMBER.RECONNECT.

Greetings to All Purple Eagles Alumni,

High school? Seems like only yesterday, doesn't it? One day you are a senior and cannot wait to begin life and be "someplace" else. What a shock to receive The GHS Alumni Attic and slowly, somberly try to grasp the **actual** number of years that have passed since graduation. It seems that in the blink of an eye "someplace" is here and now.

Reunion weekend is fast approaching. Come and reminisce with old friends, share some memories, and play our songs again. All it takes is one song to bring back a flood of memories! Break out your purple and gray attire and relive the pride and spirit of the GHS Eagles! One thing I know for sure is that you forget how much you miss your classmates until you see them again.

Even though I changed and so did you, I still remember our friendships, how silly and crazy we were at times, favorite hangouts, laughter and tears, inside jokes and mischievous ways! These memories may be blurry now, but somehow I can never forget them. No matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere. Growing apart doesn't change the fact that for a long time we grew side by side. Our roots will always be entangled. I am grateful for this! No distance of miles or years can lessen our friendships. Childhood friends can never be replaced.

If you ever thought about returning to a high school reunion, NOW is the time! Tomorrow is not guaranteed. And, if your graduating class year ends in a 3 or 8, this is an anniversary celebration for YOU. You will enjoy meeting Jamie Sayen, local author at the picnic (see page 15 for details) and at the banquet conversing with Greg Cloutier '68, local entrepreneur (see page 7 for details). Why not initiate contact with your classmates and invite them to attend? You and your classmates can socialize together at the picnic, at the cocktail reception and at your own class table(s) during the banquet, and then dance the night away to the lively Take Five Band at the Town and Country Inn and Resort. Did you know that attendance by sibling groups is a new trend? Why not invite yours – or your parents/other relatives who are GHS alumni?

The GHS Alumni Association is **YOU!** We simply cannot do what we do without **YOU!** For fifty years we have succeeded in accomplishing our dual mission of fostering fellowship among alumni **and** providing scholarships to graduating seniors due to your generosity. Whether you attend an alumni event(s), pay annual dues, make financial contributions to operating expenses or the various scholarship funds, and/or volunteer your time and expertise by serving on the board, managing tasks at various events, or working behind the scenes to spread the word, **YOU** make a difference! Please renew your membership today, and consider sponsoring someone else's membership as well – maybe your son/daughter, parent(s), grandchild, sibling, your closest childhood friend or a recent graduate. We need MORE ALUMNI to join the association. Our strength is in our number of dues-paying, active members. Will **YOU** help us to achieve our goal of increasing members by 25% this year? (See page 14).

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks for all that you do every single year! You represent the best of our community and world.

I look forward to being with you during reunion weekend. It will be our special time to return, remember, and reconnect.

Cordially,

*Marilyn Savage Cloud, '66*  
President of the GHSAA



**YES! Your eyes don't deceive you. The newsletter is in color and we hope you enjoy the change!** Soon after the decision was made, **Bob Nugent '59** very generously underwrote the extra cost with a gift to honor his brother **Dick Nugent '55** who has and continues to **contribute** to the success of **GHSAA** in countless ways.

**Thank you Bob - and Thank you Dick!!**



**IS IT YOUR ANNIVERSARY YEAR?**

Classes 2013, 2008, 2003, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1983, 1978, 1973,  
1968, 1963, 1958, 1953, 1948, 1943, 1938

All anniversary classes will be  
Honored at the banquet

Let us honor **YOU!** Come and join in the **FUN!**

## ALUMNI MEETING AND BANQUET MINUTES

On a beautiful New England summer day on the Guildhall Common on July 7<sup>th</sup> more than 100 alumni and guests gathered to celebrate GHS Alumni Association's (GHSAA's) 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a most enjoyable afternoon! Highlights included reminiscing with "old friends" and enjoying the delicious traditional picnic lunch. Of note, attending were several alumni, who were unable to attend the banquet, from classes in the 1940's, 1950's as well as various anniversary classes. Participating were: Joan Gilcris Breault – Class of 1948; Donald Nocky and Pearl Breault Styles – Class of 1951; David Miles and Carol Matthews – Class of 1953; Silvia Forbes Goodrich – Class of 1954; Sharon MacLoon Avrutine, Norman Crawford, Thomas Platt, and MaryEllen Watkins Taylor – Class of 1955; James McBride, Carol Marshall Gorham – Class of 1956; Mary Goulet Cunningham – Class of 1958; Robert Nugent – Class of 1959; Rita Miles Gibson, Carolyn Savage Astle, Nancy Knights Merrow, Glen Lunn, and Larry Miles – Class of 1962; and Gregory Fournier – Class of 1967.

The 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and banquet was held at the Town & Country Inn and Resort in Shelburne, N.H. on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. President Marilyn Savage-Cloud opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. in the Shelburne Room. There were 100 alumni and guests in attendance. Following her welcoming words, President Cloud introduced special alumni from the following classes: 1944, 1948, 1951, 1954, 1955, 1957, and 1962. These notable alumni and faithful attendees included: Louise Gallagher Samson - class of 1944; Einar Lauhammer, Gary Normandeau, Doris Tetreault, and Frances Pepau – Class of 1948; Paul Bushey – Class of 1951; James McGuire and Shirley Sawyer – Class of 1954; Bette Ober, James Platt, Robert Carver, Kent Holden, and Dick Nugent – Class of 1955; Saran Platt Holden and Rowell "Jack" Thibodeau – Class of 1957; and Carolyn Savage Astle, Nancy Knights Merrow, Glenn Lunn, and Sylvia Shannon Martin – Class of 1962. Corsages and boutonnieres were presented to the alumni.

Sharon Deering Frizzell '67 delivered a beautiful Invocation before the dinner. Following the dinner, President Cloud recognized the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary class attendees who graduated in 1967. They were: Diane Berube, Shirley Brousseau Berube, Jane Boudle, Kathy Mills Frizzell, Sharon Deering Frizzell, Timothy Hall, Dennis Maguire, Delores Platt, William Russ, and Lin Gilchrist Schimel. These alumni were presented with music from their special year! Other attendees from anniversary classes included: Sharon Houle, Harriette Rice Levett, Joanne "Jodi" Paradis, Victoria Cole Brofman, Bethany Brann Young, Jim Sanborn, Kirk Young, and Bonnie McLeod Auger – Class of 1972; Mark Cloutier and Lloyd Tippitt – Class of 1977; and Becky Merrow – Class of 1987.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a celebration of the strong GHSAA "family" who has sustained the organization for half a century. A new tradition to the banquet is to "bring the entire family." Large family groups in attendance included the Cotter and Berube clans. There were many parents/adult children, sibling groups as well as cousins, and aunts/uncles. Another new trend involves multiple generations of GHS alumni in one family. The three generation Platt family was represented by Dolores Audit Platt '67, her daughter Angelina Platt Desilets '89, and her granddaughter Isabella Desilets who graduated in 2017. Angelina is the first "current year" graduate to attend an alumni banquet. Let's keep these traditions moving forward both at the picnic and the banquet!

Former President Robin Ashe '65 gave an informative history of the formation and evolution of the GHSAA over the last 50 years. Did you know that over four hundred people attended the first GHS reunion including a student from the class of 1899? Also, forty of the fifty reunions were held at the Town & Country Inn and ten were held at the Cabot Motor Inn in Lancaster. (See the history article Page 12 for more details).

President Cloud gave thanks to those individuals who volunteered countless hours and expertise this year to make the reunion weekend such a successful, fun event.



**ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

## ALUMNI MEETING AND BANQUET MINUTES CONTINUED

### **Business Meeting/Old Business:**

1. The Picnic Crew: Lisa Huckins Guay, Pam Tetreault Styles Jaworowski, and Nicole Beland McMann for their food preparation and service; Janitors including Tom Young for chair transport and labor; Mary Jane Ledger Clark and Callie Croteau Goulet for managing reservations. Kudos for your great effort and a successful event!
2. Scott and Randy Labnon of the Town and Country Inn for their assistance with set-up of facility, our photo booth, and donating the band and great music.
3. Lisa Perras, GHS Principal for her support throughout the years and loaning GHS props including the Purple Eagles Mascot.
4. Robin Ashe and Judy Treamer for their tremendous support and guidance all year to enable a smooth transition for the Board of Directors.
5. The Board of Directors for their teamwork and individual contributions.
  - Kathy Wiles: Vice President who provided back-up assistance to the President;
  - Becky Merrow: Secretary who maintained records and assisted with legal issues;
  - John Potter: Treasurer who managed the finances and behind-the-scenes details for the picnic and banquet;
  - Norm Wiles: Newsletter Editor for his editing expertise and patience;
  - Dick Nugent: Database Manager for overseeing the database with all of its enormous tasks;
  - Deb Montgomery: Scholarship Chair and Committee (Mary Jane Clark Ledger, Wendy McMann, Karen Blodgett, Judy Treamer) for managing the 2017 distributions;
  - Michelle Fox, Lisa Huckins Guay, and Dick Nugent – Retiring Members of the Board for their faithful service and dedication to the Association. Thanks to Michelle and Lisa for serving as liaisons to the high school too.

Four individuals were recognized for contributing “above and beyond” in countless ways over many, many years. Robin Langley Ashe '65 for 6 years of exemplary leadership as President in addition to managing any other task necessary; Dick Nugent '55 for long-standing dedication in numerous ways such as maintaining a current database and holding the association together when there seemed to be no one else; Judith Treamer '58 for managing the financial records and executing countless other tasks to sustain the association, many times in sole partnership with Dick; and Norman Wiles '65 for managing the development and production of the annual newsletter, which is no easy feat.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary class of 1967, led by Kathleen Mills Frizzell, Secretary and other classmates announced a gift of \$2,200 to the GHS Key Club. The service organization is affiliated with Kiwanis Club which provides its members with opportunities to offer service, build character, and develop leadership. Their motto is “Community, Caring, Leadership and Teamwork.” The motto matches the Class of 1967’s values.

Next the business meeting of the banquet was called to order. Members of the board gave their individual reports. Three board members' terms expire: Michelle Fox, Lisa Huckins Guay, and Dick Nugent. President Cloud solicited nominations from the floor for the three positions. Motions from the floor were made for new Board Members - Carolyn Savage Astle '62; Shirley Brousseau Berube '67; and Barbara Houle Brunet '66. There was unanimous approval for all three nominees. The new board members were welcomed, and the retiring board members were thanked for their service. The board members met after the business meeting to determine the officers for the 2017-2018 year.

Shirley Brousseau Berube led the alumni in a rousing rendition of the school song. Before closing there was a raffle to award several prizes from local North Country merchants. The raffle proceeds benefitted the scholarship fund.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Becky Merrow*  
 Secretary

**Our RE U NION**  
**Will not be the same without**  
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**\$\$ Scholarship News \$\$**



Awards came out of the following accounts:

This year our scholarship committee met in May at the high school and we gave scholarships to 10 applicants. We were once again very generous to GHS students and gave out a total of \$15,000.00 from our different scholarship funds. Six students went to WMCC in Berlin, NH. Those students were involved in a program called “Project Running Start” which allowed them to receive college credits while still in high school and were transferrable to WMCC.

For a second year in a row, we received an additional generous scholarship donation of \$2,500.00 from John and Alan Potter in memory of their parents, J. Richard and Harriette Potter. Mr. Potter was a businessman in Groveton working as credit manager and other capacities in the mill, and Mrs. Potter was a devoted teacher both in Stark and Groveton. The scholarship was given to honor the value both Mr. and Mrs. Potter placed on education and their desire to see young people succeed in life.

Once again, we are so fortunate to have such generous donations from so many of you and continue to pass that on to our GHS graduates. Thank you so much.

Thank you to our scholarship committee members, Karen Fogg Blodgett, Mary Jane Ledger Clark, Wendy Fournier McMann, Judy Treamer and the staff at GHS.

**Respectfully,**  
*Deborah (Langley) Montgomery*’68  
 GHS Scholarship Chairperson



<b>Colin Canton</b> Ralph Bennett \$2,000 Dr & Mrs Paniccia \$500 Plymouth State University	
<b>Ashley Prime</b> Polly Stevens \$1,000 WMCC	
<b>Reid Styles</b> Chandler Mathews \$1,500 Dr & Mrs Paniccia \$500 WMCC	
<b>Austin Woodward</b> GHSA General \$1,750 Colby Sawyer College	
<b>Ruthanne Murray</b> Craggy/McKelvey \$1,000 WMCC/UNH	
<b>Noah Covill</b> Hollis Sawyer \$1,000 St. Michael’s College	
<b>Gabrielle Caouette</b> Roy Cascadden \$2,000 Norwich University	
<b>Alexis Scott</b> Mabel Palmer \$1,750 WMCC/UNH	
<b>Haley Watson</b> Hollis Sawyer \$1,000 NHTI	
<b>Corey Gadwah</b> Richard/Harriette Potter \$2500 Dr & Mrs Paniccia \$1000 WMCC	

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
 To the newest members of the  
 GHS Alumni Association:



## GROVETON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Meet Our Guest Speaker, Greg Cloutier '68

#### Alumni Entrepreneur To Speak At Banquet

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce that Greg Cloutier will be the guest speaker for our 2018 banquet.

Greg is a 1968 graduate of Groveton High School who has an engineering degree and a master's degree in operations management and maintenance engineering. He has worked as an operations and maintenance engineer at the local Gilman and Groveton Paper Mills. His focus for 40 years has been power plants which covers wood-fired boiler cogeneration, gas turbine cogeneration and small hydro. His services range from inspections, evaluations and optimization reviews as well as specialty repairs and project management.

Greg is currently president of Power House Systems which owns the two hydroelectric plants and solar fields, located on the Upper Ammonoosuc River in Groveton. Greg is also the managing partner of Power House Systems Energy Fund, LLC formed for the purchase of the assets of the Gilman Mill which includes a 5,000 kilowatt hydroelectric plant located in Gilman VT, under the joint partnership with Ampersand Energy Partners.

When not working in the hydro industry, Greg has been focusing on bringing small business back to Coos and Essex Counties. Greg's engineering and project skills have been used in the restoration of five old Main Street buildings in Lancaster. He and his wife Rita are best known for re-opening the Rialto Theatre, the Bakery and the old Lancaster National Bank building.

Greg feels the key to the comeback of the North Country is the next generation of entrepreneurs and small business owners who will need well-educated young people and students with career and technical education skills.

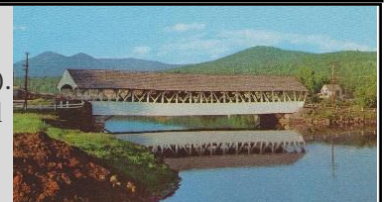
Return. Remember. Reconnect with Greg and his classmates who are celebrating their 50th reunion!

#### INTERESTED IN A GOLF OUTING?

Who will volunteer to spearhead a golf outing for alumni on Saturday morning before the socializing and banquet begins? You can play 18 holes of golf at the Androscoggin Valley Country Club (virtually across the street from the lodging) for only \$36 per person for golf and cart! We need to provide advance notice to the club in order to hold tee times. So, please contact Marilyn Cloud at 508 280-9067 or [mecloud1@comcast.net](mailto:mecloud1@comcast.net) by July 1st to reserve the spot. A great deal! And fun too!

### Important Notices

As you probably noticed, GHSAA dues are now \$7, the first change in many years (if not ever!). The modest increase was made to address normal inflation in our costs over recent years as well as some new expenses such as liability insurance. The major cost item each year is in fact the production and mailing of the newsletter you are now reading, and for which we make every reasonable effort to send to every living GHS alumnus we can identify. Other costs continue to be managed sensibly and frugally. As you know, all the labor behind the scenes has always been contributed by the Board and often by several other alumni -- and always will be. Thank you sincerely for your support through your dues and undesignated gifts that make this all possible! And if you aren't already a dues-paying member, please consider becoming one and promoting the mission of your Association!

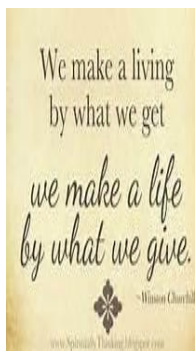




## A 2017 Fiscal Year End Financial Statement

*submitted by John Potter, Treasurer*

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



### GHSA, Inc. Profit & Loss Statement – Year Ending July 31, 2017

Operations	Gain/Loss	
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	\$1,015	* membership dues
Donations	\$2,050	undesigned donations
Interest	\$1	interest on general operating funds
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,066</b>	
<b>Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$2,563</b>	Newsletter, supplies, PO Box, fees, ads
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>\$503.00</b>	total income minus total expense
<b>Special Events</b>		
Donations	\$4,539	income from picnic and banquet
Expense	\$4,840	picnic and banquet expenses
<b>Event Loss</b>	<b>-\$301.00</b>	
<b>Scholarships</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	\$12,610	total scholarship donations + raffle proceeds
Interest	\$3,111	interest on scholarship funds
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$15,721</b>	
<b>Scholarship Awards</b>	<b>\$21,525</b>	made in January 2017
<b>Scholarship Loss</b>	<b>\$5,804.00</b>	** scholarship income less awards
<b>NET OVERALL LOSS</b>	<b>\$5,602.00</b>	

\* represents 203 dues-paying alumni, which is 78 fewer than last year

\*\* due mainly to a \$10,725 decrease in donations from last year



### LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THE CLASSREPORT SITE

[Classreport.org](http://Classreport.org) 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 24 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. **Dick Nugent '55** has been 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. We're looking for someone to take over the site. The website for GHS is [www.classreport.org/usa/nh/groveton/ghs/](http://www.classreport.org/usa/nh/groveton/ghs/) 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 [ghs55nuge@cox.net](mailto:ghs55nuge@cox.net) 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. Contact Dick if you're interested in helping out.

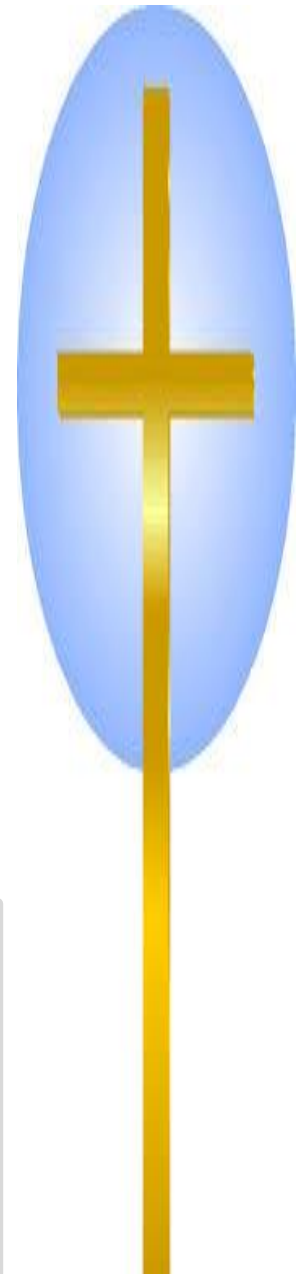


**GHS Deceased Alumni**

We say farewell to the following alumni and send our sympathy and prayers to family and friends.



John Edward Mickelboro, '62,	12/16/2015
Bethany Ann Woodward, '58,	06/14/2016
Eda (Hendrick) Peed, '43,	07/14/2016
Belvah (McGuire) King, '41,	11/01/2016
Dorothy Meachum Johnson, '41,	01/08/2017
Paul Sheltry, '40,	03/08/2017
Reginald Zanes, '57,	03/28/2017
Carilyn Cross Smith, '55,	04/25/2017
Mary Eleanor (Platt) Hook, '54,	04/28/2017
Linda Simonds, '72,	06/08/2017
Stanford Johnson, '44,	07/03/2017
Gloria Mae Leighton, '60,	08/03/2017
Daniel Riendeau, '70,	08/26/2017
Stephen Russ, '73,	08/26/2017
Bonnie Breault, '73,	09/15/2017
Joanne Treamer Young, '58,	10/04/2017
Helen Bernice Hopps, '50,	10/23/2017
Sandow Call, '69,	10/27/2017
Paul Bushey, '51,	12/05/2017
Alberta Rice Beausoleil, '58,	12/29/2017
Marlene L. (Bean) Allin Breault, '56,	01/24/2018



**50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class of '68 Deceased Classmates**

*"As you hold me close in memory even though we are apart  
My spirit will live on there within your heart."*

Richard M. Barnes	10/30/1972
Dawna L. Woodward	11/30/1976
James R. Marshall	02/08/1994
Wayne L. Miller	06/23/2013
Richard G. Lurvey	10/2017

Above are the names of the deceased alumni for whom 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.



**Class of 1968 (50<sup>th</sup> Reunion)**

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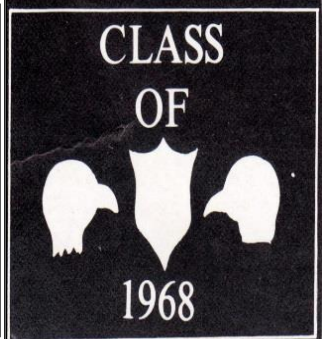
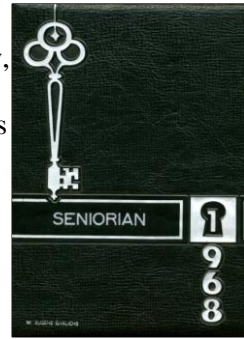


**Class of 1968  
50 YEARS**

Susan Parks - P  
Gregory Cloutier - VP  
Carol Woodward - S  
Richard Barnes - T  
Janice Gould - M

**TO OUR CLASSMATES OF 1968**

By now you have received a letter from classmate, Debbie Langley Montgomery, to give you a heads up on plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion from GHS. We all want to have as many classmates present to share stories from our school days and just enjoy each other's company once again in a setting where we all come together with a common bond of growing up in Groveton or surrounding area. Our memories differ but we all share that history. Please join us by supporting our Alma Mater and our classmates and have fun at the Guildhall picnic and banquet at the T&C.



**Class of 1958  
60 YEARS**

Philip Nelson-P  
Linwood Carver-VP  
Robert Lavoie-T  
Lucille Bilodeau-S  
Charles Ward-M



**Class of  
1978  
40 YEARS**



Trudy Hall-P  
Albert Cloutier-VP  
Shawna Jewell-T  
Sharon Normandeau-S  
Francine Paquette-M



**Class of  
1988  
30 YEARS**

Holly Cunningham-P  
Trina Covell-VP  
Heather Goulet-S  
Lisa Huckins-T  
Jennifer Kenny-M





Congratulations to the following Reunion Classes

# HIGH SCHOOL Reunion



Class of 1998 20 YEARS

# 20 Year CLASS REUNION

ATTEND

Class of 2003 15 Years

Class of 1983 35 Years

Class of 1963 55 Years

Class of 1953 65 Years

Class of 1943 75 Years



Class of 2008 10 YEARS

# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS



Class of 1948  
70 YEARS

President  
Gary  
Normandau



Class of 1938  
80 YEARS!





**GHSAA Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary****Robin Langley Ashe '65, Former President**

Fifty years ago there were no computers. We could not google the history of our organization as the early founders did everything by hand. Some records have been located, but there are gaps, and sadly, many of those early founders and supporters are now gone. We do have some minutes of meetings, newsletters, pictures, conversations with alumni, and newspaper articles from the Democrat where the early papers are on microfiche. Back in early 1967, a small group of Groveton alumni gathered in Nancy Knights Merrow's home on Mt. View Road and began formulating a plan for a GHSAA. We are here now because of these foresighted visionaries. Their efforts evolved into the first official meeting of the GHSAA which took place at the Ryan Gym on July 17th, 1967 with fifty alumni in attendance. Officers were elected: Chandler Matthews – President; Norma Wheelock McMann – Secretary; and Elizabeth Newell Langley - Treasurer and plans for the first banquet were set in place for the Town & Country in Shelburne on July 20th, 1968. Sometime after the original meeting, a Constitution and by-laws were adopted. The Preamble of that Constitution is what this alumni association espouses from 1967 to the present.” We, the alumni of Groveton High school, in order to fulfill the edict of the Class of 1966, to establish the Roy Cascadden Scholarship Fund and to keep alive a spirit of fellowship and loyalty to the school and to promote alumni activities and projects to the best interest of the school, community, and alumni do establish this Constitution for the GHSAA”. So initially we only had the Roy Cascadden Scholarship Fund. At the first banquet held at the T & C on July 20th, 1968, there were over 400 alumni in attendance. The Master of Ceremonies was Leonard O'Neil, son of Groveton's postmaster, who kept the evening lively! Betty Langley is quoted as saying, “I think it can be said that our first meeting and banquet was a great success with everyone hoping it will continue to hold the interest and support of the graduates.” The community of Groveton and its alumni has continued to support the alumni association with their service, time, dues and donations. Every two years a new slate of officers came to the fore. In the early days all the officers came from the town or nearby vicinity. Today that is not the case - officers come from all over the country. Common themes in my research that continue to be the biggest struggles for our association: 1. Location of lost alumni: We need addresses - that is our biggest task. 2. Dues and donations make this organization move forward. 3. Finding volunteers to help. 4. We need new blood and young blood. 5. I think the original founders would say that they are pleased with how the association has moved forward and adapted to change. So, the status of the GHSAA is stable and moving forward. We continue to fulfill our mission each year.

**Special thanks to Robin '65 and Judy Treamer '58 for researching and writing our history. Outstanding job!** (Full copies of this article will be available at the picnic and banquet).

**A Gala 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration by Class OF 1967**

The GHS Class of 1967 celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> reunion during alumni weekend last year. Festivities kicked off with a tour of GHS hosted by Principal Lisa Fogg Perras ('86) on Friday, followed by the alumni association picnic on the Guildhall Commons at noon. Later in the afternoon and continuing into the evening, classmates, spouses, and friends met at Leon and Kathy (Mills) Frizzell's camp at Maidstone Lake. Guests enjoyed boat rides, chats reminiscing about the joys and pranks of high school days while relaxing on the porch and enjoying being around the lake. Potluck hearty appetizers kept the gathering going for hours.

On Saturday the classmates gathered for breakfast at the Blueberry Hill Inn Café at Stratford Hollow. Later in the afternoon ten class members attended the GHS Alumni Association's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cocktail Party and Banquet. Participating in one or more of the class events over the weekend were: Diane Stearns Berube, Shirley Brousseau Berube, Jane Stone Boudle, Kathy Mills Frizzell, Sharon Deering Frizzell, Timothy Hall, Dennis Maguire, Delores Audit Platt, Bill Russ, Lin Gilcris Schimel, Brian Craggy, Esther Joyce and Greg Fournier.

At the banquet their reunion committee announced a gift of \$2,200 to GHS's Key Club, a student service organization affiliated with Kiwanis Club which provides its members with opportunities to engage in community service, build character, and develop leadership skills. The Key Club's motto is: “Community, Caring, Leadership, and Teamwork!” Classmates concurred that this motto matches well with the Class of '67 values – kind, caring, hard-working, and talented. Most classmates came from families with challenges and disadvantages which taught them self-reliance and persistence. The Key Club's calendar of fundraisers and community service engagements reflect these themes – community dinners, tutoring and activities for elementary students, cancer awareness, senior citizen's prom, and the beautiful Groveton Hometown Heroes banners.

Festivities culminated with dinner and great fun dancing to the band's '60 tunes until the band said “good night.” Another wonderful chapter was added to the Class of 1967 history and we wish all in the class could have been there with us for the weekend.

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Sharon Deering Frizzell, Kathy Mills Frizzell, Jane Stone Boudle, and Shirley Brousseau Berube

# RESERVATIONS FOR GHS ALUMNI BANQUET, DUES, & DONATIONS

MAY 2018

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**PLEASE RETURN FULL SHEET WITH CHECK, FOR DUES, DONATIONS, AND DINNER AS APPLICABLE, BY THE DEADLINE OF JULY 6, 2018.**

**MAIL TO: JOHN POTTER, 19 1/2 MICHAEL ROAD, BEVERLY, MASS 01915**

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ALUMNUS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS OF: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST/SPOUSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GHS CLASS OF \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BANQUET SEATING PREFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete ADDRESS CHANGE below if you have moved. Otherwise leave blank.**

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

## ALUMNI ANNUAL DUES, DONATIONS, DINNER RESERVATIONS

**ASSOCIATION DUES: (\$7.00 PER PERSON)** AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**UNRESTRICTED DONATIONS:** (Expenses, Gifts, Mailings, etc.) AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Choice of Main Entrée: (Indicate number) \*\***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Prime Ribs of Beef, Au Jus \$34.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Vermont Tom Turkey \$26.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ Seafood Duo Combination \$31.00  
(Crab Stuffed Haddock & Baked Stuffed Shrimp)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Pasta Primavera \$24.00

\*\* (Price includes tax and gratuity)



**DINNER RESERVATIONS:** (Choose Entrée above) AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### DONATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIPS

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| \$ _____ ROY CASCADDEN                  | \$ _____ RALPH BENNETT     |
| \$ _____ MABEL PALMER                   | \$ _____ CHANDLER MATTHEWS |
| \$ _____ HOLLIS SAWYER                  | \$ _____ CRAGGY/MCELVEY    |
| \$ _____ DR. VINCENT PANICCIA           | \$ _____ "POLLY" STEVENS   |
| \$ _____ GHSAA General Scholarship Fund |                            |

**SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS TOTAL:** AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL OF RESERVATIONS, DUES, AND DONATIONS:** AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE YOUR CHECK OUT TO GHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. (OR GHSAA, INC.)**

*(Please know that the Alumni Association must pay for the number that have reserved their place, even if there are "no shows.")*

*(Thanks to all alumni for your donations and your continued support!)*



# HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Class of 1973  
45 YEARS

Don Muise - P  
Ann McCormack-VP  
Johanne Cloutier - S  
Mike Gilbert - T  
Kim Wiles - M



Class of 1993  
25 YEARS

Kristy Cloutier-P  
Joshua Scroggins-VP  
Kristie Hart-S  
Marlene Styles-T  
Karen Houle-M



Class of 2013



## Membership Dues

### Our Challenge to YOU! JOIN the GHSAA

The Board of Directors has set a goal to increase the number of dues-paying members by 25% in 2018. We have only 183 paid members, yet we send more than 1500 newsletters to as many alumni as possible! **We can do better!** We only need 46 new members to achieve our goal. Will **YOU** become a member? As always we thank those loyal alumni who continue to support the association. And we look forward to welcoming new members!



## GROVETON HISTORY COMES TO LIFE

*By Jamie Sayen*

My new book, *You Had a Job for Life*, is an oral history of the Groveton paper mill that, for over a century, was “the life of the town.” I suspect that mill communities throughout the United States will recognize some of the characters and situations I wrote about. *You Had a Job for Life* tells the human story of the greater Groveton, New Hampshire region and its paper mill through the voices of the people who kept the mill running for decades. Drawing upon over 100 hours of taped and transcribed interviews with 56 former mill workers and supplemented by extensive original research, it recounts the mill’s recovery from the Depression, its expansion and diversification during the post-War years, the growing influence of the global economy beginning in the 1960s, absentee ownership after 1983, and its closing in 2007. It is rich with stories about the stress of dangerous work, the pranks, conflicts, and drinking in the mill; and the mysterious ways “the brotherhood of papermakers” made paper; and how workers and mill management adapted to social changes, particularly pollution, the Equal Opportunity Act, and safety laws promulgated beginning in the 1960s. *You Had a Job for Life* concludes with stories about the demise of the mill and suggests how the Groveton community can learn from the economic lessons of the mill to build a new, low carbon economy that buffers itself—as much as possible—from the global economic forces that doomed the mill and devastated the regional economy.



### ABOUT JAMIE SAYEN

I was born and raised in Princeton, New Jersey. I published *Einstein in America* in 1985 (Crown Publishers), a blend of primary research and taped interviews with Einstein’s step-daughter, Margot, his secretary, Helen Dukas, and several friends, neighbors, and colleagues. When I first moved to New Hampshire in the mid-1980s I worked as a reporter for the *The Coos County Democrat*. Over the past thirty years I have been engaged in a variety of conservation issues surrounding the future of the forests and economy of northern New England.

I am married to Rachel O’Meara, a retired nurse who is a gifted artist. Our son, Brook, is a recent graduate of Emerson College in Boston. Currently, I am Stratford’s Town Moderator. I love canoeing, mountain climbing, and rambling in the forest. We live in log cabin in the woods, where we grow fruits and vegetables, cut and split firewood, and observe our wild neighbors.

## GHSAA Principal’s Message

I continue to be honored to serve as the instructional leader of Groveton High School. Our community high school, educating approximately 210 students in grades 6-12, continues to serve the academic, emotional, and physical well-being of our students.

Embracing best practices in instruction through the “whole child” approach to education, we are able to address many of the underlying factors that impede some of our students’ success. Complementing instructional rigor and relevance, students are offered physical health and wellness assistance – including access to nutritional snacks and meals throughout the day and after school, warm clothing, personal hygiene and health care assistance, and intense drug awareness programming – as well as emotional support through guidance counseling, instruction in self-regulation, and mental health assistance. For many of our students, drug abuse in the home has become “normalized”, as the opioid crisis has, unfortunately, reached our beautiful North Country hamlet. We work very hard to assure our students that Groveton High School is a respite from unsafe behaviors and a bastion for their personal and academic success.

A positive school climate is linked to student achievement; therefore, we continue to promote a culture which is disciplined, safe, engaging, and challenging to prepare our students for successful futures. Our standards and competency based curriculum is rigorous and prepares our students for both college and career opportunities. Monthly cultural immersion programs offer our students opportunities to explore cultures and experiences far beyond the reaches of our beautiful North Country; these are opportunities which, due to our rural location, students would not otherwise access. While we want our students exposed to the greater world, we also want them to have a lifelong love for our North Country lifestyle – therefore, we offer placed-based educational opportunities, including fishing, hiking, tree and track identification, gardening, and a myriad of other outdoor activities intended to foster a love and respect for our North Country. As a young girl, I spent a great deal of time in the remote reaches of Nash Stream, Maidstone Lake, and the mountains, and streams of our locale. These experiences fostered a deep love for our hometown, which I hope to nurture in our student community. The generous support of many of our alumni and our alumni association assists me in bringing these opportunities to our students; for that I am grateful.

100% of our seniors have been accepted to a college, university, or the military, and families are offered financial aid assistance throughout the process. GHS continues to have the highest number of Running Start (dual high school/college enrollment) opportunities of any school in the North Country, thanks to a highly specialized and valuable staff and support of the York Foundation. Most GHS graduates are leaving our high school with multiple college credits, saving families thousands in tuition costs. We have a very successful peer tutoring program in which our strong students build relationships with and assist our struggling students.

The support of our community and alumni is paramount to our school’s success. It’s gratifying to know that even in our current economic environment, our community and alumni continue to value and appreciate the importance of education.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Lisa (Fogg) Perras ‘86  
GHS Principal



# Groveton High School Alumni All-Class Reunion Banquet, July 21, 2018

The 51st annual Groveton High School Alumni Reunion Banquet will be held the third Saturday in July, the 21st. The location will be the Town and Country Inn & Resort located in Shelburne, NH. Social hour will begin at 4 PM, followed by dinner at 6. **Send your reservations before July 6th.**



**John Potter**  
**GHSAA Treasurer**  
**19 1/2 Michael Road**  
**Beverly, Mass 01915**

## Calendar

### **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Deadline for picnic reservations –  
See Page 1

### **July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Deadline for banquet reservations –  
See Page 1

### **July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

School visit  
Picnic for all classes out of GHS -  
See Page 1 for details

### **July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

Reunion banquet for all GHS classes  
at the Town & Country Inn &  
Resort, Shelburne, NH -- See  
reservation Page 13 inside.