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From The President . . .

Well, another Holiday Season is here which means another anniversary for the Alumni Association. In the Winter of 1990 a group of interested alumni wanted to organize an alumni association to: Keep the alumni in touch with each other; to recognize and honor the outstanding alumni of NPHS; and, also, to give back to the school that has enriched our lives so much.

Who would ever think that we would still be around twenty years later, still communicating, recognizing, and giving back. Each graduate of NPHS deserves a pat on the back for volunteering, donating and contributing to the success of the NPHS Alumni Association and you've heard it before, "Without your help, we wouldn't be here."

On behalf of the Alumni Association,

I want to wish everyone a

Merry Christmas and a

Happy and HEALTHY 2010.

**Mario Caruso, President,
NPHS Alumni Association**

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If they ask you for a credit card, it is the wrong site.

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Canucks Christen Krausche in Style

By Paul Franklin
C-N Staff Writer

Reprinted from The Courier-News

The North Plainfield High School football team christened its new turf field in memorable fashion Friday October 10, 2009, upending Hillside 28-26.

Without the legendary dust kicking up at midfield, the Canucks took advantage of their speed while coming up with big plays on both sides of the ball.

"We were so pumped up the whole week," junior back Vincent Green said. "When push came to shove, we did what we had to do. We prepared hard all week."

Green scored three touchdowns, including an electrifying 90-yard kickoff return to answer Hillside's 7-0 lead in the opening quarter.

"That gave our team confidence that we could play with them," North Plainfield coach Bob Lake said.

Even so, Hillside used an 80-yard run to go back in front. But then it was Green's turn again, taking off on a 46-

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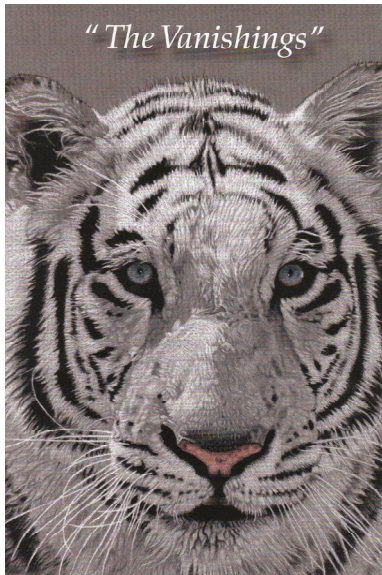
Leslie Delgyer, '65, Presents "The Vanishings" at Swain Galleries in Plainfield

Heralded wildlife pastelist Leslie Delgyer shares her compassion for endangered species and the wilderness that nurtures them in her solo exhibit, "The vanishings" at Swain Galleries in Plainfield.

Delgyer decries the loss of habitat that forces wildlife to move and search for sustenance in a less hospitable place. Commenting on her pastel of a lynx in winter, she notes that this animal was

not so long ago a familiar sight. Its habitat as seen in my painting was already vanished. This cat has moved to higher country. Its range and numbers are shrinking because of development, land cultivation, hunters and fur trappers."

While she speaks of habitat destruction and climate change, she adds that "increases in human population" should be called into account. "All of us inhabit this one, single Earth. We need to pay closer attention. I hope that paintings of these magnificent creatures will inspire people personally, beyond fund-raising, to help these animals survive and even thrive." Her pas-



tels include tigers, a cougar, polar bears, and a comical kangaroo among others.

Delgyer donates paintings and prints to wildlife protective organizations and will donate a percentage of her sales from this exhibit to the World Wildlife Fund. In the late 1980s, she was commissioned by Prince Philip to paint for the World Wildlife Fund international stamp collection.

In the October 2009 issue of the Pastel Journal's feature article on Delgyer, titled "Art and Conserva-

tion" she describes how she starts with the background, seeming to prefigure her concerns about habitat. The piece notes that in her exhibits she always includes a paragraph about the animals and their characteristics to attract more personal interest. She visits to talk to children about her work and heighten their awareness.

Delgyer's early foray into pet portraits led to a commission from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan. Eventually she was drawn to the wilder varieties. She is a graduate of the deCret School of Art in Plainfield where she studies with Marjorie Van Emburgh and Dudley V. duCret and later served as president of the board of trustees. She holds memberships in the Society of Animal Artists, Salmagundi Club and Pastel Society of America, all in NYC; and in the NJ Pastel Society, the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC and the Worldwide Nature Artists Group. She has received a certificate of special congressional recognition, certificate of recognition from the US House of Representatives and a citation from the NJ Senate and General Assembly.

Her most recent show was Audubon Artists 66th Annual Exhibition in NYC. Her work has been exhibited throughout the US including Virginia, Arizona, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah, Florida, Wisconsin, Oregon, Washington and Washington DC, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, California, Massachusetts as well as NJ and Canada. She has garnered major awards over three decades. She is listed in five "Who's Who" journals and the Dictionary of Birds and Wildlife Painters. In 1996, Ms. Delgyer was inducted into the NPHS Alumni Hall of Fame.

Saving History

Recently, seven 4'x5' Enlarged, framed photographs were donated to the Borough by the Alumni Association to be displayed at different locations throughout the community.

These historic photos were reproduced from the "Images of America" book about North Plainfield and were hanging on the walls of the Acme Market on Rt. 22 and Grove Street.

They were rescued from destruction when the Acme Market closed approximately four years ago. One of the photos shows Mayor George McCusker cutting the ribbon at the opening ceremonies of the Acme in 1955.

Two photos are hanging now at Somerset School and North Plainfield High School. The photo of the Vermeule Mansion will hang there. The other photos of the Clock Tower "Gate House", a view of Somerset Street, Moldenke's Castle, McCutchen Home, and the original North Plainfield Library will be displayed at the newly renovated Borough Hall.

Gift Suggestions

These suggestions are convenient ways for graduates to buy practical gifts and, at the same time, contribute to the NPHS Scholarship Fund.

Choose from:

- "North Plainfield and Its Neighbors," a 90-minute video (also in DVD) history of the Borough. \$25.00 + \$5.00 S&H
- The Images of America books about North Plainfield, \$19.99 plus \$3.00 S&H.
- Commemorative or memorial bricks in the Alumni Walk of Honor, 4x8 brick, \$60.00; 8x8 brick, \$85.00;
- Annual membership in the NPHS Alumni Association, \$10 annually or \$60 lifetime;
- NPHS coffee mugs with woodsman logo, \$10.00 plus \$3.00 S&H;
- Stadium blanket, 60"x60," with NPHS old **Sold Out** logo, \$45.

Send checks payable to the NPHS Alumni Association, 145 Cedar St., North Plainfield, NJ 07060.

We Are Searching For Photos

The NPHSAA is searching for photos taken in and around North Plainfield High School. All activities and all time periods are of interest. Photos should be accompanied by captions and information about the donor. Good laser copies are suggested if you want to preserve the originals. Send to: NPHS Alumni Association, 145 Cedar St., N. Plainfield, NJ 07060

Reunion Alert!

2009 Reunion Contacts

- 1933 Art Lederer, 908 754-8252. 75th Reunion, June 25, 2009.
- 1934 Art Lederer, 908 754-8252. 2009. June 25, 2009.
- 1939 Phyllis Clark Tebbs, 732 369-1686.
- 1944 Al Fasano 908 756-3974.
- 1949 60th Reunion. Mel Lerer, 732 873-1960 or email: mjlerer@aol.com. October 17, 2009. Crowne Plaza, Somerset, NJ. (see page 8)
- 1954 Al & Fran Ellis 908 766-8489.
- 1959 50th Reunion. Bonnie Baron Shrager, 732 356-8808. October 8, 2009.
- 1964 Contact the Alumni Association.
- 1969 40 Reunion, Kathy Miller Senna 908 756-8255. May 2, 2009 (see page 9).
- 1974 Marsha Ferri Clarke 908 788-8084.
- 1979 Tom Zilli 908 709-4505-H 800 660-6952.
- 1984 Tom Miller 908 996-4689.
- 1989 Maria Price 908 237-0045. November 7, 2009 at Maggiano's, Commons Way, Bridgewater.
- 1994 Contact Beth Kenderdine, 908 231-9595.
- 1999 Contact NPHS Alumni Association.
- 2004 Contact NPHS Alumni Association.

2010 Reunion Contacts

- 1933 Art Lederer, 908 754-8252.
- 1934 Art Lederer, 908 754-8252.
- 1945 Pat Allegar (908) 889-4712 or Harry Krausse (908) 757-6654
- 1980 Michael.Esolda@comcast.net (732) 669-9494
- 1940 Dorothy Stotesbury Farmer 908 755-4829
- 1945 Pat Allegar (908) 889-4712 or Harry Krausse (908) 757-6654
- 1950 Contact: Dolores Kraemer Caruso 908 757-6836; email: dolores303@comcast.net.
- 1955 Mike Colucci 908 754-0603
- 1960 Natalie Domenichini Farry 732 968-0308
- 1965 Contact Winnie Hartpence, 908 753-5973 or Bobbi Heteji, 908 753-1069.
- 1970 Nancy Kaufman Campbell 908 755-3709
- 1975 Contact, Dan Caruso, 908 392-5388 or email: danny@stiryourimagination.com or Kim Cook, 908 635-9200 or email: ksluyter@hotmail.com.
- 1980 Mike Esolda, 732 669-9494.
- 1985 Contact: Maria Campbell, 908 595-0285 or 908 256-0311
- 1990 Contact, Kelly Lewandowski 908 203-9449
- 1995 Contact the Alumni Association
- 2000 Contact the Alumni Association
- 2005 Contact the Alumni Association

***In Touch* Paul Carlton – NPHS 1953**

Dear Alumni,

What a beautiful evening the Alumni Association presented Saturday, It was planned and executed to perfection. I sensed a warm, friendly atmosphere, and all your hard work and effort was most apparent. I just know Ethel would have reveled in the honor and lovely tribute. The framed award is elegantly done. I do feel that, at the same level, Ethel was aware and thrilled. My family and I are most appreciative and thank you heartily for everything.

Sincerely,

Carol W. Piness
930 Rahway Road
Plainfield, NJ 07060

Dear Alumni,

Enclosed please find a check for the amount of \$90 to cover the cost of 3 guests at the Hall of Fame induction dinner. They cover my wife, Nancy (class of 1949), my daughters, Mrs. Christine Jenkins and Mrs. Karen Porter.

It will be our honor to be with you. We look forward to being with you



Hall of Fame 2009 Inductee,
Grover and Nancy DeVault,
Class of 1949

all on Saturday Evening, October 3rd at the Italian American Social Club.

Respectfully,
Grover G. DeVault

Dear Alumni Association,

I wanted to take a few moments to thank you for your assistance in helping us plan our NPHS 60-Year Reunion. I especially want to thank you for your follow-through in making sure our reunion was well-publicized in the Alumni Newsletter. Your efforts helped contribute to the success of our affair.

I would also like to extend a thank you to those class members and their spouses who attended our function on Saturday, October 12 at the Crowne Plaza in Somerset, with a special mention of appreciation to Nina Goralczyk Ripley for her assistance and to both Frank and Bill Skye for their manning of the hospitality room.

We regret that many of our classmates were unable to attend, but be assured we were thinking of them.

We look forward to our 65-year reunion and hope many of our classmates will be able to join us.

Keep up the great work you are doing on behalf of all NPHS alumni.

Melvin Lerer
NPHS Class of 1949

WARNING

If you are donating or joining the
NPHS Alumni Association

make sure it is us,

with our address:

145 Cedar Street, North Plainfield,
If you have to use a credit card —
it is **NOT** us.

Dear Alumni Association

Sorry but once again I will not be able to attend the Hall of Fame Dinner as I will be tied up that day. I hope you have a good turnout.

However, I wanted to make you aware of something that should be of interest to anyone who has lived in the area for a long time. Just the other day my wife and I went to the Plainfield Library to see a historical exhibit called "Lost But Not Forgotten" about buildings that used to stand in Plainfield but are no longer there. The exhibit is very well done. It is located in the lower level of the library. It runs till October 17th. Also spend some time at the computer just inside the main door that continually shows old pictures of the area. This is also worthwhile.

I need Hall of Fame Booklets from 2008 and 2009 to keep my collection up to date. Let me know when you have them and I will come over with my money to pick them up. Also Also, I think I have a complete collection of the Newsletter. Let me know if you need copies of any of them. I will be glad to help.

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Yale Cup and Yearbooks Donated to Alumni Association

Many thanks to Bob Burner, son of Ashley Burner, 1914 Yale Cup winner and the Burner Family for donating the Yale Cup back to NPHS to be displayed in the show case in front of the main gymnasium on Wilson Avenue.

Thanks to Don Schumacher for donating NPHS yearbooks and 1941 graduating class Newspaper pictures.

Letters

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Keep up the good work and hope to see you soon.

John Muccifori, Class of 1958

732 549-8518

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Dear Alumni,

Please find enclosed a check to help defray some of the costs of the upcoming Hall of Fame Induction. This is a wonderful and meaningful event which you put a lot of your personal time and effort into. This is greatly appreciated!!

I was honored and humbled to be inducted into the NPHS Hall of Fame in 2007, an evening which will be remembered by me for a very long time.

Thank you for all you do for the NPHS Alumni Association and for the Hall of Fame!!

Sincerely,
Kalil S. Boghdan
NPHS Class of 1960

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Dear Alumni Association,

Included in this package are yearbooks from 1938, 1939, and 1940. These yearbooks were my father's, Charles Schumacher, Class of 1941. My mother, Marian Marshall Schumacher was also a member of that class.

I am also sending you in a separate package, the pages from the June 3, 1941 Courier News listing the members of the class of 1941. I preserved them the best I could by putting them in poster frames.

Enjoy.

Don Schumacher
2916 Woods Place
New Albany, OH 43054

Ed Note: Thanks for your contribution.

Dear NPHS Alumni Association,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you so much for your participation in our Clearinghouse Scholarship Program. On behalf of the Class of 2009 I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity. The program was a huge success and we owe it all to your hard work and commitment to our students. For some of our seniors, this meant the difference between going to college and just dreaming of one day going to college. You have made a huge difference in their lives and we as the North Plainfield School community are very grateful.

I was upset to find out that some of you did not receive a letter from us thanking you for your enormous gift of time, money and effort. We apologize for the "postal issues" and hope that you accept this letter in its place. For those of you that did receive the letter, a second 'thank-you' is well deserved.

Again, our heartfelt thanks for making the dream of a college education

come true for so many of our students. I look forward to working with you again next year as we share in the common goal of providing opportunities for a bright successful future for our students!

Sincerely,
Linda Remolino,
Director of School Counseling

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Dear Alumni,

Do you remember Winkie Coly? She graduated with my sister in 1946. I think she was a cheerleader. She married a famous baseball player. I think it was Bobby Thompson but I am not sure. I don't know how I remembered this but my grandson collects baseball cards and I was telling him about it but I said she married Ted Williams. I always got the two mixed up. Wish I could find someone with a '46 yearbook and get a picture of her to show him.

Ruth Stinson
419 523 5113
8150 RD 15
Otown, Ohio

Editor:

Ruth,

You were right. Elaine "Winkie" Coley was a cheerleader, she was a graduate of NPHS in 1946 and she married Bobby Thomson, and her father owned The Cedar Bar (later to be known as "Harmony Street") on the corner of Somerset and Harmony Street

Tell your grandson that Bobby Thomson became the most remembered baseball player for one home run - "The shot heard round the world." It was 1951 and his home run beat the Brooklyn Dodgers for the National League Pennant. There is a plaque by Watchung Lake commemorating that event, since he and "Winkie" lived in Watchung for a long time. He is currently living in South Carolina.

From the Archives



Ashley Burner (right)
Yale Cup Winner, 1914

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Canucks Christen Krausche in Style

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yard run for another score, helping the Canucks to a 14-13 lead.

On their next passion they needed just five plays to get on the board again. Quarter Erick Fredericks hooked up with - who else? - Green on a 38-yard pass play to push the score to 20-13. The two-point conversion put the lead at nine points.

The margin increased almost immediately when Hillside fumbled on the ensuing series, the result of a smacking tackle by senior Mario Herrera. Demon Tyndell fell on the ball, and five plays later Fredericks sneaked in from the 1: North Plainfield, 28-13.

Hillside would make it close in the final minutes, but North Plainfield finished the game taking a knee.

"The kids were so excited about playing on the field, I think the big thing was keeping them focused," Lake said. "I don't know if that made us win; I think that was effort. I think they refused to let themselves down."

Hillside won the stat game, totaling

430 yards of offense to North Plainfield's 223, but the only state that mattered was the first final score at the new Krausche Field.

"This win is tremendous," Lake added. "Hillside is a very good football team. This is a very, very good win for our kids."



The Krausche Field ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new turf field

North Plainfield Education Foundation Raising Funds for Field Completion

The North Plainfield Education Foundation is working on projects to finish the infrastructure of the field after installation. Its goal is to raise money that will provide for upgrades and/or replacement for the following: concession stand, scoreboards, field lighting, sound system, landscaping, bleachers, and other projects. The sale of advertising along the fence lines and donations by generous North Plainfield school alumni will also assist the Foundation as it helps create a premiere facility that will be the centerpiece of the community. They clearly need the help of all of our alumni!

How Can You Help? Join the Krausche Field Renovation Committee (KFRC) and/or make a dona-

tion today specifically for the Renovation. Several very interesting donor recognition programs have been created in order to reward those who help them get the job done!

E-mail any questions to: noplfdedfnd@yahoo.com or call Bob Goellner, President at 908-561-0940. Also, checkout their website @ www.npefnj.org.

If you wish to make a donation, please use the form below and mail to the North Plainfield Education Foundation (all donations are tax deductible). Credit card donations are accepted. Call the number above to utilize this service or it is available on their website for your convenience. A receipt will be sent to you for your tax records.



(left) Dick Williams, Class of '62 and Ted Amo, Class of '61 (right)

**Invest In The Future of
North Plainfield High
School
Support The
Scholarship Program**

Make checks payable to: Krausche Field Renovation Committee [KFRC]

And send to: N. PLFD ED. FOUNDATION P.O. Box 7284 Watchung, NJ 07069

Please indicate the amount of your donation \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

NPHS Class of _____

Visit our Web site: <http://www.npefnj.org>

Mike Passe, Class of 1996, Inducted Into FDU's Athletic Hall of Fame

Mike Passe, NPHS Class of '96, who helped North Plainfield High School win a Central Group II baseball title in 1996, was honored recently when he was inducted in Fairleigh Dickinson's Athletic Hall of Fame.

"There's no better feeling than being recognized and appreciated by the school that you went to battle for," Passe said.



North Plainfield High School Alumn Mike Passe poses with a sketch of himself that was presented as part of his induction into the Fairleigh Dickinson Hall of Fame

Passe could have played scholarship ball on the Division II level, but something about FDU seemed right. It didn't hurt that high school teammate Keith Gaub was going there, as well. They remain close all these years later. So much, that Gaub introduced Passe during the Hall of Fame ceremony. Several of their college classmates were in attendance, as well.

"The camaraderie, doing all the things teammates do, that's the best part about being a collegiate athlete," Passe said. "I rarely thought about numbers. It's good that the records kind of added up at the end of my career, but I was all about winning."

That said, his numbers were outstanding. Playing for FDU's Madison branch, Passe ended his career ranked second in career triples (15), third in single-season batting average (.436) and fourth in all-time RBI's (105). He was team MVP

and first-team All-Freedom Conference as a Senior in 2000.

And he is fondly remembered as a key ingredient of North Plainfield's 1996 baseball championship, the last sectional title by any boys program at the school.

"People still talk about that team. It's a great source of pride for all of us," said Passe, who lives in Edison and teaches at Rahway Middle School. "At the time, you're 18 and you don't really think about it, you just go out there and get it done, but when you're in your early 30's and people are still talking about it, you realize it was pretty special."

New Member of Alumni Newsletter Staff

Vernon Tuitt III is a 2005 North Plainfield High School Alumn who recently graduated from the University of Hartford. He is an aspiring writer looking to break into the world of publishing and study the field in graduate studies. In his spare time, Vernon volunteers his services at the North Plainfield Memorial Library.

To contribute articles to the Newsletter, contact him by e-mail at vtuit3@yahoo.com

1914 NPHS Basketball Team



Ashley Burner, Far Right (See Page 5 for other picture)

Visit the North Plainfield High School Alumni's Web Site at: www.nphsalumni.net

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In pencil, write what issue it is for

CLASS MESSAGES

The Alumni Association invites graduates to use this page for Class, Reunion or other messages..

*Send messages to: NPHS Alumni Association,
145 Cedar Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060,
Attn.: Newsletter*

Yearbook Donation

The Alumni Association has offered to the Friends of Vermeule a set of NPHS yearbooks to be displayed for public viewing at the Vermeule Mansion on Clinton Avenue and Greenbrook Road.

The collection will be as complete as possible dating back to the 1920s and will be kept current annually.

If anyone has extra yearbooks they do not need or if you want to replace a lost yearbook, contact the Alumni Association, 145 Cedar Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060 or phone 908 756 2776.

Missing Year Books Include:

1939, 1940, 1949, 1951, 1959 and 2008.

If anyone has a year book they would like to donate, please contact the Alumni Association.

NPHS Class of 1947

Contact Anita Schorb, 247 Jefferson Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060. 908 756 5149.

1980 Class Reunion contact:
michael.esolda@comcast.net

732-713-3030

1945 Class Reunion contact:
Pat Allegar 908-889-4712 or
Harry Krausse 908-757-6654

The Class of 1962

NPHS Class of 1962 Reunion was held October 20, 2007 at the Vermeule Mansion. Contacts are Ray Bersch, 908 229-5886 or raybersch@optonline.net and Mary Diehle 908 359-7161.

Class of 1959

NPHS Class of 1959 50th Reunion. October 8-10, 2009

North Plainfield area contact: Bonnie Baron Shrager 732-356-8808.

Email: bbshrager@comcast.net

Classes of '33 to '35

NPHS Classes of 1933 to 1935 will hold their next reunion on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at the Dunellen Hotel on Washington Avenue, Dunellen, starting at noon. Anyone interested should contact Art Lederer 908 754-8252.

Class of 1949 Yearbook

Mel Lerer, NPHS Class of 1949, is looking for an extra yearbook from his class. If anyone knows of any, please contact The Alumni Association, 908 756-2776 or carusodesign@comcast.net

Class Contacts

We need up-to-date Class Lists for the next NPHS Alumni Directory. On a disc, if possible, or a hard copy. Send to: NPHS Alumni Association, 145 Cedar Stree, North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Class of 1960

North Plainfield High School Class of 1960 proudly announces its 50th Class Reunion to be held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 beginning at 6 p.m. at The Embassy Suites Hotel, Knightsbridge Road, Piscataway, NJ.

For further information, please contact Henry Kielblock Phone no. 908-479-1776 or email hlkiel@comcast.net or Pat O'Keefe Stabile at 908-754-2754 email fstabile@aol.com.

NPHS Class of 1949

60th Reunion, was held October 17, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza (formerly Somerset Marriott), 110 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ.

Contact Mel Lerer (732) 873-1960 or mellerer@aol.com for more information.



Shore Canuck Club

The Shore Canuck Club held its annual reunion on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant, NJ. Approximately one hundred graduates of North Plainfield High School living at the shore attended.

The next shore get-together will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010. The Crystal Point Yacht Club is located on the Manasquan River next to the Route 70 bridge.

For more information contact: Joan McCarthy Williamson at 732-899-0009.

NPBS Grads in the Military

Army National Guard Spec. Denita L. Jenkins has returned to the United States after being deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Jenkins, a Human Resource Specialist, is normally assigned to the 154th Quartermaster Company, Plainsboro. She has three years of military service. She is the daughter of Richard L. Allen of Linden and Denise Barnes of North Plainfield. Spec. Jenkins is a 2004 graduate of North Plainfield High School.

Navy Seaman Abraham M. Quinones of North Plainfield recently completed basic training and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. He is the son of Nelida Torres of North Plainfield and is a 2009 graduate of North Plainfield High School.

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Navy Airman Gerardo S. Ramos, son of Renia A. and Salvador E. Ramos of North Plainfield, recently

completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training command, Great Lakes, Ill., with honors.

During the eight-week program, Ramos completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Ramos is a 2009 graduate of North Plainfield High School.

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From the NPBS Principal's Desk

December 2009

Dear Alumni:

The leaves have fallen, our fall athletic season has come to an end and winter practices have begun. We are proud of the accolades our teams and individual students have received during the season.

On October 9, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony took place on our newly refurbished Upper Krausche Field. Our new field now hosts football games as well as soccer, field hockey, baseball and softball games. Beginning the process of applying to colleges and gathering those recommendations for admissions is on the minds of our seniors. The underclassmen are knuckling down and striving for academic excellence and bolstering those GPA's. The faculty and staff are gearing up for another fun winter with all of the excitement and challenges that winter brings.

Our Varsity Boys' Soccer Team made it to the States as well as our Girls' Field Hockey Team. The Boys' Basketball Team is looking to repeat as Conference Champions

just as our football team won the Thanksgiving Day game against South Plainfield. The NPBS Cheerleaders and Marching Band continue with their winning traditions and have brought home first and second place trophies from the numerous competitions they have been involved in this year. The cheerleaders will be featured in a documentary series entitled "What is America?" Please visit our website to read the news articles pertaining to them.

"Canuck Pride" is alive and strong here at NPBS and I look forward to meeting more alumni as the winter season begins and we head indoors for athletics. Please feel free to contact the school to find out how you can assist today's students as they carry on the proud traditions that you all worked to create.

I would like to wish the alumni a joyful holiday and a Happy New Year.

Go Canucks!

Sincerely,
Jerard W. Stephenson
Principal

Air Force Airman Tevin M. Henry graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that including training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

He is the son of Terrence Henry of North Plainfield. Henry is a 2009 graduate of North Plainfield High School.

Clubs for Kids

The NPBS Alumni Association is offering free golf clubs to North Plainfield High School, Middle School, or Borough students who are interested in playing golf but cannot afford clubs to get started.

Contact Frank Caruso, Class of '49 at: 908 756 2776.

The Alumni Association is also offering excess clubs to the "First Tee Organization" and to the Lyons Veterans Administration in Lyons, NJ.

NPBS 50th Reunion, October 9, 2009



On the floor: (left to right): Doug Long, Mary Jo VanWinkle Dapice, Bonnie Baron shrager, Lois Clendening diDomenico

Row 1: (SEATED) Jim Vitelli, Connie Catanzaro Kenney, Priscilla Babay DeMoss, Dennis Deady, Gretchen Vollmer Dombro, Burton Weiss, Carl Hunt, Betty Gilbert Murray, George Sayre

Row 2: (standing) Dante DeMatteo, Robert Ames, Richard Bedner, Alex jaszek, Kathy Krohn LaRocca, Donald Napier, Judy Kosteck McKusker, Rachel Richardson Villani, Carole Grundke Wilson, Betsy Poulson Smith, Lois Fine Rosenkrantz, Judy Chandler Podpora, Jim Feller, Nancy Sturcke, Marie Butscher Lauducci, Bruce Stine, David Beck

Row 3: Keith Beyers, Kurt Hesebeck, Jack Plimpton, Allan Eiring, Fred Letter, Roger Seal, John Mattson

Row 4: Ed Krusman, Ray Vico, Doug Kerr, John Mazza

Obituaries

Tami Koppelman, 23, died July 18, 2009. She was a 2003 graduate of NPHS.

Roy Ohlman, 74, died September 8, 2009. He was a 1952 graduate of NPHS.

Florence Thomas Zhelesnik, 67, died August 17, 2009. She was a 1960 graduate of NPHS.

Matthew Carlomagno, 84, died September 12, 2009. He was a 1942 graduate of NPHS.

Irv Cohen, 79, died September 26, 2009. He was a 1949 graduate of NPHS.

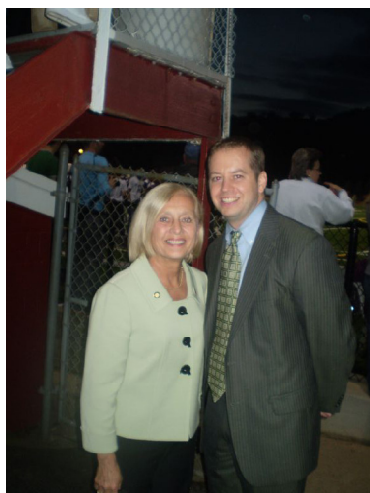
Sidney Piness, MD, 89, died October 17, 2009. He was a 1938 graduate of NPHS.

Mary McDonough White, 102, died November 13, 2009. She was a 1924 graduate of NPHS and the oldest known graduate.

John "Bob" Gunther, 79, died December 8, 2009. He was a 1949 graduate of NPHS.

Krausche Field Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of New Turf Field

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Somerset County Freeholder
Pat Walsh (left)



Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lewis with
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