

North Plainfield High School Alumni Association

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From The President . . .

Somehow it doesn't seem possible that the Fall '08 Newsletter is upon us already. Whenever the Fall of each Newsletter gets here, it seems to evolve around the NPHS Alumni Hall of Fame and Giving Back. This issue is no different. The stories about Jack Gardner '58 and "Chip" Mauro '51 (see page 5) are about two graduates who will never stop helping other people.

Another graduate, Alan Smith '84, (see page 7) a Borough firefighter was awarded for rescuing people while he was off duty. The story of Kerri Mullen (see page 4) going into her senior year at NPHS, who needs the support of the whole community to help out with her medical expenses. Also see Ron Bushwell's letter on page 4.

NPHS graduates are always in the middle of giving back programs such as: Tsunami's, hurricanes, tornados, fires and other global disasters, all the way to personal disasters. Even non-disaster help such as community projects, scholarships and even helping the Alumni Association survive.

We want to thank everyone at this time who supported all of our projects.

Just a reminder that the Hall of Fame Dinner is coming up on October 4, 2008. It's usually like a reunion of friends and classmates. Also, remember to log on to the "new" web site, www.nphsalumni.net and access the present and past Newsletters. If you have any pictures or articles for the web site or the Newsletter please send them to The Alumni Association. (Also, network and spread the word).

Thanks again for your support.

Mario Caruso, President,
NPHS Alumni Association

2008 NPHS Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

The North Plainfield High School Alumni Hall of Fame was established in 1995 by the NPHS Alumni Association to recognize and honor the outstanding graduates who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields or professions.

The 14th Annual NPHS Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at the Italian-American Club, 403 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, starting at 6:30 pm.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person and can be obtained by sending checks with names of all guests to: NPHS Alumni Association, 145 Cedar Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060 or call 908-756-2776 for more information. Tables of eight, ten or twelve may be reserved if paid for in advance. Make all checks payable to: NPHS Alumni Association and send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with all inquires.

The 2008 NPHS Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees are: Thomas Barrett, 1971 – Business; Erin Johnson Abbott, 1998 – Athletics; John Klimas, 1965 – Medicine; James D. Marchio, 1974 – Military and Government Service; Special Category: Frank Cognetti – Long time Music and Choir Director.

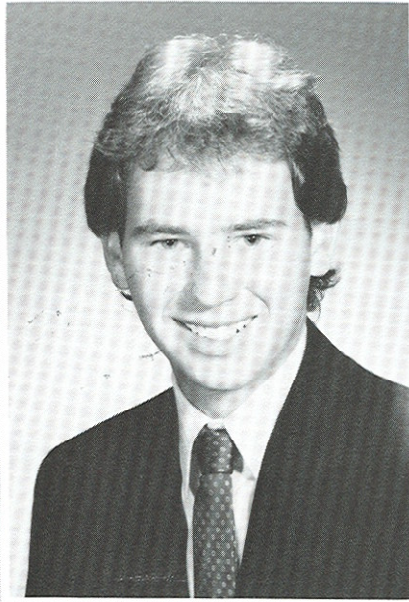
Also receiving awards this night will be the winners of the NPHS Alumni Cup, presented to graduating male and female seniors excellent in academics and athletics. The 2008 winners are Eugene Flood and Allison Sarfati.

Note: Visit the New Alumni Web Site:

www.nphsalumni.net

Steve Schmidt, Class of 1988, Advisor to Senator John McCain

Steve Schmidt is a veteran campaign strategist and public relations expert. A graduate of NPHS in 1988, in his career he has been: Counselor and Spokesman for Vice President Dick Cheney; a member of the exclusive, "Breakfast Club" led by top Whitehouse advisor, Karl Rove that ran President Bush's



Steve Schmidt '88
NPHS Yearbook Picture

A New Feature on the Web

With the web site being so versatile in connection with the Newsletter, more information is available. In this Newsletter, three feature stories will be able to give you close to the whole story by additional information on the Alumni web site: www.nphsalumni.net.

Class of 1959

The Class of 1959 is planning its 50th Reunion in the fall of 2009. The reunion weekend will take place in the North Plainfield area. For more information contact: Bonnie Baron Shrager, 732-356-8808.

Missing classmates: Stephen Clrk, Carol McMahan Carine, Carol Ann White.

re-election campaign of 2004; and Campaign Manager for re-election of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2006.

Currently, Steve is working as a campaign strategist and advisor to the 2008 presidential campaign of Senator John McCain. On July 2, 2008 he was promoted to heading up day-to-day operations of the McCain campaign in response to concerns that the McCain campaign was losing ground to Senator Obama.

Recently, John McCain interrupted a conversation to take a cell phone call from "Sgt. Schmidt" the nickname for Steve Schmidt, the sharp-tongued strategist, he recently drafted to take over his campaign. In the past few weeks Senator McCain put his fate in the hands of Steve Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt was handed day-to-day authority.

Mr. Schmidt specializes in the combat that dominates today's political culture. His formula is a tightly controlled message delivered repeatedly and with almost military-like precision.

At 38 years old Mr. Schmidt is already a veteran operative. He sharpened his skills running President

Bush's campaign war room.

Steve Schmidt was born in 1970 in North Plainfield. His mother was a teacher, his father was a telephone company executive. At the age of eight, he got his first taste of politics handing out bumper stickers for Democrat Bill Bradley. Soon he was drawn to Ronald Reagan and has always worked for Republicans.

Mr. Schmidt loves keeping track of details arguing that success at small things leads to success at large things. A map in his office shows where the two candidates are each day.

White boards now hang through headquarters counting down the number of days until November 4, 2008. He told staffers that if they can't manage to update the countdown every day, how can they win the White House? One of his favorite expressions is, "Our goal is perfection. We will never achieve it. Our standard will be excellence. We will meet it every day", said Schmidt.

ED NOTE: This story is too long and too important for us to do it justice. For the entire Wall Street Journal story of July 23, 2008 log on to: www.nphsalumni.net and click onto Steve Schmidt.



Shore Canuck Club

Dear NPHS Graduates:

The Shore Canuck Club will hold its annual Reunion on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the Crystal Point Yacht Club and Motel, 3900 River Road, Point Pleasant, New Jersey, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Crystal Point is located on the Manasquan River next to the Route 60 Bridge.

An hour of hors d'oeuvres and cash bar will be followed by a buffet.

If you plan to attend, call Joan McCarthy Williamson 732-899-0009 by Monday May 4, 2009. For motel reservations, call 732-899-3444.

We offer a special thanks to Jim Harper who is now emeritus to the Committee for initiating the Shore Canuck Club and making it the success it is.

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.

Clubs for Kids

The NPHS 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.

Reunion Alert!

2007 Reunion Contacts

- 1933 } Art Lederer, 908 754 8252. September 3, 2008.
 1935 } Next Reunion, September 3, 2008 Dunellen Hotel. *See Page 7*
 1937 Gerald Schwartz, 908 221 1092.
 1942 Edith Robbins Douglas, 732 469 2107.
 1947 Held its 60th Reunion on September 23, 2006 at the Springdale House, Warren, NJ
 1952 Held May 18, 19, 20, 2007 at the Somerset Marriott, Somerset, NJ. Betse Titus, 908 561 8947 or Fred Scharnikow, 908 231 6748 or E-mail: FRSGIANT@aol.com.
 1957 Dr. John Lipani, 908 722 5426; Robie Nischwitz McKinnon 609 391 8679, held October 5-6, 2007 at the Manasquan River CC.
 1962 Class of 1962 Reunion, held October 20, 2007 at the Vermeule Mansion. Ray Bersch, 908 229-5886.
 1967 Lucy Beraroi Minichino, 908 753 7776. October 11, 2008, Italian American Club.
 1972 35th Reunion was held on July 14, 2007. Kim Kohler Dial, 908 766 7467 or E-mail:kimdial@yahoo.com.
 1977 Fran Tufaro Ettman, E-mail: ftufaro@torcon-inc.com
 1982 Maureen Conroy Wenik, 215 659 1965.
 1987 October, 2007. Coleen Finn, nphsclassof87@yahoo.com
 1992 Mike Burns, 610 923 8057.
 1997 Kathy Fry McDonald 610 391 1474.
 2002 Contact the Alumni Association.

2008 Reunion Contacts

- 1933 Art Lederer, 908 754-8252. Dunellen Hotel, 12 Noon, Wednesday, September 3, 2008.
 1934 Art Lederer, 908 754-8252. Dunellen Hotel, 12 Noon, Wednesday, September 3, 2008.
 1938 Contact Manny Ferri, 908 755-7413 or Edith Ruthenback Brokaw, 908 722-5347.
 1943 Contact Harry Martin, 973 663-2410. Spetember 24, 2008 at Vincent's in Warren.
 1948 Bob McCarthy, 908 322-6666. October 3, 2008 at Water & Wine Watchung.
 1953 Contact Paul Carlton, 732 752-2666.
 1958 Vince Lipani, 908 369-5623 (H), 908 359-4652 (W). November 1, 2008 at the Bridgewater Manor, Bridgewater, NJ.
 1963 Contact Kathy Meden DeAngelis, 732 249-1791; Cheryl Meyer McDowel, 908 769-5951. October 3, 4, 5, 2008
 1968 Gerry Garatino Burns, 610 438-2788 or e-mail: grib68@ren.com. May 3, 2009, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Edison. Combined Reunion with Class of 1969.
 1973 Ginny Gehander Carbone, contact the Alumni Association.
 1978 Mark Fisch, 732 866-9512.
 1983 Carol VanWinkle Mastrobatista, 732 560-9708.
 1988 Jennifer Bruscato, 908 479-6141 (H).
 1993 Carey Cwieka c/o the Alumni Association.
 1998 Contact the Alumni Association.
 2003 Contact the Alumni Association.

Display Open

Please visit the NPHS Scholar-Athlete display on the second floor of the gymnasium on Wilson Avenue. The display includes original Yale Cups, Dartmouth Cup and PTA Cups donated to the Alumni Association.

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

To NPHS Alumni and Friends,

Due to increased printing and mailing expenses of the Newsletter, we are forced to make some drastic changes in order for the NPHS Alumni Association to survive and also contribute to the NPHS Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Starting with the Summer 2008 issue, the NPHS *Alumni Newsletter* will be available electronically to all graduates of North Plainfield High School at www.nphsalumni.net. The Alumni Web site can also be accessed through the Borough of North Plainfield Web site (www.northplainfield.org) or the NP Board of Education Web site (www.nplainfield.org) and click on NPHS Alumni Association.

If you do not have access to the internet and would like to receive the Alumni Newsletter by mail, please send a self-addressed, stamped (.59¢), legal/business envelope to the Alumni Association.

tion. Please write on the envelope, in pencil, what issue it is for.

Envelopes must be received by February 1st (spring), April 1st (summer), July 1st (fall), September 1st (winter). Starting in the Fall '08 or Winter 2008;09, the Newsletter will not be mailed to life time members. At that time our 3rd class mailing permit will have expired. You will always be a Life time member of the Alumni Association. We couldn't have survived for this long without you. We are sorry for this inconvenience. If you have any comments or suggestions please send them to the Alumni Association at 145 Cedar St., North Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Thank you for your cooperation and for understanding our cost-saving efforts

Sincerely,

Mario Caruso, President.
NPHS Alumni Association

Dear Members:

Thank you for your generous donation of seven large pictures of North Plainfield. We will have donation plates made to display on each picture.

We hope to make the pictures available to the public at different locations throughout the Borough

Again, we appreciate your generous donation of "North Plainfield's History".

Sincerely,
Janice G. Allen, Mayor

Ed Note: See Saving History on page 10

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Dear Alumni

In just a few days my twin sister and I will be celebrating our 75th birthday. It is hard to believe how quickly time passes as we grow older. This is the eventuality our parents warned about when we were young.

Having given some thought on how best to commemorate this milestone, I have come to a conclusion befitting of the occasion.

I have been blessed in so many different ways: born in this great country, taught by Nuns, humored by Rose, my children and grandchildren. I have been seasoned by The Valley, UConn, the Marine corps, and the Life Insurance business. I've been inspired by four or five mentors, (Morries), each of whom have guided me in one way or another along this incredible journey.

Therefore, I believe the only way to give thanks for my good fortune is to share it with others. Enclosed you will find an endorsed check, (one of 75), in the amount of 75 dollars. Please complete the check by making it out to your favorite charity and sending it there.

Life is a spectacular game to be played with love, courage, and compassion.

Abraham Lincoln said "*The better part of one's life consists of his friendships.*"

Thank you for enriching my life with your friendship.

Happy Birthday!
Affectionately,
Ron Bushwell

Ed Note:

This donation will go towards the George "Chip" Mauro Memorial Fund.

Help North Plainfield Student Fight Leukemia

Please help fellow NPHS student 16 year old senior Kerri Mullen who recently was diagnosed with leukemia. She has had several doses of chemotherapy and has received a bone marrow transplant. She is in Sloane-Kettering Hospital in NY, and will be there for about six weeks. Tom & Rose (Slack) Landis" NPHS '82 started raising funds to help offset the family bills. Peter Eddy "NPHS" '76 joined them. Along with her tennis coach

Deanne D'Armiento, Tom Mullen NPHS '76, Signs Beth Zelesnick (Holmes) NPHS '90 Signs and many other stores in the North Plainfield and Watchung area that display canisters on their counters. Kathy Mullen is a member of the North Plainfield Board of Education. They are down to one income so Kathy can take care of Kerri in NY and her Father Kevin

works and takes care of her sister Kristine at home. Traveling back and forth from the hospitals, special prescriptions, fuel costs, Chemo and the transplant have racked up staggering bills. If you would like to help the Mullens with a donation please make checks payable to Kevin Mullen.

All donations are deposited in a separate account just for Kerri's care and needs. Send checks to Tom & Rose Landis 44 Regent St. No. Plainfield, NJ, 07060. These are very hard times for every one and the Mullen family appreciates and thanks everyone who has supported Kerri in her courageous fight. If you have any questions call Tom Landis 908-757-6697 or Peter Eddy 908-756-6190 (this message was approved by Kevin Mullen).

Peter Eddy, '76

NPHS Grads, Jack and "Chip," Still Reaching Out

Jack Gardner and George "Chip" Mauro were longtime friends. Both were from North Plainfield. Both graduated from NPHS. Jack in '55 and "Chip" in 1951. After the school years they both settled in careers in law. Jack started with the North Plainfield police, and George as an attorney. They migrated to Somerville. "Chip" in a law firm and Jack with the Somerset County Cor-

rections Program. They had three main things in common: They always remained good friends. They always supported each other and they always reached out to help those in need.

Jack Gardner passed away in November 1992 and George Mauro passed away in August 2006. Even though they are no longer with us, they are still reaching out and giving back to those in need.



Jack Gardner

Jack Gardner touched a lot of people before he passed away in 1992. He grew up in North Plainfield excelling in football, basketball and baseball. After graduating from NPHS in 1955, Jack served with the North Plainfield Police Department. He eventually became a detective in the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and later Warden of the Somerset County Jail. For his last twelve years Jack coached football at Immaculata High School. Jack Gardner was inducted into the NPHS Hall of Fame in 1995.

Recently, at the Elks Club in Somerville, the Lodge was filled with many people he touched along the way, but many he never met. An annual softball tournament is one of the fund raisers for a project to raise money to help needy children with extraordinary health problems. They are known as, "Jack's Kids." Each year the Tournament Committee chooses a deserving youngster whose family is struggling to deal with medical issues or financial need. This year they decided on four young boys.

Ed Note: "Jack's Kids" story is so touching and interesting that we cannot possibly do it justice with the space available. Please log on to: www.nphsalumni.net for the stories that appeared in the Courier-News on July 11, 2008 and July 13, 2008. Click onto, "Jack's Kids."



George "Chip" Mauro

George "Chip" Mauro was a good athlete and scholar at North Plainfield High School where he graduated in 1951. He attended Dickinson College in Pennsylvania and went on to be a successful attorney in Somerset County. All through his life "Chip" had a habit of helping other people. If one of his friends or classmates needed help, George would be there to bail them out, usually for free.

It's been two years since he passed away (August 2006). One of his last requests was that in lieu of flowers, send all donations to the Warren Volleyball Association which was one of his favorite "give backs" because his son, Michael, played in this program and went on to become one

of the best volleyball players to come out of New Jersey.

The donations started by helping young players who couldn't afford the traveling expenses of this Junior Olympics Program; but, knowing George, the family knew he would want to help everyone, so the George "Chip" Mauro Memorial Fund would diversify and help anyone who needed help. Some of the recipients include:

- George "Chip" Mauro Annual NPHS Scholarship
- Sandra Blumberg Scholarship Fund
- Daisey's Eye Cancer Fund
- Foundation For Retinal Research
- Children's Tumor Foundation
- The Leukemia-Lymphoma Society
- Save The Mission
- St. Baldrick's Fund
- Friends Of Eddie Donnelly
- First Baptist Church, C/O Russ Diana
- St. Jude's Hospital
- Somerset Home For Displaced Children
- Watchung Hills Regional High School Garden
- Red Cross for China's Earthquake Relief
- Deborah Hospital
- Kerri Mullen Fund
- Jack's Kids

The George "Chip" Mauro Memorial Fund is supported by an annual Junior Olympic Volleyball Tournament and by private donations.

Class of 1958 50th Reunion Reminder

Agenda: Friday, October 31, 2008

Golf at 12:30 pm, \$60.00 pp, Neshanic golf course. Please notify Dave Henn if you are interested in Playing. 908-722-7382 or e-mail dvdavehenn@aol.com

A pizza party at the Italian American club, 403 Somerset Street, North Plainfield at 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 1, 2008

Tour of North Plainfield High School by Ralph Sorrentino, 2:00 pm

10th Annual Run for Runaways, 5k run or 2 mile nature walk, 9:00 am. Duke Island Park, Bridgewater. Web site: www.runforrunaways.com.

Or Free Time to get reacquainted and/or take a nap. To get ready for the night's Galla Affair: Dinner Dance at the Bridgewater Manor, 1251 Route 202/206, Bridgewater, NJ Hours 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Web site: www.bridgewatermanor.com.

Sunday, November 2, 2008

Brunch at the Bridgewater Marriot Hotel, 700 Crossing Blvd., Bridgewater, NJ

Can you help us find these missing classmates?

NPHS Graduates: Judith Brown, Phillip Schombs, Judith Wetsel, Nancy Graeber Tombough, Lilly May Hendershot, Patricia Krushensky, Emma Hartrum, Peter Schoenbaum.

WRHS Graduates: Peter Brown, Michael Getsy, Vilma Lund, William Keaveney, Judith Kuhlen, James Nicholson, Henry Olsen, Judy Roberts Jannelli.

Thanks to Roy Jones

Thanks to Roy Jones, Class of 1949, for donating golf clubs to "Clubs For Kids" sponsored by the Alumni Association.

1984 Grad Receives New Jersey Valor Award

North Plainfield Fire Department Captain Alan Smith recently received the Valor Award from the Professional Firefighter's Association of New Jersey.

This is the highest award presented for acts of valor by the PFANJ.

Captain Smith, off-duty at the time, responded to an alarm for a fire on Mountain Avenue last summer. On arrival, he entered the building and rescued one occupant, then returned to assist in rescuing a second occupant. His life saving actions exemplify the best of our Borough.

Captain Smith, a 1984 graduate of NPHS, served over twenty-three years on the North Plainfield Fire Department. He recently was given a Proclamation by Mayor Janice Allen and received the Borough Fire Department's Medal of Honor. He was awarded the Somerset County 200 Club's award and was named one of Baskin Robins' 31 Fire Fighter



Heros of 2008, among other valor awards.

ED NOTE: To view the recommendation award for Captain Smith given by Deputy Chief Lane Solon, log onto www.nphsalumni.net and click onto Captain Smith.

Notice

The NPHS Alumni Association has established a new Web site: www.nphsalumni.net starting in the summer of 2008. You will be able to view the Alumni Newsletter and eventually other alumni news and events.

To help defray some the expenses of the Web site, we are offering advertising space to those interested.

You can advertise your class, business, or events, etc. For more information contact: NPHS Alumni Association, 145 Cedar Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060 (908 756 2776) or e-mail to: carusodesign@comcast.net.

North Plainfield Video Available

The Alumni Association has compiled a 90-minute video history of the Borough and Neighboring Plainfield, Watchung, and Green Brook.

The Alumni Association is selling the video or DVD for \$25 per copy, plus \$5.00 S&H if mailed. Net proceeds are being used to replenish the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

To order, send checks payable to the NPHS Alumni Association, 145 Cedar Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060. Phone: 908 756-2776.

Get Ready for a Virtual Reunion Like None Other. . .Introducing the North Plainfield High School Alumni Online Community!

<http://www.graduateconnections.com/northplainfield>

We are pleased to announce the launch of our all-new **Online Community** and welcome you to stop by today to learn how you can take advantage of these easy-to-use features:

Find out what your old friends are up to both personally and professionally. A comprehensive and searchable **Online Directory** of all alumni makes it easy to see where they are and what they're doing and update your personal profile as well!

Exchange the latest news with former classmates in the special **Classnotes** section covering categories such as Marriages, Births and Adoptions, Career News, Educational News, and more!

Looking for the latest and greatest reunion information, interested in planning a reunion, or just have an idea for your reunion that you'd like to pass along? The **Reunion Message Board** is the perfect place to share reunions news, ideas or memories.

Start your own personal network with the **MyNetwork** feature and create a network of friends that you can easily communicate with through evites and email.

Interested in a career move, or trying to fill a position for your firm? The **Career Center** is the place to go to post your resume, search for a job, or list the details on any available positions you may have.

The **Yellow Pages** feature makes it easy to support the businesses of your fellow alumni, or make the services of your business available to them.

Stay in control of your online community experience using the per-

sonalized **MyPage** area and online Member Services.

Catching up with North Plainfield and the friends you made there has never been easier. To learn more,

Kathleen A. Brooks Sr. Account Executive, 866-355-1100
kbrooks@harrisconnect.com

"The role of the alumni should never be under-appreciated. Alumni are important in maintaining traditions and preserving continuity. They strengthen the school for the future..."

National Association of Secondary School Principals

simply visit <<http://www.graduateconnections.com/northplainfield>>

You'll soon be on your way to a virtual reunion like none other!

From the NPHS Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni:

The school year is about to begin and your Alma Mater is ready to receive a new class of "Canucks". The school has been spruced up over the summer. The high school central office has been renovated, the school counseling office has been painted, a new drop ceiling has been installed along with new carpeting, and bathrooms have been given much needed TLC. Teachers have been in all summer updating the curriculum and new texts have been adopted.

Students have already begun to show their faces around campus in anticipation for the new school year. Our fall athletes have begun their summer workouts and we count on adding to the championships that you have brought to the school. Rest assured that the current "Canucks" are well aware of the academic and athletic excellences which are the trademarks for North Plainfield High School.

We will continue our Freshman Mentoring Program again this year. This program allows seniors, with a smattering of juniors, to mentor the freshman. The mentors will assist

the freshman with their transition into high school and keep tabs on them during the school year. These mentors will assist in the instilling of the "Canuck Pride" which we all feel.

Once again I feel privileged to be the principal of North Plainfield High School. I look forward to seeing all of you support your Alma Mater this upcoming school year. Please make a point of watching NPHS's scholar athletes continue the tradition of success and dominance on the athletic field. All sports schedules can be found on our Website www.nplainfield.org.

Go Canucks!

Sincerely,
Jerard W. Stephenson
Principal

**Invest In The Future of
North Plainfield High
School**

*Support The
Scholarship Program*

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*

Class of 1963

Save the Date in 2008

Has your address, telephone number, or E-mail changed??

Please help us to help you stay in touch for our next reunion!!

45th Reunion Weekend for the Class of '63 October 3, 4, 5, 2008

Contact:

Kathy Meden DeAngelis

Kathdea@patmedia.net

Barbara Rebuth Malone

Bmalone39@comcast.net

Lianne Slack Pellegrino, (908) 575-3151

Cheryl Meyer, (908) 769-5951

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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 Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060

Class of 1943

The Class of 1943 will celebrate its 65th Reunion on September 24, 2008 at Vincent's Restaurant on Mount Bethel Road in Warren starting at 12 noon.

For more information contact: Antoinette Rinehart (908) 755-4580 or Rinehart@verizon.net. Also, Harry Martin (973) 663-2410; or Hmartin19@optonline.net

Class of 1959

Reunion Chairperson:

Bonnie Baron Shrager

(732) 356-8808

bshrager@patmedia.net

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 1958

The NPHS Class of 1958 will hold its 50th Reunion beginning Friday, October 31, 2008 at the Italian American Club in North Plainfield. On Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the Bridgewater Manor, 1251 Route 202/206, Bridgewater for a Dinner/Dance, and Sunday, November 2, 2008 for a brunch at the Bridgewater Marriott Hotel, 700 Crossing Boulevard, Bridgewater.

Contact Vince Lipani (908) 359-4652.

Class of 1967

The NPHS Class of 1967 will hold its 40th Reunion on Friday, October 11, 2008 at the Italian American Club in North Plainfield.

Contact Lucy Berardi Minichino (908) 753-7776.

Class of 1949

The North Plainfield High School Class of 1949 is planning its 60th Reunion in the Fall of 2009. Anyone interested should contact Mel Lerer or Frank Caruso, 908 756 2776.

Class of 1948

The Class of 1948 will hold its 60th Reunion at a luncheon on October 3, 2008 at Water & Wine, 141 Stirling Road, Watchung. Contact Bob McCarthy (908) 322-6666 or Jean Rowland Barrett FRJB13@aol.com.

Missing graduates:

Adams, Barbara Graziano; Anthony, Frances Romeo; Atkinson, Thomas; Bartholomew, Eileen Schiller; Baum, Florence Rochford; Borrow, Audrey Muir; Boylan, Theodore; Cholowichok, Alice Dusylovitch; Christiansen, Betty Johnston; Cleaves, Richard; Coords, Donald; Downs, Margery Smith; Fink, Robert; Frede, Richard; Garino, Charlotte Ramos; Gaffney, Deloris Young; Gavett, Robert; George, Jean Colucci; Holmes, Bill; Jones, Dolores Blechar; Kadash, Doris Krasnick; Kind, William; Klimas, Bernard; Kroll, Robert; Lamb, Dorothea Bailey; Lobosco, Joseph; Malec, Bernadette Robertson; Malone, Arthur; Manning, William; McGaffin, Robert; McGrath, Mable Force; Medici, Anthony; Molinari, Gloria Falconeri; Nagy, William; Nardozi, Daniel; Norton, James; Paulson, Ben; Runyon, Allen; Schneider, Joseph; Schorb, Gloria Mante; Shanklin, David; Yerman, Hilda; Yurgel, Helen Elliott.

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

Classes of '33 to '35

NPHS Classes of 1933 to 1935 will hold their next reunion on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at the Dunellen Hotel on Washington Avenue, Dunellen, starting at noon. Anyone interested should contact Art Lederer 908 754-8252.

NPHS SCHOLARSHIPS

The George “Chip” Mauro Memorial Scholarship

An annual scholarship has been established in memory of George “Chip” Mauro by the Mauro family to be presented in 2008 to a graduating NPHS senior based on academics, financial need and school and community service. George Mauro was a graduate of NPHS in 1951. He passed away August 9, 2006. He excelled in academics and sports while at NPHS.

If anyone would like to donate to this scholarship fund, please make checks payable to: NPHS Alumni Association and send to 145 Cedar Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060. Please designate the George “Chip” Mauro Scholarship.

Dr. Herman A. Estrin Scholarship Fund

On May 9, 1998, the NPHS Alumni Association honored Dr. Herman Estrin's 60-year teaching career.

Dr. Estrin passed away on May 7, 1999. To honor him, the Alumni Association has established the "Dr. Herman A. Estrin Memorial Scholarship" an annual award presented to a graduating NPHS senior excelling in English, Writing, and Literature.

To donate to the Dr. Herman A. Estrin Memorial Scholarship Fund, make checks payable to NPHS Alumni Association and mail to:

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The Marie O'Brien Award

The “Marie O'Brien Excellence in Writing Award,” is given to a graduating senior who has displayed exemplary writing talent during their high school careers.

Announcement of the award came at a high school reception given in honor of Dr. O'Brien's 50th teaching anniversary. Contributions to the fund for the award have made it possible to present the award for many years.

Alumni who wish to honor Dr. O'Brien may send their contributions. Make checks payable to the “O'Brien Writing Award” and send to Dr. Ernest Jaeger, North Plainfield High School, 34 Wilson Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey 07060. Dr. O'Brien will receive the list of names of those who have contributed to the award.

Winifred Gardner Letso Memorial Scholarship

Winnie Letso served on the North Plainfield Board of Education for 27 years, which is the longest term in North Plainfield history. As an advocate for children, she believed that a good education was vital for success.

The criteria: An annual \$500 scholarship will be awarded in her memory to an NPHS senior who will attend a 2 or 4 year college or university and is based on academic achievement, financial need, and school and community involvement. A letter from the applicant describing the importance of education to you and/or how education has affected your life is required

To support the Winifred Gardner Letso Memorial Scholarship Fund, please make checks payable to: NPHS Alumni Association. Send to: 145 Cedar Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Fred Green Memorial Scholarship Fund

The NPHS Classes of 1935 and 1949 have adopted the Fred Green Memorial Scholarship honoring the former teacher, coach, and friend.

At the 2000 Hall of Fame Dinner, a memorial scholarship in Fred Green's name was announced. Students and former players may wish to contribute to this fund.

The criteria: An annual \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a senior, boy or girl who has excelled in academics, who is accepted at a Junior College, four-year college or university and has participated in an NPHS athletic activity.

To donate to the Fred Green Memorial Scholarship Fund, make check payable to: NPHS Alumni Association and mail to NPHS Alumni Assn., 145 Cedar Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060.

“Sunny” Church Memorial Scholarship

The August “Sunny” Church Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the 1932 NPHS graduate who was one of the most famous scholar/athletes NPHS graduates.

“Sunny” played football at NPHS and Notre Dame University and was recognized nationally for sports and academics. He was one of the original members of the “Flying Arrows,” the Borough's sport and social club. “Sunny” was inducted into the charter Alumni Hall of Fame Class in 1995.

The first scholarship was awarded in 2002 to a graduate excelling in sports and academics and displaying excellent character and community service.

To support the “Sunny” Church Scholarship Fund, make checks payable to: NPHS Alumni Association. Send to: 145 Cedar Street, North Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Obituaries

Patrick Higginbotham, 57, died June 23, 2008. He was a graduate of NPHS.

Peter Dalto, 81, died June 25, 2008. He was a 1943 graduate of NPHS.

John Nero, Sr., 91, died July 3, 2008. He was a graduate of NPHS.

Kassandra May McBride, 24, died July 5, 2008. She was a graduate of NPHS.

Pauline McQuown, 100, died July 2, 2008. She was a longtime faculty member at NPHS,

Don McCann, 75, died July 12, 2008. He was a 1951 graduate of NPHS.

Kennia Dubon, 19, died July 13, 2008. She was a 2007 graduate of NPHS.

Jim Sette, 81, died August 6, 2008. He was a 1943 graduate of NPHS.

Carolyn Casazza Malloy, 66, died July 22, 2008. She was a 1959 graduate of NPHS.

Ralph Truppi, Sr., 67, died July 27, 2008. He was a 1959 graduate of NPHS.

Geraldine Smalley Gilroy, 73, died August 5, 2008. She was a 1953 graduate of NPHS.

Marie Ornes Ferri, 83, died August 20, 2008. She was a 1942 graduate of NPHS.

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 early 1900's and will be kept current annually.

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

Class of 1968 and Class of 1969 Combined Reunion

Reunion Dinner/Dance on Saturday, May 2, 2009, 7 pm to 12 midnight at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly The Clarion Hotel), Route 27, Edison, NJ

Reunion Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the same hotel 9 am - 12 noon

Contact persons:

Class of '68, Gerry Garatino Burns, e-mail: gerib68@rcn.com.

Class of '69, Kathy Miller Senna, e-mail: sennak336@gmail.com

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 McCujsker 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.

Thanks to . . .

. . . **Bob Messerschmidt** for his generous donation to the Herman Estrin Scholarship Fund.

. . . the **MacDonald Family** for their donation of Frank "Bus" MacDonald's 1926 Yale Cup

Pauline McQuown 1908-2008



Lydia Pauline McQuown, died July 2, 2008 at her home in Fort Myers, Florida. She was 100 years of age. Mrs. McQuown taught English and Creative Writing at North Plainfield High School from 1953 to 1972 and was the sponsor of the Future Teachers of America Chapter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Bryant McQuown, former principal of NPHS and her son, James B. McQuown II.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Deborah Hospital Foundation, PO Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08015.

14th Annual NPHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

Saturday, October 4, 2008 • Cocktails at 6:30 P.M. • Dinner promptly at 7:30 p.m.

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Please return the form below to the above address no later than September 29, 2008

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The *Images of America* book on North Plainfield has been reprinted by popular demand. The 128-page book contains vintage photos of North Plainfield. The cost is \$19.99 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling.

The 1995 through 2007 NPHS Alumni Hall of Fame booklets, containing pictures and condensed biographies of Alumni Hall of Fame members, are available for \$5 each plus \$3 shipping. Back issues of Alumni Newsletters are available for \$1.00 each.

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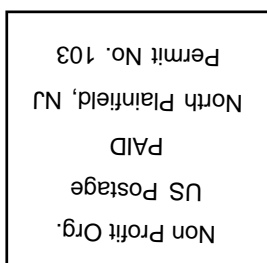
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