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# George Mason Alumni Association (GMAA) Second 5-Year All-Class Reunion Weekend June 25 – 27, 2004

by Scott Sager, GMAA President All George Mason High School alumni, alumni teachers/administrators and guests are invited to attend our Second 5-Year All-Class Reunion Weekend–25-27 June. 2004 in Falls Church. Due to the overwhelming success of our first All-Class Reunion Weekend in June, 1999 (associated with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Falls Church City Public School System in 1949 and the 300<sup>th</sup> Tricentennial Celebration of the founding of Falls Church in 1699) your alumni association decided to begin holding reunion weekends near the end of June every five years to help support individual class reunions. As you will note in the various class articles, a number of classes are holding their individual class reunions during this weekend and we expect another very large turnout at all of our planned events. Events are:

Opening Reception Friday, 25 June from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Don Beyer Volvo Showroom. Free. (see invitation, right) Open House

# Friday, 25 June from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at George Mason High School

• Cost is \$5.00 per person to cover costs of the Open House and to provide funding for the GMAA;

 $\cdot$  Classes from the 1950's and 1960's should enter the school at the entrance in front of the old gym where tables will be set up for each class year to register;

• Classes from the 1970's, 1980's, 1990's, and 2000's should enter the school at the entrance facing Route 7 near the library (media center), school office, and auditorium;

• Individual name tags will be provided with different colors indicating alumni, alumni teachers/ administrators, and guests;

Handicap parking will be available near the Middle School entrance on the Haycock Road side of the school;
Parking will be available within the school area (including the university building adjacent to GM) as well as in the Metro Parking lot (located a short distance down Haycock Road) and is free if you leave after 10:00 p.m. and if you do leave prior to 10 p.m. the cost is \$3.00.

• Individual classes will have the option of setting up an area in the school as a class focal point. Classes from 1953 - 1970 will be using the old gym, and classes from 1971 -2003 will be using the new gym;

• The majority of the school will be open, including the hallways, both gyms, the cafeteria (where refreshments will be served during the evening), the auditorium, the library *Continued on Page 2*  Falls Church Education Foundation invites you and a guest to the

George Mason High School Alumni Reunion Weekend **Opening Reception** Friday, June 25, 2004 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Don Beyer Volvo Showroom 1231 West Broad Street Falls Church, VA (Parking is available across the street at George Mason High School and in the lot adjacent to Sam's Farm at 7125 Leesburg Pike)

Please join us for fun, food and a hosted bar.

Exciting door prizes!

RSVP encouraged at: (703) 538-3381

The Falls Church Education Foundation is a non-profit organization established to support the educational excellence of the Falls Church City Public School system

*This reception is underwritten by Atlantic Realty Companies* 

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# **Reunion Activities**

*Continued from p. 1* (media center), as well as several representative classrooms. The auditorium and stage will be available for group photos but we have no plans to have a photographer present - so bring your own camera.

Individual Class Reunion Activities Saturday, 26 June, 2004 – Various time & locations: (See individual class articles for details)

GMAA–Sponsored Family Picnic Sunday, 27 June, 2004 at Cherry Hill Park (next to City Hall) beginning at Noon

 $\cdot\,$  Everyone is invited to attend and it is free to all;

• The Falls Church Recreation Center will also be available in case of inclement weather;

• Several vendors are expected and will have refreshments for sale;

• Entertainment will be provided by GM Alumni in the person of current and former band members;

 $\cdot$  Recreational equipment will be available at the Recreation Center.

# Class Gift Presentation at Friday Open

**House:** The Classes of 1953 & 1954 will present a painting of the Thompson House as a class gift to the school at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Accepting on behalf of George Mason High School, will be Mary Ellen Shaw, Superintendent of the Falls Church City Public Schools. The Thompson House, located at Seven Corners, housed future GM students during the 1951-52 school year while awaiting the completion of George Mason High School which opened in September 1952.

# New Superintendent: Dr. Lois Berlin

The Falls Church City School Board has chosen Alexandria Associate Superintendent Dr. Lois



Berlin to become Falls Church City Public Schools' seventh superintendent.

Dr. Berlinbeganher 29-year career in education in a residential school for special needs students in Scotland where she taught middle school students and served in an administrative role. She completed her Masters degree in Early Childhood/Special Education at George Washington University and began teaching in Alexandria City Public Schools. She has served in administrative roles in Alexandria for 16 years. For the past two years, Dr. Berlin has served as Alexandria's Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

The search for a new superintendent began with the announcement in January of the retirement of Mary Ellen Shaw who, after working for Falls Church City Public Schools her entire career, spent the last seven years serving as superintendent. The School Board began immediately soliciting candidates and seeking input from the community at town meetings to develop a description of the ideal candidate and to identify challenges facing the school division. The Board took great care considering the 35 applicants for the position, through the use of consultants, extensive interviews, and site visits to thoroughly evaluate the finalists.

An interview panel of school staff and community members interviewed four finalists who visited Falls Church. Board Chairman Ruth Brock said "I believe that we left no stone unturned. We have carried out an extensive search. We have interviewed carefully, taken careful account of the input from the interview panel, and visited the communities of our finalists. We are very pleased to present Dr. Lois Berlin to the Falls ChurchCommunity."Dr. Berlin will assume the duties of Superintendent of the Falls Church City Public Schools on July 15th.

# In Memoriam

Edgar R. Gabler - Teacher/Administrator; Gloria (McGillis) Sterns '53; Henrietta (Good) Hall '56; Kenneth Ritenour '57; Diana (Perky) Vines '64 (d.1995); Susan (Graham) Humleker '64 (d.2002); Ted Ismay '67 (d.1987); Carl Putnam Parker III '67 (d.1991)

Several of these passings were recently reported in the Class Notes section and may have been printed in previous Mustang Reviews.

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2003 :We need volunteers!

> Join us for the next All-Class **Reunion:** June 25-27 2004!



# Alumni Teachers and Administrators

### **By Nancy Birindelli**

Plans for the Alumni Reunion Weekend will include a special function for current and former staff and School Board members. A buffet luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 26, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., at the Tyson's Corner Doubletree. The program will be dedicated to the celebration of the life of Dr. Nancy Sprague, a dedicated 20-year Falls Church teacher and administrator who left FCCPS in 1990 to work in neighboring Fairfax County, ultimately becoming the system's deputy superintendent. Her husband, Steve, will be announcing the establishment of an endowed fund in her memory and will begin the fund with a contribution of \$100,000. The donation to the newly formed Falls Church Education Foundation will fund the Falls Church Teacher Leadership Institute to promote professional development and leadership opportunities for faculty in the City's schools. Nancy was a great advocate for teacher education as an important element in improving student achievement. The gathering of Nancy's friends and colleagues will also be a testimonial to her wonderful life and an opportunity to talk to Steve and other members of the Sprague family.

Donations in the memory of Nancy

can either be made to the Nancy Sprague Teacher Leadership Institute as part of the Falls Church Education Foundation



or to the Mustang Spirit Scholarship Fund in memory of Nancy and her daughter Beth at George Mason High School. Mail the donations with the desired designation to the Falls Church School Board, 803 W. Broad St., Suite 300, Falls Church, VA 22046.

The Emcee for the event will be Mary Ellen Shaw who will be retiring as the Falls Church City Public Schools' Superintendent at the end of June. Mary Ellen has been a member of the FCCPS staff for 34 years and contributed much to the system's excellence and challenges of continued growth in both student population and schools!

Reservations can be made by mailing a \$32.00 check, made payable to Nancy Birindelli -Special Project, no later than June 14. My address is: Nancy Birindelli; 303 Sea Oats Trail; Southern Shores, NC 27949. Phone: 252-261-3915; e-mail: Bbirindelli@aol.com

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Doubletree for \$65 per night for Friday through Sunday. Room reservations can be made by contacting the hotel at 1-800-222-TREE - Byron Herrmann. The rooms are reserved for the George Mason Alumni and must be made by June 12, 2004.

# Classes of 1953/54 By Lynn Llewellyn

**Patti Carson** and I usually share space in the newsletter; however, this time you are stuck with me while Patti is away on a USO tour, entertaining our troops in Guantanamo. How she has time to sing and dance and still do all that planning for the '53/'54/'55 reunion is truly amazing. (Just kidding, Patti).

Before reviewing some of the information that Patti (and Gail and Maggie for '55) sent you about the reunion, I wanted to take this opportunity to offer a long-overdue word of thanks to Judy Allen, Buddy Tasker's ('54) aunt, for helping us last year during the Falls Church Memorial Day Parade. Those of us who participated in the motorcade gathered at Judy's house at various times during the course of the day. I had the pleasure of meeting this gracious lady for the first time on that occasion, thanks to Buddy. Since then we have talked on the phone about the early days of the Falls Church school system and what we could piece together about the history of Thompson House. Thanks again, Judy, for all your help.

Turning to the reunion once more, this may be our last-gasp attempt to pry you away from your sedentary lives so that you can join us on June 25-27, 2004 at the Doubletree Hotel at Tyson's, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043 (or alternatively, the crash pad of your choice). As you may recall, Friday night, June 25th is the All-Class Reunion and Open House at

George Mason High School from 7-10:30 p.m. Parking will be tight, so consider carpooling or, better yet, taking a taxi to the festivities. At the All-Class reunion, the classes of '53-'54 will present a picture of Thompson House to the school as a class gift. The classes spent the school year of 1951-1952 at Thompson House, located at Seven Corners, while George Mason was being built after many delays caused by the shortage of materials due to the Korean War. The picture was painted by Roberta Lintner(wife of '53 classmate John), who is a noted artist.

There is no fixed itinerary for most of Saturday, June 26th, so you could spend it sightseeing, renewing old friendships, or just hanging out in the GM Hospitality Room at the Doubletree. Saturday night's major attraction is the '53/'54/'55 banquet at the Doubletree from approximately 7-10 p.m.

On Sunday morning, June 27th, many of the classmates will meet informally for brunch at the Doubletree. This will probably be the last chance to socialize in small groups. The cost of the brunch is \$9.95 plus tax (which was not covered as part of the reunion fee). On Sunday afternoon the George Mason Alumni Association is sponsoring an all-class picnic beginning at noon at Cherry Hill Park, located behind City Hall at Park Avenue and Little Falls Street. See the full newsletter for more complete information.

To summarize briefly, here is what we need from you:

(1) By now, you should have made your reservations at the Doubletree. Reunion rates of \$65 a night are good through June 7, so call the hotel at 703-893-1340 or 1-800-222-8733 and mention the George Mason reunion. Some rooms may be available after that date, but the rate is not guaranteed. (2) And, if you haven't done so already, send your check ASAP for \$65 per person made out to GM '53-'54 Reunion to Patti Carson, 8721 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. If you have any questions, call Patti at 301-656-0613 or refer to the earlier mailings sent to you for more comprehensive information. Members of the 1955 class, please send your check for \$60 (the cost is a bit less for '55 because you aren't paying for the Thompson House picture) to either Gail Hodges Carroll, 1101 S. Arlington Ridge Rd., #603, Arlington, VA 22202, 703-685-7272 or Maggie Koontz Stewart, 12603 Magna Carta Rd., Herndon, VA 20171, 703-860-6695.

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I wish there were some way to close on a less somber note, but as you probably know by now, in March we lost another classmate and wonderful friend, **Gloria** (McGillis) Stearns ('53). Many of us knew Gloria from the old days at Falls Church High School. When we were freshmen back in the fall of 1949, Gloria and I took Algebra I together from Mrs. McBee; Gloria sailed through the course while I nearly capsized. Gloria was a JV cheerleader at Falls Church and a member of the Junior Honor Society. Also, somewhere, buried in an old box amidst 60+ years of accumulated clutter of mine, is a tattered program from the Falls Church High School production of "Our Town," in which she starred.

Gloria was not part of the Thompson House adventure but rejoined our class at George Mason High School in the fall of 1952. At this point it would be difficult, if not impossible to try to recapture all the things she was and what she achieved over a lifetime cut far too short. It is difficult to put into words, but we remember her as elegant, charming, graceful, and intelligent with a keen sense of humor. Gloria always seemed to excel at everything she tried. In recent years, despite a prolonged battle with cancer and constant pain, she somehow found the time and energy to correspond with many of us back in the D.C. area. Her letters were always upbeat, often accompanied by pictures of herself, her husband Burt, and her cats.

As recently as a few months ago, Gloria still had high hopes of attending our reunion with her sister, Maryanne. When I called Gloria in December, after hearing about a recurrence of her cancer, she seemed more concerned about my wife's prolonged illness than her own. That was the last time we talked before she died. Gloria was a beautiful person in every sense of the word; and, like others who knew her well, I will always be grateful to have been her friend. We all miss you, Gloria. Goodbye and God speed, gentle friend.

# Class of 1955

# By Maggie Koontz Stewart & Judy Potter Brown

Countdown to the reunion. There's still time to join us. 1955 classmates can send \$60 (includes the Saturday night affair at the Doubletree) to Gail Carroll, 1101 S. Arlington RidgeRoad, #603, Arlington, VA 22207 or Maggie Stewart, 12604 Magna Carta Road, Herndon, Va. 20171. Reservations are still available at the Doubletree. So far there are 15 classmates attending out of 57 who graduated in 1955. That's not counting spouses, some from other classes. Hope that there may be more that can attend. All the classes of the 50's will meet in the old gym if they attend the Friday night affair at the school.

# Judy Potter Brown includes this note from Grace (McCurdy)

**Clark** "It's fascinating to hear about our classmates' incredibly diverse and rich collection of accomplishments. It's a challenge to try to put my past 48 years into one paragraph, but here are some highlights: After college, I married a lawyer and moved to Californianot far from Los Angeles. Adopted five children of various nationalities as babies. Went back to graduate school(Claremont Graduate University's Peter F. Drucker School of Management) where I got an M.A. Two years later, returned for an M.B.A. Worked for Wells Fargo Bank for 25 years in various management positions. A favorite volunteer 'job' was as a 4-H leader for 15 years when the children were growing up. Had

every kind of farm animal imaginable, including a herd of 28 Nubian dairy goats. After my husband's heart attack (mild, fortunately), it just wasn't fun (or wise) to maintain the property ourselves any more. So, my husband and I both retired, sold our place, and moved to a small house near Laguna Beach. Four of our children married lateto incredibly wonderful people. Last unmarried child has just become engaged—at age 38. Children (and four grandchildren, so far) live nearby. I have a plot in the community garden, teach computer classes at the local senior center, enjoy sailing, and hiking in the mountains in the summer and in the Anza-Borrego desert in the winter. Like others from our class, I countmy family as life's major blessing-marrying my best friend, acquiring children, raising children, educating children, and now, our close relationships with our adult children and their families."

# Classes of 1956 & 1957

**By Terp & Pat Sullivan Palmer** We have not planned anything special for the All-Class Reunion in June as it's only a couple of years till our big "50" and we want you to plan to come to that reunion. If you're in the area, be sure to stop by the school on Friday night as you'll be able to visit with friends from other classes and maybe a classmate or two.

Each of our classes has lost a member. **Henrietta Good Hall** (Class of '56) died in February of this year. Even though she was suffering with MS and cancer, she continued to work at the Dallas Bookbindery until December and they say she never lost her smile and her positive attitude. She was an inspiration to her three children and her many grandchildren. The Class of '57 lost Kenneth **Ritenour** who lived in the Northern Virginia area and worked for the telephone company. I understand that he was very active in the Civil War Reenactment Program. We had a great visit with Howard Bronson and his wife Judy. They recently bought an RV and will be traveling around the country for the next 90 days - so glad we were one of the stops on their trip. In April, Howard who has MS completed the MS Walk in Big Bear, California along with his two sisters, Kay and Ann. He was proud of the accomplishment and thrilled to be able to share it with his sisters. Thanks to Dan Stapelton, we've found John Potter. At least we now have an email address and I'm hoping for a quick response which will give me his address. John and his wife Sandy live in Corvallis, Oregon.

We're starting to think about our 50th reunions - can't believe that they're fast approaching. Our first choice would be to have two separate Friday night parties, one for each class and then have a combined dinner for both classes on Saturday night. We've already started making a few preliminary inquiries to find a place that can offer us that kind of setup. This reunion will be more difficult to plan than the others primarily because we've all done a lot of moving around in the last few years. If we don't have your current email

address, please help us out and send us an email. We'd also appreciate any suggestions, thoughts or info you'd like to share with us — let us know what you want.

### Class of 1959

By Clare Neuberg Dix

Hi Class of '59. By the time you read this we will be just a few weeks away from holding our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion. You should have received all the paperwork necessary for attending, ordering the memory book and completing the bio update. If not, then for Pete's sake contact me and it will be sent again! It will be a busy, fun-filled weekend. This year we will have three days of functions! So get that registration form and your check in the mail NOW!

<u>Friday night</u> is the open house and reception at the school.

<u>Saturday morning</u> is the brunch with the Class of '58.

<u>Saturday evening</u> is the dinner at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel with '58.

Sunday afternoon is the barbecue. All of the details for these functions and for the special rate for accommodations at the Doubletree are in the reunion mailing. Contact any member of the committee and we will send it again. We look forward to seeing you very soon! Clare Neuberg Dix, Bob Barrett, Dave Clark, Pat Harvey Turner, Gunther Morse, Tom Brett, Howard Gebeaux, Barbara Puckett Miller, Laura Ackerman Yates, or from '58 Tiana Gillespie Camiford or

#### Mary Jeanne Sandford Campbell. Class of 1961

**By Judy Fischer White** 

The votes are in and those who have responded prefer to wait for our get-together next year. I will work with **Luke O'Hara** and the Class of '60 for a combined reunion. Details will follow. Please do keep in touch and let me know what you are up to. Many of you have retired and I know are having many joyous days! Share them, please. I look forward to hearing from you. - Judy

# **Class of 1963** By Bill Laing

In early May, the count was 63 people who have sent their money to reserve a place at the 41<sup>st</sup> reunion of the distinguished yet diverse Class of 1963. It is clear that many classmates are making the supreme effort to attend this reunion, even if for only one of the days, during the June 25-27th weekend. For example, Judy Strup Sierra is due at the American Library Association conference that weekend in Orlando but is taking a detour from California via Falls Church to be with the class on Friday night at the high school. JoAnn Silverstein is tied up on 6/ 26 with a bike-a-Thon in the Denver area but is catching the red eye to D.C. in time for the Sunday picnic at Cherry Hill Park. Some classmates will be attending their first ever high school reunion while others are hoping their plans change so they too will be able to join us.

Two of our classmates are scheduled to be part of the entertainment on Sunday. **TA Coons** will be picking his guitar with other alumnae and **Snuffy** will be riding a three wheeler. Plan to attend!

It's not too late to send in your money. See Linda Rains Ragsdale's class web site, <u>http://</u> <u>mysite.verizon.net/ragsdale</u> for further details and also to check out old and new classmates' pictures and to find out what's going on in the D.C. area during reunion week.

An apology to Edie St. John McMillan, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list of Reunion Planning Committee members in the last edition of the *MUSTANG REVIEW*. Remember, after 41 years, your memory is one of the first things to go?!

# Class of 1964

# By Kathy Smith Ware & Warren Suleske

Greetings to all. I am writing our article this time since Warren is busy putting the finishing touches on his retirement home. As you all know, our reunion is going to be at the State Theatre on Saturday night, June 26th where we will join with several other classes. I have enjoyed all the responses and have received updates from several classmates. So far, over 50 people (both members of the Class of '64 and their spouses) have indicated that they will attend. If any of you reading this have suddenly decided to come, please let me know as soon as possible. My new address is 2306 Spring Lake Road, Paragould, Arkansas 72450. My telephone number (870) 335-0121 and e-mail address

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(bkware@grnco.net) are the same. As is always the case, along with good news I received sad news as well. I was told that **Diana (Perky) Vines** passed away in 1995 and **Susan Graham Humleker** passed away in 2002. They were both wonderful people and our sympathies go out to their families. Our condolences also go out to **Cliff Rowland** and his wife, **Sue Schorling**, who each lost a parent within the same week earlier this month.

This is a short article because I am, as always, late in submitting it. Hope all of you are well and happy. See you at the reunion!

# Class of 1965

# By Scott Sager

By the time you read this article, all of you should have received a letter from me with details on our reunion weekend (all of the details for the Open House on Friday, 25 June and the family picnic on Sunday, 27 June can be found on page one of this newsletter), including our participation in the State Theatre event on Saturday, 26 June. Also, if I have your working email-you received a note from me on the All-Class Reunion as well. If you are planning on joining us at the State, please remember that I need your payment of \$30.00 per person ASAP as we are not selling tickets at the door. Therefore, please send me your check (my address is in the Class Representatives page in this newsletter).

At the Open House on Friday evening, we will have an area reserved in the old gym to serve as a gathering point to find other 65' ers as we are expecting another large turnout at this event. I would like to get a '65 group picture in the auditorium at some point in the evening so stay tuned for that word. I know it is difficult to get in contact with everyone–I will probably have a note with time and location in the old gym.

At press time we have a number of classmates coming in from out of town and I encourage all of you "locals" to attend one or all of the events that weekend so that as many of us as possible can get a chance to see each other and catch up on the last 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, or 40 years. If you haven't been back to "The Gulch" and/or George Mason for a number of years, you will be struck by the changes that have taken place. However, some things do not change and a lot of memories will come back to you. Moreover, I have it on good authority that several of our very favorite teachers will be making an appearance at the Open House - you won't want to miss that! If you have any questions, please feel to write or call. Take care, Scott

# Class of 1966

**By Merrill Hunt McCarter** Hello everyone. **Jo (Briggs) Freeman** and I have volunteered to help **Joyce (Powell) Timms** with some of the class representative duties and the All-Class Reunion plans. Joyce does not have e-mail, so we will share our e-mail addresses at the end of this article. We are hoping that most of you will elect to join in the all-class reunion activities that will run from June 25-

27. We have decided to join with several other classes for an evening at the State Theatre on Saturday, June 26. Price for that activity is \$30.00 per person and checks should be made out to me (Merrll McCarter) and must be received by June 7. Please mail the checks to PO Box 1894, Woodbridge, VA 22193. I will collect the money and turn it over to Robbie Werth (Class of '70). Please note that money cannot be accepted the night of the event. There will be food, music and lots of "catch-up" opportunities There will be a cash bar for all drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). We are so looking forward to spending time with former classmates. Please read elsewhere in this newsletter for details about the Friday and Sunday events.

We are going to try and obtain and share news about classmates in future newsletters. Therefore, we ask that you send us news so that we may share with others! We'll start off small and move from there. Mike McCarter and I have been together since our senior year. We have lived in Woodbridge since 1976. We have two daughters (one works for an international moving company and the other is studying to be a special education teacher). Mike is retired from the Fairfax Co. School System where he was employed as a social worker. I have a private practice to include individual and family therapy and will probably work many more years. Pat McCarter lives in Purcellville, VA and works as a real estate agent. He has two daughters who are both in college. He is looking forward to seeing everyone

(Class Notes continued) at the reunion. Pat visited with Mary (Riley) Wilkes in Bedford, VA a few years ago. She was working as an elementary school teacher and was preparing for the marriage of her daughter. We sure hope Mary will come up for the reunion weekend. I see Gerald Bvrd almost every day at the Sport and Health Club. He has just retired from the D. C. Public School System after 33 years as both teacher and administrator. He has two children. His youngest daughter is a freshman AND first-string basketball player at North Carolina at Greensboro

Jo (Briggs) Freeman has worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia for 15 years. She investigates charities and their fundraisers. Her 24 year old son is a wannabe rock star turned urban planner. She has many interests including church choir, web manager for two nonprofit groups, bird watching, learning new musical instruments, travel and family genealogy. In 2002 she drove across the USA five weeks of exploration—and she has more exploration plans for 2004.

Joyce (Powell) Timms has just celebrated her third wedding anniversary. She works at the Naval Federal Credit Union Headquarters in Vienna. Her son, Eric, was married last year. Her youngest son, Jason, was just married in May 2004. Her sister, Carol (another of our classmates) still works for Fairfax Co. schools. Another sister, Linda (Class of '74) lives in Maryland with her husband and daughter. Her brother **Paul** (Class of '81) lives in Gainesville, VA with his wife and their daughters. Her brother, **George**, is retired from the Post Office after 35 years. He is recovering from colon cancer. Joyce hopes to see many of you at the reunion weekend.

That's it for now, Joyce, Jo and I are all eager to see everyone in June. Jo's e-mail is <u>jobfreeman@comcast.net</u>. My email is <u>mpo1894@aol.com</u>. Joyce's home address is 2811 Mary St., Falls Church, VA 22042. Please let us hear from you. Until next time, take care and enjoy the rest of this beautiful spring. Merrill (Hunt) McCarter

# Class of 1967

# By Rose Martin Garrett-Daughety

We are gathering names for our reunion to coincide with the Allclass Reunion weekend June 25-27. It will be our 37th year since graduation. Good news is that we have found some of our lost classmates! We now know Alison Buchanan lives in Canada, David Paynter is in North Carolina, Donald Hunt is in Manassas Park and Dana Lindsey lives nearby.

I am sorry to learn that **Ted Ismay** died in 1987 in North Carolina and **Carl Putnam Parker III** died in 1991 also in North Carolina. Hopefully this is not a surprise to those of you who were close to these men during school. Please look at our class list and if you know any of those who are still listed as missing please let me know. Reunion Information: The first event is Friday, June 25 in the George Mason Cafeteria from 7:00 - 10:30 pm. The cost will be \$5.00 at the door. We will meet at the entrance to the "Old Gym." **We will need classmates to collect money and update address/emails in the lobby. If you want to volunteer please let me know.** 

The second event is Saturday, June 26 at the State Theater from 7:30-11:30 pm. The cost will be \$30 per person. There will be heavy hors d' oeuvres provide and a cash bar. Dress is business casual. **There** will be no tickets purchased at the door. Your money needs to be sent to Rose Garrett-Daughety and the check needs to be in my name. See my address on the class listing. Please mail your money as soon as possible.

**Frank Warner** is coordinating our music with **Joe Cheek** Class of '86. Joe will be creating a music and picture DVD. If you have pictures please send them to me as soon as possible.

The third event is Sunday, June 27. We will have a family picnic at Cherry Hill Park. This event is often attended by people who do not attend the other two events. It begins at 12 noon-5 pm. **Tom Clinton** '83 is coordinating the entertainment. He plans to have several former band members get together to play for the crowds. Tom's email is <u>Tomclinton1@aol.com</u> if you are interested in volunteering to play! Hotel reservations for the weekend can be made at the Hilton by the Galleria. Use code #1800. Tyson's Doubletree is 1-800-222-TREE and please mention George Mason for a discount. **If you plan to attend please let me know by phone or email.** 

# Class of 1968

By Nancy Clark Aderholdt

Friday night I'll meet you all at the school - we're in the old gym. I'll have a table with address lists and hopefully, an updated e-mail address list. I'll be looking for a couple of volunteers to meet and greet at the front door of the school and to help collect the \$5 each it costs to get in. There are quite a number of teachers and administrators who will be attending. So it looks like a great evening is planned.

Saturday night we'll be at the State Theatre - I'll be at the door to greet you. Please remember, there WILL BE NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR. So you have to send me your \$30 each in advance. I'll need your check, made payable to me, by the first week of June.

Sunday, there'll be the picnic at Cherry Hill Park right behind the City Hall. Limited food and drinks will be available for purchase from vendors. You might want to bring your lunch and don't forget a chair or blanket.

Our class "missing list" is so short, I think we might have the record! If anyone can find **David Blankenship, Ken Burdette, Frances Elizabeth Carpenter, John Jenkins, Wayne Petree,** 

### Linda Pugh or Susan Stimmel -

I'll personally pay your way into the school on Friday night or buy you a drink at the State Theatre on Saturday night! See you soon, Nancy

# **Class of 1970** By Robbie Werth

As you know, the Class of 1970 will be participating in the multiclass reunion the weekend of June 25-27, 2004. Besides being a costeffective decision, it gives us a chance to visit with friends and families from other classes.

Arrangements for hotel space have been provided in conjunction with the classes of 58/59. The hotel is the Hilton Doubletree at Tyson's Corner. Reservations can be made directly by telephone at 1-800-222-TREE. Be sure to tell them that the reservation is in the names of the GMHS Class of '58/'59. Our special rate is \$65 for a single or double room. A limited number of rooms will be available at this price on first come, first serve basis. The web site is <u>www.doubletree-</u> tysons.com.

<u>Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup></u>: 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm; OPEN HOUSE at George Mason High School; \$5 at door <u>Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup></u>: 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm; PRE EVENT CLASS PARTY at The Four Provinces Irish Pub; \$5 in advance <u>Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup></u>: 7:30 pm – 11:30 pm; MAIN EVENT at the STATE THEATER; \$30 in advance <u>Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup></u>: 12:00 pm - ?; FAMILY PICNIC at Cherry Hill Park; No charge There will be fees for the Friday and Saturday night events. The Picnic is free, food vendors will be available, or you can bring your own refreshments. There will also be live entertainment at the picnic. I have made arrangements with the Four Province's Irish Restaurant at the corner of Broad and Washington Street for a class get-together prior to the main event. We will meet between 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm and then walk up the hill to the State Theater for the main event. Many of us met at this location five years ago and had a great time.

We are preparing a digital display of photos. Please e-mail me copies of any photos from our high school days that you would like to see on the big screen at the State on Saturday night.

Please send your check made payable to the GMHS CLASS OF 1970 as soon as possible to Robert M. Werth, 5414 Thetford Place, Alexandria, Virginia, 22310. Payment is due no later than June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Your check is your reservation for the Reunion events. If you are interested in helping out, please call me. We need to have folks at the reception table on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Thank you for your continued support of the Class of 1970 Reunion. Sincerely, Robbie Werth

# Class of 1973

# **By Diann Bullock Watkins**

I hope to see many of you at the All-Class Reunion. It's unfortunate that more of us didn't go on the Class Reunion Cruise. There were

four GM alumni there: myself, Inis Sharff Clements, Maggie Karnis (all from '73), and Maggie's sister Liz Karnis Miller ('77). I don't think we've ever had as much fun as we did on that cruise! There was so much to do, beautiful places to see, and lots of food everywhere. We sailed out of Baltimore on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>; docked in Key West, FL on Wednesday morning, in Nassau on Thursday morning, and then in Freeport on Friday morning: returning to Baltimore on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The water in all those places is that wonderful aquamarine color that you can see all the way through to the bottom. The photo is

of Inis and me on the deck at Senor Frogs, a restaurant in Nassau, with our cruise ship in the background. We went on the Carnival Miracle, a huge, gorgeous ship. Whenmy husband asked me if I'd do the trip again, I said "in a heartbeat!" I'm ready now!

I haven't planned anything for our class for the reunion

weekend, hoping that classmates will show up on Friday night (June 25<sup>th</sup>) at the school, and then on Sunday (June 27<sup>th</sup>) at Cherry Hill Park for the picnic. If some of you would like to get together somewhere on Saturday, we could do that. Just let me know.

Class 1976 SEE '78/'79 INVITATION

Class of 1977 SEE '78/'79 INVITATION

# Class of 1978

**By Susan Richbourg Frick** Well, the reunion is fast approaching and I'm still getting emails, reservations, and calls. So, if you're like the rest of us, it's not too late to get in those last minute reservations. We have a great group coming together. Several classmates who

> unableto make it to the last gettogether willbe attending this year. It's been funcatching up with eachofyou and we're looking forward to a fun evening. We are also extendingan invitationto 1976, 1977 and 1980

were

GM classmates to attend our combination event. It would really be nice to have you guys and I would love to hear from anyone interested. Drop an email or give a call and I will send a copy of the reservation. Don't delay as we are fast approaching the date and will have to turn in a head count. **Karen Huber Grubbs ('79)** will be happy to do the same.

One other note, **Claire Bailey Black** wrote to say that she would be unable to attend this time as she has a family obligation, but sent a generous gift to help out with expenses and to encourage future reunions. Claire and Jeffhave three boys, Alexander (13), Cameron (11) and Ryan (9). They have been married 20 years and have settled in Philadelphia, PA. Thanks Claire for the kind words and we will miss you this time.

Even if you're not planning to attend, please just drop a line and let us know how you're doing. Still trying to locate **Brett Morrison**, **Jeff Bartlett, and Russ Carter**. Best to all, Susan Frick

# Class of 1979

**By Karen Huber Grubbs** In the sprit of "THE MORE THE MERRIER" the classes of '78 and '79 would like to invite the classes of '76, '77 and '80 to a GM Reunion on Saturday June 24, 2004 at the Best Western 6633 Arlington Blvd. in Falls Church, 6:30-midnight, dinner, cash bar, DJ. \$40/pp or \$70/couple. First come, first served, limit 200. Please call or email reps from '78 **Susan** (**Richbourg**) **Frick**, or '79 **Karen** (**Huber**) **Grubbs** for more details.

Latest: Spoke with **Mike Lee** last week, he is fine and asked about



the reunion. Emailed Amanda Upton (Mandy Kiser) who now lives locally, she watches her daughter at softball and her son Michael plays baseball and goes to school with Chris Earman's son. Mandy started the email chain to Kym Foster and Shannon Starratt. Lisa Lumsden says "hi!" from Ohio as her oldest son marries and starts a new life

I hope to see, or hear about, you during the Reunion Weekend sometime. If you can't make it, maybe you can send an email with a picture. I hope everyone is well. Take care. - Karen

# Class of 1980 SEE '78/'79 INVITATION

# Class of 1984

### By Susan Schneider Eddy & **Rich Condit**

Our 20-year reunion is almost upon us! If you have not already purchased tickets, you need to do so now! Email me so I know you are sending meacheck. There will be no tickets at the door to the State Theatre event.

The following is a list of classmates I could not find and ask that if any of you know of their whereabouts, please let them know of the reunion plans:

Edith Bridge, Marvin Burgos, Kim Eppard, Bavette Kimbrall, Stephen Knott, James Mclean, Ngoc Mai, Melissa Obenshain, Allen Oddenino, Kristina Pryor Schutte, Barbara Bednarz Simmons, Michael Stevens, **Steve Swire, Michelle Trainor** 

#### and Michael Wojcik.

In the course of tracking down our classmates I found two on opposite ends of the earth, both with quite interesting stories:

### I found Kritika (Sirichanya)

Kongsompong teaching at a university in Thailand. Kritika studied extensively here in the states, Australia and the Far East, having earned a Doctorate in Marketing. She is a mom to two teenagers and even hosted the Thai version of the "The Weakest Link" TV show

I found Lin Walton serving in the country of Belize. Lin is now an Episcopal priest, teaching church history at the Anglican Theological Institute, and ethics at the University of Belize. He is married to Nancy, the priest-in-charge of the local Anglican Church. They have a fouryear-old daughter, Sophia and an adopted one-year-old Belizean son named Jeremy. Lin has offered to point any fellow classmates to the best tourist spots in the country. You can email Lin at Nancy4Lin@

aol.com.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the events later this summer! Buy your ticket now if you haven'talready!

# Class of 1985

**By Laura Jacomet Cesnik** On April 24, 2004, Neal Clinton and Katie Jacomet finally got married. The ceremony took place at St. John's Catholic Church in McLean, VA with the reception following at the Tyson's Corner Marriott. All in attendance can now agree to drop the "It's about time" to "Thanks for such a great time!" With the size of the Clinton and Jacomet families, we decided that the reception was it's own GMHS reunion, so a photo was taken of all GHMS alumni present. Included in this picture are all nine Clintons, five Jacomets, two Clinton spouses (Sue and Dorothy), Mike Cesnik, the Chris' (Buddendeck, Smith and Behr), Diane Cavanaugh Nugent, and Bobby Kaplow. A fabulous time was had by all. The after parties at the Jacomet home and the Clinton



GMHS Alumni gather at Katie Jacomet and Neal Clinton's wedding.

home were almost as fun and let the festivities last the rest of the night!

Please read the articles in this publication for more information about the reunion. All emails and snail mails have been sent with only four coming back to me. I look forward to seeing most of you in June! - Laura Cesnik - 2608 Middle Road; Winchester, VA 22601; 540-722-9096

### **Class of 1988** By Michael Willner

I recently contacted some of you by email, but I don't have a good email address for many of you. My apologies for not nailing down a firm plan for the reunion earlier, I have been extraordinarily busy at work, and kept hoping I would get a window of opportunity to spend more time planning, but work never seems to let up in intensity. I know that with people being out of the area and having children, they might have needed more advanced notice to be able to attend part or all of the festivities planned for the reunion weekend June 25-27, so once again I apologize for the delay.

Having said all that, my plan so far is to have everyone head to Ireland's Four Provinces in Falls Church on Friday evening after the George Mason event, where I suspect many people that we want to see from other classes will be. I do want to do a family friendly event on Saturday afternoon and/or evening for just our class. I am wondering if anyone in our class with a home in the area might be able to have people over, or if we need to book a place. Obviously we need to figure this out quickly due to my delay in planning - any help that anyone can provide in putting something together would be greatly appreciated. Following that event, rather than having our own area in a bar, I thought we could all head to a local bar or nightclub, we can hang out with each other but also mix and mingle with non-Masonites. Sunday is the picnic at Cherry Hill Park.

Please let me know if anyone has any input. I am really looking forward to whoever can make it, I think these events will be a lot of fun. Wishing everyone all my best, Michael Willner: <u>Michael.Willner</u> <u>@comcast.net</u> Home: 703-465-2788; Cell: 703-863-7801

# Class of 1993

**By Katherine Temple Craig** Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Below is an update on what's new with a few of our classmates. Eugenia Leachman **Grow** gave birth to Daniel Bradley on March 5, weighing in at 8 lbs 6oz and 21 inches. She and her family are also moving to Scottsdale, AZ this summer. Margaret Bryant Kelty and her husband, Rob, have moved back from Greece and are living in Fairfax. Margaret is working at the National Zoo as an Animal Keeper for the new Kids Farm Jesse **Burgess** is still in Baghdad working for the 1st Armored Division. He finds the conditions challenging at times, but the work interesting. Take care everyone, Katherine Temple Craig

# Class of 1997 By Sarah Romer

Hello everyone! I am still trying to compile as many up-to-date email and house addresses from people in our class. Please make sure to contact me through email (<u>swaderomer@hotmail.com</u>) if you would like to be added to our Class of '97 group email. Thanks to all the people who sent me information to add to this newsletter. It was great to hear from everyone!

A lot has been happening with our class. David Brock and his wife Charlotte just had their first son, Titus Sterling Brock, in November of '03. In August, the three of them will be moving to Mongolia. Brittany Templer married Tim Hudson, graduate of West Point, on February 1, 2003 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They are currently living out in Colorado. Sarah Streicker is living in Boston and finishing up law school at Harvard. She will then be moving to Chicago where she will clerk for a judge for a year and then go to work for Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, a big law firm in Chicago. Jason Hobbie has also chosen to study law and will be in Spain this summer pursuing this. Susy Yates Anderson is living in Encinitas, California with her husband, Scott. She is a part time event coordinator consultant and part time Nanny, while Scott is busy playing music with his band, This Holiday Life, full time. Be sure to check out their website at www.thisholidavlife.com. Susv and Scott are keeping busy with Scott's shows and lots of traveling!

Jason Daube had lots to report! He says he has recently taken a trip to the moon and back, and says he is sorry he didn't bring back any souvenirs for anyone. Jason is living in Fairfax with his younger brother, Jeff. He is working in sales in Old Town for a company called DigiLink and says that he has grown his hair out Guns N' Roses style. Jason also reported that Galen Reich lives in McLean along with Josh Wilson and Spencer Carlin, and that Aaron McIninch also still lives in Falls Church. Amanda Schwab is living in New York and working as a book production manager at Penguin. She is also a freelance photographer and is planning to go to grad school next year for photojournalism. Anna Resnick is starting her Masters in Public Health (MPH) at George Washington University in the fall and she is going to study environmental health. Later this month, she is moving back to the DC area from Austin, Texas. She is also engaged and getting married in October.

Rachel Buckingham will be starting her third and final year of law school at the University of Virginia in August. Maggie Kuhn is also at UVA in medical school. James Miller is currently living in Centreville. James and his wife, Kathy, are expecting the birth of their first child Anna Marie Miller at any moment now! Also, in June he will be leaving the teaching profession to work in the actuary department of GEICO in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Dan Winckler is still living in New York City and the acting is going well for him. This

year, he performed at the HBO U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, CO, with the improv group, Neutrino (http://neutrinonation.com) and just this month at the Chicago Improv Festival with Neutrino again. Make sure to check out Dan's website at http:// danwinckler.com. Christian Blood lives in Santa Cruz, California and he is finishing up his first year of grad school and says that he'll probably be done by 2010. Christian says that he also just realized yesterday that he owes Mr. Hoover a paper.

As for me, I am currently living in Indianapolis but in July, I will be moving back to the DC area permanently. Once back in Virginia, I will continue to work as an elementary school teacher. I am very excited about coming back!

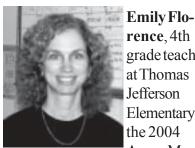
Again, a big thanks to all who contributed to this article. Please keep sending in those updated addresses.

# Class of 1999

# **By Olivia Thomas**

Higuys, Olivia here. I'm going to keep this short and brief and I apologize for it being so. I promise I will make up for it in the next *Review*. As for the five-year reunion, I will be hosting it at my house on Saturday, July 17th starting at 5:00 pm. So far there is a really good attendance list and we still have a couple months to go! Please contact me if you have not received the invitation via email and I will be happy to forward or mail it to you. My cell phone is 571-212-3380 and email address othomas@wlsrealty.com Ihope to see you there! Olivia Thomas

# 2004 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher **Emily Florence**



rence, 4th grade teacher at Thomas Jefferson Elementaryis the 2004 Agnes Meyer

Outstanding Teacher for Falls Church City Public Schools. Emily Florence has taught for 28 years at Madison School & Thomas Jefferson Elementary.

Each year the Washington Post gives the award to one teacher in each of 19 Washington metropolitan area school districts who instills in students a desire to

learn and achieve, understands the individual needs of the students, and demonstrates a thorough knowledge of subject matter and the ability to share it effectively with students.

Also nominated for the award were: Lisa Allan, 4th grade teacher at Thomas Jefferson; Tammy Chincheck, Social Studies teacher at George Mason High School; Jennifer Fox Mahoney, 1st grade teacher at Mount Daniel Elementary; Richard Peloquin, Social Studies teacher at GMHS; and Andy Taylor, 8th grade Social Studies teacher at George Mason Middle School.

# **Commemorate Your Falls Church School Memories**

The Pathway Project offers alumni, students, parents, teachers, individuals, businesses and organizations an opportunity to purchase benches, planters, shrubs and/or engraved bricks, which will be placed at George Mason Middle School, George Mason High School, Thomas Jefferson or Mount Daniel Schools. (**Note**: The engraved bricks are placed only in the George Mason Middle and High School pathway.) These items are a wonderful way to honor students graduating from high school or students in any grade, a favorite teacher, administrator, alumnus or to showcase your business' support for education. They also can commemorate special occasions. Proceeds will support Falls Church City Public Schools.

<b>Pathway Project - Order Form</b> Use a separate order form for each brick. <b>Please Print Clearly</b> :	
Purchaser's Name:	Additional contributions of any amount are welcome. Detach and mail order form to: Pathway Project /Community Education Office 803 W. Broad Street, Suite 340 Falls Church, VA 22046 Engrave my brick as follows: ( <i>ONLY</i> 14 characters per line. Please print clearly.) This is a Memorial Brick.

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