Robert J. Dupere, An Alaskan Pioneer

Robert J. Dupere, a 1948 graduate of BMC Durfee High School, found a lifetime of adventure on the road less traveled. In the process, he made significant contributions to the state of Alaska, this year celebrating 50 years of statehood. Alaska beckoned to those pioneers who were able to contribute their intelligence, ingenuity and determination to building a world-class state and overcoming bigger-than-life challenges in the process. Dupere answered this call.

Robert Dupere entered military service on August 2, 1948 and for the next ten years served honorably in the US and Europe, receiving numerous awards and citations for his leadership and contributions. While in active service, Dupere obtained a BS in Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. He was a Finance and Accounting Officer and 1st Lieutenant stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska, when he left active service. After that he spent over 20 years in the Alaska National Guard, retiring as a Colonel in 1982. In 1983 he was promoted, post retirement, to Brigadier General because of his meritorious service. Thereafter, he was nominated by the Governor and appointed by the President as Director of Selective Service Alaska. In 1996, Dupere was awarded a Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Selective Service Director in recognition of his “outstanding service of extraordinary benefit to the nation and the selective service organization.”

Once Dupere left active service in 1958, he became Controller-Treasurer for the City of Fairbanks while Alaska was still a territory. In 1961, Governor Egan personally recruited Dupere to join his administration as Commissioner of Administration for the State of Alaska. He was instrumental in implementing modern financial management, accounting, and budgetary procedures in the new

Ruth Moss, International Educator

Ruth is a 1950 Durfee High School graduate, a 1969 University of Illinois alumnus and was the Honors’ Office Nominee for the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. She has also studied toward her MBA at Babson College.

Ruth came to Fall River from New York at the start of 5th grade at the Hugo A. Dubuque Elementary School, followed by the James Madison Morton Junior High and then Durfee. Later, she worked in several downtown businesses and served as the manager of the Bell Shop.

Ruth’s secondary education started at Southern Connecticut State College, However, her first career move was to Park Forest, IL, accompanied her husband, who went to work for the Defense Department in Joliet, IL. Ruth transferred and completed her degree at the University of Illinois at Circle Campus, Chicago. She taught 11th and 12th grade English at Beecher High School, Beecher, IL. She later divorced and came back to Fall River to spend a year with the family.

In early 1973, she and her children moved to Israel prior to the start of the Arab-Israeli War. Her 2 daughters, Shoshanna and Ami, lived and studied on a kibbutz while she taught high school English in Tel Aviv in the public schools and privately to embassy diplomats. One of

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Durfee Alumni,

On behalf of the Alumni Board, let me offer our sincere congratulations to the Class of 2014 and to the Durfee Alumni Scholarship recipients. We wish for all of you a bright and prosperous future. Congratulations to our two Distinguished Alumni, Robert J. Dupere class of 1948 and Ruth Moss, class of 1950.

Again this year I ask you to support the Alumni Association’s fund raising efforts. Throughout the year we are asked to contribute to requests from many school organizations. Your donations and dues also allow us to contribute to our Alumni Scholarship. As you will read in this issue of the Chimes, your donations are needed to continue the work of your Alumni Association.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President these past two years. It’s been quite an experience. To our students, scholarship recipients and our distinguished alumni, much success in the future.

Dorothy Nicolau ‘55
President
Durfee Alumni Association

ALUMNI - We Need Your Input and Support!

Due to the increased cost of printing the CHIMES, the Association needs to be sure that it is being sent to those who want to receive it. See page 11 and complete the Dues information form. You may also contact the Alumni Association by email or phone with your decision. If we do not hear from you, it will be understood that you want your name removed from the mailing list. The CHIMES can be viewed at the Alumni Website at www.durfeealumni.com. Also you may contact the Alumni office at 508-675-8100 ext 2061 or alumni@durfeealumni.com.

Remember that your $5.00 dues or contribution to the Red & Black Club is applied to the cost of printing and distributing this annual publication. Additionally, money received by the Association supports scholarships to deserving graduates as well as Durfee High School student and alumni activities.
2013 Scholarship Recipient List

“Arthur W., Annie M. & Lydia M. Smith” & “Robert A. Richard” to .......................................................... Krystal Araujo
“Harold R. Bannister” & “Alumni” to .................................................. Bailey Brooks
“Early Scholarship Holders” & “John A. Carvalho” & “William H. Lambert – William Lindsey” & “Alumni” to .................................................. Shena-Kaye Butler*
“Albert G. Pierce Memorial” & “Class of 1943” to .......................................................... Briana Cabral
“B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association –
  William H. Barker” & “Nathan & Irene Anthony Chace” & “Oliver S. & Mary E. Hawes” to .................................................. Kimberly Cabral
“Morriss & Ida Horvitz” & “Hugo V. Violette Memorial, Class of 1933 & ‘Annie Jennings Anthony’” to .................................................. Morgan Cowen*
“Ronald Lamarre Memorial Scholarship Fund” & “Joseph Andrews Scholarship Fund” & “Alumni” to .................................................. Emmanuel Fernandes
“Richard & Cecilie Cloutier Scholarship Fund” to .................................................. Emily Ferreira
“Helen C. Reddy Memorial Scholarship” & “Edward F. & Rose S. Smith Scholarship” to .................................................. Olivia Garant
“Eleanor F. McKey” & “Robert L. Ferreira Memorial” to .................................................. Sakiyah Howard*
“Thomas K. Brindley, Class of 1925 Fund” & “Charles V. Carroll” & “Class of 1928” to .................................................. Hieu Le*
“Durfee Southern Reunion” to .................................................. Selina Leboeuf
“Helen Simmons” & “Carmi A. Belmont” to .................................................. Joshua Leite*
“Elizabeth R. Stevens” & “John S. Brayton” & “Class of 1931” to .................................................. Joel Martins, Jr.
“Class of 1954” to .................................................. Kate Massoud
“James H. & Eunice T. Mullen” to .................................................. Hannah Massoud
“John J. & Elizabeth C. Harrington” to .................................................. Sarah Medeiros
“Class of 1960” & “Frank C. and Alice R. Chace” & “Class of 1924” & “The Phenix Memorial Scholarship,
  Carol Mother & Andrew (Class of 1988), Son” to .................................................. Emily Mello
“Robert J. Nagle & Rita M. Nagle” & “James Madison Morton, 3rd” “Edward Borden Jennings” to .................................................. Austin Moniz
“George E. Devoll” & “James A. Brown” & “Class of 1991 Douglas Carvalho & Todd E. Majkut Scholarship” & “Evelyn E. Mason & Nancy J. French” to .................................................. Andrew Nadeau
“Dr. Joseph M. Rockett Scholarship, Class of 1942” to .................................................. Ashley Penney*
“Jerome Namias Scholarship Fund” & “Mary A. Draper” & “Andrew S. Borden” to .................................................. Griffin Prescott
“Durfee Southern Reunion” to .................................................. Hunter Reis
“B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association – Ernest Baroody” & “Aaron Dashoff Memorial Scholarship” to .................................................. Shawn Sowersby
“John T. & Louise B. Crowley Scholarship” & “Herman P. Mello” to .................................................. Brooke Taylor
*Grimshaw-Gudewicz Charitable Foundation Grant
Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Collins, President and Claudine A. Cloutier, Treasurer
Trustees of the Fall River High School Alumni Scholarships

Previous Distinguished Alumni Recipients

1965 Dr. John C. Corrigan ....... ‘21  1989 James Dean .............. 50  2005 Lucille Rousseau Hadley .... 36
1981 Dr. Roger N. Violette ....... ‘25  2001 Lester W. Cory .............. 56  2013 Reena Deutsch, PhD ....... ‘68
1982 Florence C. Brigham ....... ‘17  2002 Kenneth L. Nathanson .... 42
1982 M. Norman Zalkind ....... ‘31
1983 Bayless Manning ....... ‘40  2002 James H. Smith ....... 47
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state government, much of which is still in place today.

In April 1964, Robert started his own financial consulting business which over the next 25 years, provided consulting services to many of Alaska’s municipalities. He was the financial consultant who was instrumental in assisting the northern most cities up to Prudhoe Bay in forming and funding the North Slope Borough on July 1, 1972. Prudhoe Bay is the origination point for the Alaskan Oil Pipeline.

In 1992, at the twenty-year anniversary of the North Slope Borough’s incorporation, Dupere was awarded an Outstanding Individual Award by the North Slope Borough in recognition of his early fight to win legitimacy and self-determination for the people of this Borough.

From 1966-68, Dupere also served as a city councilman for Juneau, Alaska, the state’s capital city. While a councilman, he spearheaded urban renewal for one of the poorest areas of the city. He also lobbied to have all the municipal government’s retirement programs consolidated into the state’s programs, thus providing better benefits at more efficient costs.

Robert Dupere married Kathryn Robinson in 1954, Kathryn worked alongside Robert for over 30 years and was instrumental in helping him build a successful business. Together, they have 5 children and 4 grandchildren living in Alaska, Arizona, and Minnesota.

Dupere is an avid fisherman and will still often take unsuspecting visitors “out fishing” for fourteen hour days in the wilds of the Alaskan waters. A life-long learner, Dupere also travels the world, learning about the history and culture of the cities he visits. And he often travels back to the Fall River area to visit those who have been instrumental in helping him become who he is today - An Alaskan Pioneer.

Ruth served as a volunteer in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) for 1 to 3 months annually from 1999-2005 while working on army and navy supply bases.

Ruth has had two books published: Gift of the USA and Poison of Love. Her first book, written in 1999, Gift of the USA, is about her experiences in the Peace Corps in regard to the different and changing economic environment with the fall of the Soviet Union’s socialism and the coming of capitalism’s private enterprise. Her second book, Poison of Love, published in 2010, she wrote as a teacher, concerned about the decline in the level of American education compared to other industrialized nations. At that time, the United States had declined to 25th place in educational achievement amongst industrialized nations.

Currently, she divides time living in Sun City West, AZ, Santa Fe, NM and Be’er Sheva, Israel. Ruth was a Rotarian and a Kiwanis member for many years and belongs to Mensa International.

**Distinguished Judge, Edward F Harrington Retires**

United States Senior District Judge Edward F. Harrington, Durfee Class of 1951, and winner of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995, retired from the bench on December 31, 2013. He was appointed by President Reagan as a Judge for the U. S. District of Massachusetts in 1988 and became a Senior District Judge in 2001.

Prior to his judicial career, he served as an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington D.C. and in Boston for over 15 years. His duties involved being United States Attorney and chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force.

Judge Harrington was also a member of a select group of attorneys that U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy sent to Mississippi in the summer of 1964 to protect the rights of college students who were conducting voter registration. He is one of only seven individuals who served as both United States District Judge and United States Attorney for the district of Massachusetts since the government established the district in 1780.

In October of 2013, the Fall River Diocese presented Judge Harrington with the St Thomas More award as a distinguished jurist during the annual Red Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral.
Our Alumni Scholarship Fund
By Claudine Cloutier ’88

Durfee Alumni have a long and proud tradition of remembering their roots and giving back to new alumni through the Fall River High School Alumni Fund. The endowment is currently approximately $8.8 million – a noteworthy achievement for a public high school in a largely working class city.

The Trustees interview senior applicants each Spring and then select the scholarship winners. Approximately 25 new scholarships are awarded to outstanding and deserving Durfee graduates every year. The scholarships awarded are not merely for the student’s first year of college, but are given for each of the four years of the student’s undergraduate studies. The fund therefore provides approximately 100 graduates with scholarships annually.

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This practice has become more common in recent times. For example, upon the passing of Mr. James Panos, trustee, Durfee principal and teacher, Valedictorian of the Class of 1951 over $9,500 was added to his scholarship fund by numerous individuals out of admiration and respect for Mr. Panos. $5,000 was added to the Anne Bilcliffe Duarte, Class of 71 fund by Anne’s husband Michael Dutarte, bringing the principal of that fund to $30,000. Ann was an enthusiastic Alumna and member of the Alumni Association Board. Anne had expressed her wishes that a scholarship be established in her name. Michael has generously honored those wishes and Anne’s memory. Robert L. Ferreira – Class of 1961 – taught electricity for over 20 years. He passed away over Christmas break during the ’87-’88 school year. A scholarship was established in his name and had been awarded independently for many years. Recently, $10,500 was transferred to the Trustees to administer the Robert L. Ferreira Memorial Scholarship through the alumni fund.

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Upon graduating from Providence College in 1929, he began his teaching career and became head coach in both football and basketball for the next eleven years. Probably the two most dominant basketball players of this era were Alvin Woltman (Class of 1929) and Bill Lomax(Class of 1928), who are both Durfee Hall of Famers.

Interestingly, Al Woltman and his son Lee share a rare distinction of being one of the rare father son combinations inducted into the Durfee Hall of Fame. Lee had an outstanding Football and Baseball career at Durfee and went to Colgate University where he also excelled in both sports.

The 30’s decade with a new coach, Steve Nawrocki, a 1925 Durfee graduate, brought the program a stability that had not previously existed. For the first twenty-three years of it’s existence, basketball had eight coaches. The added good news was that the program continued a winning tradition.

Newspaper articles often spoke of Durfee’s great defensive play in that era and not much about offense. Sadly, only two players scored in double-digit figures during this period. Rusty McIlwaine’s 11.3 P.P.G. led the way followed closely by Red Harnett’s 10.4 average.

The State Basketball Tournament was not the event in the 20’s that it would become in later years. It had its infancy at Tuft’s University in the late 20’s and by the early 30’s was moved to M I T. In those days, M I T was known as Tech and the name, Tech Tournament was born. Only eight teams were selected to participate and only one from Southern Massachusetts.

Because selection was so difficult, Durfee only made one appearance in the tournament and that was in 1930, and this despite teams with better records in later years. That year Durfee lost in the first round to Brockton.

The good news about this decade was the stability that developed in the program. This would serve as the foundation for the glory years that would follow under the coaching of Luke Urban and his successor Skip Karam.
DURFEE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
CLASS OF 2013

By Greg Sullivan

The Durfee High School Athletic Hall of Fame has announced its list of 2013 inductees. The list of four athletes features, essentially, four specialists: distance runner Ronnie Ferreira, baseball player Jeff Davis, wrestler Dan LePage, and swimmer Nancy Jane Hargraves. The late Jim Wilcox, a longtime teacher/coach/event official, has been selected as a Special Inductee.

Here is a quick look at the Durfee Hall Of Fame Class of 2013:

JEFF DAVIS, Class of 1990: One of the great arms in Durfee baseball’s impressive history, Davis was exceptional and consistent in his two-year varsity career. As a junior, the righthander posted a 6-3 record with a 1.38 ERA and 65 strikeouts and 19 walks in 50 2/3 innings pitched. As a senior, he was 8-3 with a 1.45 ERA and 86 strikeouts and 2 walks in a remarkable 72 innings pitched. An infilder when not pitching, Davis batted .329 and .333 in his two years.

After helping Spindle City to a runnerup finish in American Legion Baseball in the summer of 1990, Davis embarked on a brilliant two-year career at Massasscoit Community College, leading MCC to its first NJCAA World Series championship in 1992.

At that World Series, Davis earned the W in three of his team’s four wins. He was 9-1 in both years, batted .329 as a freshman, and was named first team all-American as a sophomore.

A 28th-round draft pick of the Texas Rangers in 1993, Davis embarked on an impressive five-year pro career ultimately ended by shoulder injury (four surgeries). He was the Rangers’ Minor League Pitcher of the Year in 1993 when he went a combined 13-7 with a 2.77 ERA for Single A Port Charlotte and Double A Tulsa.

The year before, Davis had fanned 72 batters in 49 2/3 innings. In 1996, he was placed on the Rangers’ 40-man roster and attended big league spring training, where he worked a scoreless inning against the Yankees.

A resident of Somerset, Davis is married to the former Kathryn Sullivan. In 1999 he joined the Sullivan family business, the Waring-Sullivan Funeral Homes. He has three daughters, Julia Rose, Margaret Mary and Annie Kathryn.

NANCY JANE HARGRAVES, Class of 1986: A four-year member of the swimming and diving team, her specialty was the 100-yard backstroke and she went undefeated in that event in all conference and dual meets for all four years. She qualified for both the South Sectional and State meets for all four years, winning the sectionals as a junior and taking fifth All State the same year.

As part of Ferreira’s exceptional 200-yard medley relay team, Hargraves helped the Hilltoppers to first place in the South in 1983 and third place in ‘82. At the State Meet, she helped the Toppers to place fourth in 1983.

A leader and mentor for other swimmers, she and teammate Nancy Kitchen were virtual swimmer/coaches in 1985.

Outside of Durfee, Hargraves was also very competitive and successful. She twice (1982, 1984) qualified for the National AAU competition in Florida, swimming against the best competition in the country.

RONNIE FERREIRA, Class of 1994: One of the great runners (cross-country and track) in Durfee history, Ferreira excelled from the start of his career and finished with 15 varsity letters, more than 40 school (class and overall) records, and was eight times all-scholastic for both the Boston Globe and Boston Herald.

In cross country, Ferreira was runnerup in the state his senior year. He won the City Companionships three straight years (setting course records at all three schools) and took first place at the State Coaches Meet three straight years.

As a senior he also won the prestigious Catholic Memorial Invitational.

He set course records at Durfee, Diman, Bishop Connolly, Somerset, Brockton, New Bedford (Buttonwood Park), Bishop Feehan and Dighton-Rehoboth high schools. His school record time on his home course beat the record set by New Bedford running legend Joe Correia.

With two seasons to do track each year, Ferreira continued to pile up the notable accomplishments. Perhaps the most notable of those, at least to old-time Durfee athletics followers, came in Ferreira’s junior year when he ran an outdoor mile in 4:29 to break Art McAndrew’s 4:32 school record set 31 years earlier. Ferreira already had a 4:29 indoor mile to his credit, an effort which helped to earn him an invitation to that year’s Top 12 New England Miler Meet at Harvard, where he took third place.

He broke his own record the next year with a 4:26. Ferreira is also the school record holder in the two miles (9:16). Ferreira did not run outdoor track his senior year. All of Ferreira’s track record still stand and many of his cross country marks do also.

A resident of Fall River, Ferreira works as a managing partner for JD Byrider in Boston. He has a wife, Maria, and three children, Joshua, Maria, and Amanda.

DAN LePAGE, Class of 1996: With LePage, it wasn’t a matter of if he would land in the Durfee HOF, it was question of when. That time has come for one of Durfee’s all-time great wrestlers.

Winning 100 matches in a career is a rarity. LePage reached that plateau just five matches into his senior year, and with a career record of 144-18, he is the winningest wrestler in Durfee history. LePage shone from the start, posting a 23-6 record as a freshman. In his career, he twice won a Division 1 South title and twice took third place at the All State Tournament.

The list of his other accomplishments – as a senior he wrestled at the very competitive 152 pounds – include twice winning the prestigious Marshfield Holiday Invitational Tournament and a third place at the New England Championships.

His 40 wins as a junior included 30 pins.

Outside the halls of Durfee, LePage was a two-time USA Wrestling Freestyle state champion, a Bay State Games gold medalist and Bay State Games two-time bronze medalist.

After graduating from Durfee, LePage wrestled for Syracuse University, where was a three-time team MVP. These days LePage is the owner/head wrestling coach of Clinch MMA in the city. He also co-hosts the K.O. radio show.

KATHERINE ATTAR, Class of 1994: Attar makes an unprecedented second-year-in-a-row appearance in the list of individual inductees. It all has to do with motherhood. Selected for induction in 2012, Attar was unable to make the trip from Maryland due to the impending birth of her child.

The plan is to make it this year. She was a three-sport (volleyball, basketball, softball) star at Durfee and followed with a superb volleyball career at Holy Cross.

She was a potent middle hitter and blocker in volleyball. In basketball, she gave Durfee a big, athletic presence in the middle, a shot blocker with a very soft shooting touch. In softball she hit for power and average and, arguably, was the best defensive first baseman in school history. Her long reach and deft footwork saved many an otherwise errant throw.

SPECIAL INDUCTEE

JIM WILCOX: He was a name, a face synonymous with Durfee High School. A 1959 graduate, Wilcox competed in track and football. He retired to Durfee in the early 1970s to start a near four-decade career as a social studies teacher. Though he retired as a teacher in 2006, Wilcox remained very attached to Durfee until his death in 2012.

One of the areas first distance running coaches,
he coached both cross country and track and field at Durfee, mentoring Dave Ozug and Steve Gardiner, who themselves would go on to great coaching success.

When his coaching days were complete, Wilcox devoted his significant energy and unique brand of intelligent enthusiasm to his part-time career of sporting event officiating. He refereed basketball, officiated football, and became a nationally recognized track and field official.

And while his experience and skill as a track and field official landed him assignments at events as big as the U.S. Olympic Trials (2004, 2008), he never lost his passion for working the local high school events on those cold, windy April days outdoors or those long indoor meets at Durfee High School, the ones that stretched close to 10 p.m.

Wilcox was known for being the last to leave the Urban Field House after those indoor events, making sure every student athlete had a ride home. Wilcox was not only a teacher and mentor, he was a fountain of information. He was long known as the go-to guy for any questions about Durfee athletics history, sports rules and interpretations, and history in general. “If you wore the red and black,” retired Durfee trainer Paul Peloquin said, “Jim was invested in your success. Induction as an official may be unprecedented for the Hall of Fame but the duration and passion of Jim accomplishments in this role merits it.”

Durfee Bells Ring Out Strong
By Les Cory 2001

The 10-bell chime that hung in the belfry of the old Durfee High School building on Rock St. is now a 12 bell chime hanging in the new Durfee High School tower on Elsbree St. Later this year, 2 additional bells will be added to complete a “Star Spangled Banner Chime” as designed and sold by the Meneely Bell Foundry of West Troy N.Y. beginning 100 years ago in 1914.

New bells have been added through the generosity of Julie Cleare, the family of Allen L. Jarabek, the Class of 1949 and Ted, John and Dan Harrington in memory of their parents, John J and Elizabeth Harrington. Only one more bell needs to be funded to complete the chime.

The brick walkway is complete and all the bricks that were ordered have been placed. The next bricks will be installed in the circle of benches near the walkway. Order forms are on the Durfee High School web site or email LCory@umassd.edu and I will send you one. Visitors to the walkway are frequently surprised to see the names of so many of their classmates and to read the inscriptions. In the midst of hundreds of bricks inscribed in memory of parents, grandparents, teachers and classmates is one that reads, “Know what? Yes, I do. I really do.” Veterans from 4 wars have memorial bricks in the walkway.

Since late November of 2012, the bells have rung on the hour and the big tower clocks have been keeping perfect time. The bells have been played on several special occasions including the 2013 graduation. Sadly there have been 2 times that the tenor bell has been tolled as have other bells in the city. In December the tower was adorned with colored lights and an illuminated Christmas tree was displayed inside the tower at ground level.

There are two main parts of the project yet to be completed. One is funded, the other is not. First, the area of the tower surrounding the clocks will be enclosed. The architect specified metal louvers but these have proven to be prohibitively expensive. As an alternative, some long-lasting material, yet to be specified will be installed both to enhance the appearance of the tower and to discourage our feathered friends from taking up residence.

The last phase of the project involves the fabrication and installation of mechanical clappers inside the bells and the installation of a manual keyboard called a “clavier” in the lower level of the tower to enable the bells to be played live by a musician as they were for the 100 years that they hung on Rock Street. Now the bells are played by a computer interface and the bells are rung by external strikers that are energized by electro-mechanical solenoids. The computer interface will remain active after the clavier is installed so that the bells can still be programmed to play when no musician is in attendance. This last part of the project is also one of the most expensive. Our latest quote to have this equipment fabricated and installed is $52,377 of which $15,000 is for the clavier itself.

There are several naming opportunities associated with this final phase of the project. Les Cory can be reached at 401 624-3478, email LCory@umassd.edu.

Supporting Durfee Athletics
By Carole Fiola

Friday, November 22, 2013 was the 4th Annual Durfee Hilltopper Athletic Foundation (DHAF) Friend Raiser held at the Cultural Center in Downtown Fall River. There were approximately 200 in attendance and as always this “reunion” type event was fun, lively and of course a successful fundraiser for Durfee Athletics. Over $5000 net was raised.

Many generations of Hilltoppers were in attendance, including Bob Hargraves Sr., Butch Denardo, Bethany Plasski, Paul Hart and Nick Salmon to name a few.

This year there was a silent auction of Celtic, Bruins and PC Friar tickets thanks to the generosity of Nick Christ, President of BayCoast Bank. Another new twist on the event was the display and sale of old Durfee Uniforms that had been turned over to the non-profit Durfee Hilltopper Athletic Foundation and will soon be available for sale through the website at durfeeathleticfoundation.com.

The Durfee Hilltopper Athletic Foundation was formed in the Fall of 2010 by a volunteer group to raise runds for Durfee Athletic Programs. All proceeds are used to fund items requested by the coaches of the Durfee Athletic teams that are not funded through the school budget. To date $70,000 has been raised from proceeds of the Annual Golf Tournament held in July each year at the Fall River Country Club, the annual Friend Raiser held the Friday before Thanksgiving and through the sale of banners that are placed in the Field House, Football Stadium and Baseball Field throughout the school year.

Items purchased include: Olympic Weight Sets, Track and Field Covers, Soccer Field fencing, Baseball Pitching machine, Basketball Hands up defending, Power Volleyball System, sled pads for Football, Coaching Sticks, Speed Chutes, Soccer Training Goals, Wrestling Tackle Mat, Basketball Shooting Machine and Softball Pitching Machine.

If an Hilltoppers out there are interested in serving on the Board, attending any of our events in 2014 or contributing to this 501 c 3 non-profit organization, please check out our website, www.durfeeathleticfoundation.com, email carolefiola@aol.com, Missy Karam Panchley at mkpfr@gmail.com or call 508-641-0297.

Current DHAF Board Members include: Carole Weglowski Fiola; President, Louis Pacheco, Vice-President; Melissa Karam Panchley, Treasurer; Jodi Jarabek Oliveira, Secretary; Wendy Charves Correira, Linda Sowersby Reid, Robert Hargraves, Sr (Golf Tournament Chair), Robert Bogan, Christopher Resendes, Nicholas Christ, Sr. and Kenneth Fiola, Jr, Esq.
Durfee Alumni Association  -  Scholarship Fundraiser Clam Boil
Monday, May 19, 2014  -  4:00PM-8:00PM
(Eat in or Take Out)
Lepage’s Seafood & Grill  -  439 Martine Street, Fall River, MA 02723
$20.00 per person

Class of 1954  -  60th Year Reunion
Saturday, August 9, 2014  -  Eagle Event Center  -  5:00 PM-?
Contact: Steve Nawrocki  -  508-673-7473  -  Class of 1954@aol.com

Class of 1964  -  50th Year Reunion
Friday, August 15, 2014 – Drop in get reacquainted reception at the Belmont Club, 34 Franklin St.  
7:00 PM, No Cover, Cash Bar
Saturday, August 16, 2014 – Fall River Country Club - 6:00PM Cocktails, 7:00 PM Dinner, dancing to follow
Contact: Charlotte Costa Thomas – mydurfee64@gmail.com or 508.674.4951

Class of 1959  -  55th Year Reunion
Friday, August 22, 2014  -  Fall River Country Club
Contact: true562@aol.com or jekeeley@verizon.net

HOW CAN ALUMNI CONTACT US
Visit OUR OFFICIAL Web SITE: www.durfeealumni.com to:
• Join the official Durfee Alumni Red & Black Club
• Pay your annual membership dues
  • Make a donation
• Submit your Alumni Information
• Request your annual Chimes newsletter electronically
• View current and past Chimes newsletters in the archive
  • Post and check out the list of upcoming reunions
  • Nominate a distinguished alumni
  • Check out the list of upcoming reunions
  • Post photos from your reunion to share
Like us on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Durfee-Alumni-Association/415190828568330

Durfee Alumni Association - Scholarship Fundraiser Clam Boil
Monday, May 19, 2014 - 4:00PM-8:00PM
(Eat in or Take Out)
Lepage’s Seafood & Grill - 439 Martine Street, Fall River, MA 02723
$20.00 per person

INTERESTING ALUMNI INFORMATION
We are always looking for news that would be of interest to our Alumni. You are encouraged to send anything newsworthy for publication in the “CHIMES”. Be sure to include who is sending the information and how you may be contacted.
Send your stories to: Durfee “Chimes” Alumni Association - P O Box 9656 - Fall River, MA 02720-0011
The Durfee Alumni Association
needs to hear from you if you wish to continue to receive The Chimes

2014 - 2015 Alumni Information Form
PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION BELOW OR SUBMIT AT
WWW.DURFEEALUMNI.COM

Your Name____________________________________Maiden Name (If applicable)__________________

Year Of Graduation_________ If spouse is a graduate – Year of Graduation_______________________

Full Street Address _____________________________________City____________________________________

State___________Zip________ email Address____________________________________________________

_____ Do not publish my information

___ $5.00 (dues) ____ $10.00 ____ $25.00 (min. *Red & Black Club) ____ $50.00 _____Other

Please check if you want the Chimes emailed to you_____

Please make check payable to Durfee Alumni Association, P.O. Box 9656, Fall River MA 02720 – 0011
Submit your personal information and pay your dues or Red & Black at – www.durfeealumni.com
*For inclusion in the Spring 2015 issue of the Chimes, Please return no later than December 31, 2014

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2014 – 2015 Alumni Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to consider a nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Please attach any
newspaper or magazine articles which would assist the Committee in the nomination process. A resume and
any other information would be helpful as well. Nominations remain current for a five year period and should
be submitted no later than September 30th 2014 to be considered by the 2014 Selection Board

Name of Nominee:_____________________________________Year Of Graduation (1979 or earlier)_______

Address:___________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone Number__________________________________________________

Name of Person Making Nomination__________________________________________

Address:___________________________________________________________________________________

Telephone Number:_________________________________________email address:________________________

Are you a member of the Association?___________Is the Nominee a Member?______________

Please mail to: Durfee Alumni Association. P.O. Box 9656, Fall River, MA 02720-0011
Alumni, We Need Your Support

Raise our praises high to Durfee,  
Alma Mater dear.  
Tow’ring high beside the river,  
Radiant beacon clear.  

God preserve for Alma Mater,  
Standards staunch and true.  
High aloft we’ll lift her banner  
Bright with Durfee’s hue.  

Love and praise we render ever, 
Voices raised on high.  
Loud we sing of Durfee’s glory, 
To the earth and sky.

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