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Distinguished Alumna
Nancy Cooperstein Charney

Nancy Cooperstein Charney '56 is an American award-winning director and producer of both stage and screen. Career highlights as a producer include the original Broadway production of Lanford Wilson's Pulitzer-prize winning play - Talley's Folly - and the Emmy-nominated and Wilbur Award-winner - Snow in August - based on the book by Pete Hamill. In 1966, she produced Megan Terry's Viet Rock, the first of the anti-Viet Nam plays produced in New York City. As a director of television, Ms. Cooperstein Charney's work includes the LA Emmy award-winning film –Pioneer Women - The Wonder Years and the ABC Afternoon Special - UNDER THE LIMIT. Ms. Cooperstein Charney's film work includes the short film – Private Debts - that was featured at Sundance, London, Deauville and Toronto Film Festivals. It won the Chicago Film Festival's Golden Hugo Award, was shown on SHOWTIME and was hailed by Variety as a "classic tragedy (whose) direction is right on the mark, going for the rich subtext of feeling."

Showcasing her as both producer and director is the feature-length documentary film WHO'S NEXT? now available on Amazon Prime Video. This powerful and timely film shines a light on how Muslim Americans have suffered from bigotry post-9/11. Through her riveting storytelling, Cooperstein Charney succeeds in encouraging viewers to choose knowledge over ignorance so that the challenges of marginalized communities can be effectively addressed. "WHO'S NEXT? is the type of artistic expression essential to those who cherish the concept of democracy." David Rothenberg, Host of ANY SATURDAY, WBAI. Ms. Cooperstein Charney also directed a companion piece, highlighting how her early life influenced the creation of WHO'S NEXT?

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Distinguished Alumnus
Capt. Paul B. Grozen USN (Ret.)

Paul Grozen '50 was born November 29, 1932, to Julius Grozen '27 and Miriam Feitelberg Grozen '29. The family moved around Fall River during his early years, possibly giving him the distinction of attending more elementary schools (4) than anyone else. In his final year at Durfee he was selected as one of a four-person team to represent the school in the state high school mathematics competition - the first time Durfee ever sent a team to that event.

Paul's mother died when he was almost eight, bringing his relationship with his father much closer. Julius had graduated from MIT and was a naval architect, enlisting as an officer during World War II and remaining in the Naval Reserve for 20 years. His father's love of the Navy inspired Paul to join the Naval Reserve as a junior in high school and then with the support of his Congressman Joseph W. Martin, Paul was awarded an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis.

At USNA Paul continued his academic success, graduating "With Distinction" and standing 28th in a graduating class of 750 (and in the top 3 in mathematics). In his second year, he met Phyllis Zelko and were married in 1956.

Upon commissioning in 1955 Paul had three operational years in the destroyer community, then applied for submarine training. He served first aboard the diesel submarine USS Grenadier and was then accepted into nuclear power training. He served on three nuclear submarines: USS Scamp as Weapons Officer, Operations Officer and Navigator; USS Permit as Executive Officer and Navigator; and USS Simon Bolivar as Executive Officer.

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Annual Meeting ~ May 26, 2022 ~ 7:30 PM ~ Nagle Auditorium ~ Refreshments 6:30 to 7:30 PM

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Few years in life help shape a school and a community as have the last two. Change has come in enormous quantities to where and how we are educated; we socialize and can participate in the arts and sports. Our students, staff and administrators have moved into an amazing new building, filled with endless and cutting edge learning opportunities. Our gratitude to the citizens of Fall River for their vision cannot be adequately expressed.

Thank you for being part of one of the country's greatest alumni organizations. Our breadth is spread far across the country and the globe as Durfee, and the Fall River school system has consistently produced leaders in every field. This year, we celebrate our newest graduates, scholarship awardees and distinguished alumni recipients on one night, Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 7:30 in the new Nagle Auditorium. On that night, we will also conduct a very brief business meeting, honor our deceased alumni and enjoy a multi-generational time of fellowship.

Additionally, I would like to thank the Alumni's Executive Committee who meet and help produce the Chimes and Alumni Night, especially our secretary, Charlotte Costa Thomas, '64 and our treasurer, Janice N. O'Brien, '56.

Finally, we wish to thank all of our Red and Black members who continue to support the Durfee Alumni organization. We are DURFEE.

Joseph R. Costa, '81
President, Durfee Alumni Association

Nancy Cooperstein Charney continued

Ms. Cooperstein Charney grew up in Fall River, Massachusetts, where she graduated from BMC Durfee High School in 1956. She began her professional acting career at age 11, appearing opposite Edward Arnold in The Apple of His Eye at the SOMERSET PLAYHOUSE. She then went on to produce, direct and narrate the weekly radio program, Juniors Speak on WSAR. On WALE she was a regular on WOMEN OF WALE. Later in New York City, she continued her radio career on WEVD, where she wrote, directed and produced a weekly program called Women in the News.

Her acting credits include Elaine May's Name of a Soup and A New Leaf, Jean Claude Van Itallie's King of the United States and Mystery Play and Connie Kaiserman's My Little Girl. She was an acting member of Andre Gregory's Manhattan Project, and an acting-teaching member of The Working Theatre, a project of Joe Chaiken and Kristin Linklater. As such she was awarded the title of "Master Teacher" from the Rockefeller Foundation. Ms. Cooperstein Charney has taught acting to prisoners on Riker's Island and taught teachers how to use acting as an instructional tool through the Teachers and Writers Collaborative. A graduate of Bennington College, Ms. Cooperstein Charney continued her studies at The Neighborhood Playhouse, The Berghoff School and Columbia University.

Ms. Cooperstein Charney now lives in New York City with her husband of 55 years, actor Jordan Charney. Together they have 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

ALUMNI – DID YOU KNOW?
The Red & Black Club has 648 members.
Member Classes range from 1933 to 2022.
Member Classes 1933 through 1969 – totals 498
Member Classes 1970 Through 1999– totals 130
Member Classes 2000 through 2022 – totals 20
We need to continue to add to R&B Membership!!
The Alumni Association joins with the upper classmates and challenges classes 1970 forward to increase class Ranks in the Red & Black Club for 2023

2021 Scholarship Recipient List

"Ronald Lamarre Memorial Scholarship Fund" & "Joseph Andrews Scholarship" & "Oliver S. & Mary E. Hawes" to ..... Rory Botelho

"Robert L. Ferreira Memorial" & "Durfee Southern Reunion" &"Eleanor F. McKey" & "Herman P. Mello" to.....Zachary S. Botelho

*"B.M.C. Durfee High School Athletic Association – William H. Barker" & "Allen L. Jarabek Memorial Scholarship" to ..... Stephanie M. Cabral**

*"Thomas K. Brindley, Class of 1925 Scholarship" & "John T. & Louise B. Crowley Scholarship" to..... Daisy M. Chimborazo Marquez**

"Dr. Joseph M. Rockett Scholarship, Class of 1942" & "Morris & Ida Horvitz" to..... Bianca M. Cormier

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"John J. & Elizabeth C. Harrington Scholarship" to .....Faith C. Ferreira

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*"Edward F. & Rose S. Smith Scholarship" to .....Kareem H. Mahmoud**

"Frank C. and Alice R. Chace" & "Class of 1924" & "The Phenix Memorial Scholarship, Carol Mother & Andrew (Class of 1988), Son"& "Class of 1960" to..... Zachary B. Massa

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"Robert J. Nagle & M. Rita Nagle" & "James Madison Morton, 3rd" "Harold R. Bannister in memory of James Edward Bannister and Catherine Manning Bannister" to .....Sophie E. McDonnell

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Most scholarships are supplemented with an Alumni grant and an Andrew J. Borden grant.

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1961	Malcolm P. Aldrich	'18
1962	Bishop James L. Connolly	'13
1963	Harold S.R. Buffington, Esq.	'05
1964	Edward B. Hanify, Esq.	'29
1965	Dr. John C. Corrigan	'21
1966	Myer N. Sobiloff	'24
1967	Ellis Gifford	'02
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1969	Helen Winward Brown	'03
1970	Thomas Rodgers, Jr.	'30
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1973	Ambassador William J. Porter	'30
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1975	James A. Nannery	'31
1976	Hon. Beatrice Hancock Mullaney	'23
1977	Gen. Melvin Zais	'33
1978	Francis L. Gragnani	'36
1979	Robert J. Nagle	'28
1980	Hon. Mary J. Fonseca	'32
1981	Dr. Roger N. Violette	'25
1982	Florence C. Brigham	'17
1982	M. Norman Zalkind	'31
1983	Bayless Manning	'40
1984	Phillip Sacknoff	'35
1985	James J. Hammond	'26
1986	Richard M. Rosenberg	'48
1987	Thomas J. Brown	'42
1988	Frank S. Feitelberg	'24
1989	James Dean	'50
1990	William H. Gaudreau	'46
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1993	Brig. Gen. John J. Liset, USAF	'38
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1995	Hon. Edward F. Harrington	'51
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1998	Faust D. Fiore	'39
1999	John J. McAvoy	'37
1999	Dr. John T. Harrington	'54
2000	William F. Long, Jr.	'44
2000	Edgar C. Knowlton, Jr.	'38
2001	Lester W. Cory	'56
2001	James Chace	'49
2002	Kenneth L. Nathanson	'42
2002	James H. Smith	'47
2003	Morton Dean Dubitsky	'53
2003	James F. O'Hearn	'53
2004	Rev. Shirley Scholes Andrews	'54
2004	Ernest Moniz	'62
2005	Lucille Roussell Hadley	'36
2005	Daniel Bogan	'51
2006	Hon. William C. Carey	'42
2006	John Moriarty	'48
2007	Arthur A. Teixeira	'62
2007	George Duclos	'52
2008	Col. David W. Gavigan	'57
2008	Dr. William D. Tompkins	'39
2009	Dr. R. Judson Carlberg	'58
2009	Thomas J. Curry	'60
2010	Betty M. Welch	'45
2010	Louise Durfee	'48
2011	James J. Karam	'65
2012	Irving H. Picard	'59
2012	Joseph F. Sabik, MD	'79
2013	John J. Fletcher, MD	'53
2013	Reena Deutsch, PhD	'68
2014	Ruth Moss	'50
2014	Robert J. Dupere	'48
2015	Joseph A. Conforti, PhD	'63
2015	Ronald A. Schwartz, MD	'52
2016	Anthony F. Cordeiro	'80
2016	Hon. E. Susan Speier Garsh	'65
2017	Zelma Vincent Braga	'52
2017	Charles D. Smith Ph.D.	'54
2018	Margery Eagan	'71
2018	Hon. Joseph I. Macy	'61
2019	Jerri Kaplan Sher BFA, .MAEd	'66
2019	Christopher J. Fontes, PhD	'83
2020-21	Robert S. Karam	'61
2020-21	Joseph A. Marshall	'65

To nominate a Durfee Graduate for the Distinguished Alumni Award, please fill out and return the form on Page 11.

JOE RAPOSO '54 (COMPOSER)

Generations of kids across America grew up listening to the music of Joe Raposo — and they still do. Born in Fall River in 1937, Raposo began playing music at an early age. In 1954, he graduated from Durfee High, where he participated in orchestra, band, chorus, the Serenaders vocal group, edited the yearbook — and was voted "Most Interesting." After studying music at Harvard and in Paris, he embarked upon a career as a working musician, hooking up with Muppet master Jim Henson, with whom Raposo's talent truly began to shine. He wrote the theme song for Henson's "Sesame Street," an instant earworm for kids of all ages, and was the show's musical director. His versatile compositions were whimsical enough for kids to enjoy while exposing them to styles of music they may have never heard before.

Overall, he composed (and sometimes sang) about 250 songs during his tenure, like "C is for Cookie," "Sing," "Little Things," and "Bein' Green". The latter was written for Kermit the Frog of the Muppets, for whom Raposo also composed music — but it was also covered by icon Frank Sinatra, who considered Raposo a "genius" and a friend. In fact, Sinatra's 1973 album "Ol' Blue Eyes Is Back" contained four Raposo songs, and that was a compromise, since Sinatra wanted the entire album to be Raposo numbers. "Stylistically, he could cover such a wide range," Jim Henson once said of Raposo. "He wrote songs with a very childlike simplicity. There is a cleanliness to his compositions that works very well for children, but it works for adults too, because there is that sense of simplicity in all of us."

He wrote over three hundred songs, Joe received five Grammy nominations and a 1981 Academy Award nomination for Best Original Song, "The First Time it Happens", featured in "The Great Muppet Caper". Joe Raposo was honored with numerous tributes as Joe Raposo Day (Feb 8) and the Portuguese government had a ceremony in Fall River after his death knighting him with the order of Indonesia.

Joe Raposo died of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 1989, three days before his 52nd birthday. He is buried in Union Cemetery in Chatham, MA. Raposo's family established the ASCAP Foundation (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) the Joe Raposo Children's Music Award. The new Durfee High School has the Joe Raposa's music room, named in his honor.

"Street Gang: How We Got to Sesame Street" documentary was made in 2021 and it premiered in theatres on April 23rd. It also can be seen on Prime Video.

CAMP NOQUOCHOKE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATED

By Michael J. Vieira, '71

Camp Noquochoke, the Boy Scout camp in Westport, may have been closed for more than forty years, but the indelible impression that special place had on many B.M.C. Durfee High School students and others in the area has not faded. Although June 26, 2021 marked the 100th anniversary of the opening of the camp, a special event was held on September 25.

About 35 former campers gathered on Pine Hill Road to walk trails which are now part of the Westport Land Trust. After the walk, many adjourned to the Buzzards Bay Brewery nearby for fellowship and reminiscing.

John Hinves and Bill Chebot, both 94 years old, camped at Noquochoke from 1939-44 and attended the event. They are both 1945 graduates of Durfee High School. Other Hilltoppers from the class of 1969 were reacquainted after more than 50 years.

A group of former Scouts and camp alumni who are working to preserve the legacy of Camp Noquochoke have created a Facebook group, Camp Noquochoke 100, for fellow campers to come and share their memories with others about their time at camp. New members are welcome to join.

"It's been a great place to share old photos and old memories," Michael J. Vieira, a 1969 Noquochoke camp staff member and author of a history of the camp said. Vieira is a 1971 Durfee graduate who taught at the high school for 20 years.

Additionally, the group is working with the Fall River Historical Society to collect Scouting memorabilia from the area to expand the historical society's Scouting repository. They are looking for old uniforms, badges, photographs, and paperwork, especially those related to Camp Noquochoke or the Order of the Arrow.

Who knew that the humble beginnings of that first season 100 years ago would pave the way for generations of young Scouts from across greater Fall River? Through the Great Depression, World War II, polio epidemics, Vietnam, and so many other global events, Camp Noquochoke remained a haven for young boys across the area.

"For those of us who grew up in the city, the short trip to Westport was an escape to wilderness and a place to meet life-long friends," Vieira suggested.

For more information visit the Facebook Group, Camp Noquochoke 100 or contact campnoquochoke100@gmail.com.

PLACES OF INTEREST ON THE WEB FOR DURFEE ALUMNI
Durfee High Link:
https://www.fallriverschools.org/durfee
Durfee Yearbooks:
https://www.fallriverschools.org/durfee/durfee-links/durfee-yearbooks
Alumni Website:
https://www.durfeealumniassociation.com

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
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DURFEE'S GIFT TO WESTERN CIVILIZATION

By Barbara Shea

On the night of August 25, 1914, less than a month after the start of WWI, one of the deadliest conflicts in history, German soldiers in occupied Belgium torched the University Library at the Catholic University of Leuven destroying hundreds of thousands of books, medieval manuscripts, works of art, and the school's original charter of foundation dating from 1425.

On August 27th, Brand Whitlock, diplomatic representative of the U.S in Belgium, secured from the German army the release of hostage Monsignor Jules de Becker, rector of the American College of l.euven. De Becker, an eyewitness to the horror, recounted without emotion the terror that had taken place in Leuven: priests murdered, civilians executed and St. Peter's Church in flames. But when he tried to report on the state of the library, he stuttered, placed his arms on the table, dropped his head and burst into tears.

The following day Hugh Gibson, First Secretary of the American Embassy, risked his own life to visit the burning city of Leuven. As a neutral observer he sought to understand the cause of, and witness the effect of, the reported aggression against a non-combatant, civilian population. The library was a blackened ruin. Gibson was told by a German officer that it was necessary that Leuven be made an example so that all would learn to respect Germany.

The Sack of Louvoin blazed across international headlines.

Germany's plan backfired. Instead of exacting international respect, it provoked worldwide condemnation.

The senseless murders and wanton destruction were viewed as a brutal attack against western civilization. In no way could the university library have been considered a military target. In no way could the razing of the library have been seen as a justifiable military act.

On August 31, 1914, American war correspondent Richard Harding Davis wrote in the New York Tribune that, "At Louvain it was war upon the defenseless."

Future Nobel Prize winning author, Romain Rolland, wrote that "it could be clearly seen that the Prussian war-machine was not only aimed at enemy forces, but also against the civilian population and the cultural heritage, in breach of the Hague Convention, of international and martial law."

The library, which had been the repository of the university's Bull of Foundation - its official charter issued by Pope Martin V in 1425 - lay in ashes along with 1000 manuscripts, 800 incunabula and a quarter of a million books.

An indignant public responded. Nations across Europe and the world formed committees to replenish the lost collection. Donations of books came from The Netherlands, France, Great Britain, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Poland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, Japan, and Canada. Casts of antique sculptures came from Greece.

France had a brilliant idea and fitting rebuke: rebuild the library.

America took up the gauntlet. The National Committee of the United States for the Restoration of the University of Louvain, headed by Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, generously offered to finance, design and construct a new library building. Fundraising began. To spark contributions, donors were promised that their names would be immortalized on the walls and pillars of the new library. Donations poured in from American universities, colleges, and public schools, amongst them Durfee High School in Fall River, Massachusetts.

On July 4,1928, the library was inaugurated during a formal ceremony attended by Belgian royalty as well as foreign and domestic representatives from the academic, political, and religious worlds. Cardinal Ernest-Joseph van Roey blessed the building, clock, and carillon (bell tower). In thanking the American people, he said,

"Each stone gives evidence of the friendship of a citizen, student or child from the United States; each brick. will continue to say to each generation that an American hand has laid them in this building."

Fourteen years after the start of the Great War) Ambassador Hugh Gibson handed over the golden keys of the new library to its new rector, Paulin Ladeuze. Shouts of "Long live America!" rang out.

Durfee's commemorative stone stands proudly amongst the stone pillars of the grand gallery that support this magnificent memorial to friendship and scholarship. Durfee's generosity helped restore the town and university as a center of knowledge and culture. Durfee can take pride each 4th of July knowing that 3,000 miles away the Stars and Stripes is flown from the bell tower high atop the University Library in Leuven, Belgium in commemoration of America's, and Durfee's, selfless giving and shared commitment to western civilization.

Note: l.euven is the Dutch spelling of the French title, Louvain. Historical records use the French spelling. Today, the town is known 2S Leuven in keeping with the city's official language (Dutch).

Capt. Paul Barton Grozen continued

Finally, he commanded the nuclear attack submarine USS Haddock for more than four years, completing two six-month deployments to the Western Pacific and many Top Secret "Special Operations" . Paul then became the senior instructor for the "Prospective Commanding Officers" course. During this service assignment, he was selected for promotion to the rank of Captain.

Paul then spent two years at the Pentagon in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Deputy Director for Undersea Warfare Research and Development. He also served as the Senior U.S. Representative to a Standing NATO Committee on Undersea Warfare. Paul's final position was another diplomatic posting, this time as Defense and Naval Attaché to the Netherlands.

During Paul's thirty-year Navy service, he was awarded numerous commendations, the highest being the Legion of Merit and Defense Superior Service Medal. Following his Attaché assignment, he was designated a Commodore in the Order of Oranje-Nassau, the highest award a foreigner could receive from the Netherlands. This citation was formally presented in ceremony by Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands. In 2019 Paul's Navy service was also formally recognized at Fenway Park by the Red Sox during one of their home games.

After retiring from the Navy, Paul and Phyllis moved to San Diego where Paul took a retirement job there with a small defense contractor and, shortly thereafter, accepted a position with Lockheed Martin.

In 2016, having completed his second 30-plus year career, Paul finally retired with ambitious plans for much more time with his two children, seven grandchildren, and now five great-grandchildren.

• 2021 - 2022 RED AND BLACK CLUB MEMBERSHIP •

1933
James A. Partridge - Memoriam

1936
Alice (Shaw) Harkin - Memoriam

1940
Lucy (Torchia) Campos
William F. McCarthy

1941
Eldredge H. Leeming
Rita (Davenport) Pearson

1942
Lucy (Baj) Los - Memoriam

1943
Sumner Alpert
Dorothy (Mockas) Hough
Victor E. Mello
Joseph E. Sullivan
Joan B. Twaddle - Memoriam

1944
Madeline (Flynn) Tozlowski - Memoriam

1945
Stanley Janczura - Memoriam
Betty (Munro) Welch

1946
Janice (Tate) Anderson
Roger J. Boulay, MD
Mildred (Reid) Boyd - Memoriam
Philip A. Clorite
Robert A. Deane
George L Gesner
Muriel (Girard) Laflamme
Frederick L. Mason,Jr.
James Mullins
James F. Nichols, MD
Peter G. Pacheco
Rosann (Barrett) Patota
Juliette (Talbot) Whitehead

1947
Clarisse (Dupont) Deane - Memoriam
James (Shay) Lynch
Margaret (Martini) Mattos
Ernest H. Picard, MD - Memoriam
Leona (Guidotti) Ribeiro
Stanley F. Stafiej, PhD
Donald G. Wood
Sandra (Thomas) Wood

1948
Doris (Allen) Blankley
Phyllis (Capone) Corcoran
R. Meredith (Pearson) Eastman
Mary (Medeiros) Lamothe
John J. Moriarty
Richard M. Rosenberg

1949
Peter G. Collias, Esq.
Francis W. Como
Ann (Hanley) Crane
Joan (Pemberton) Daley
Peter P. Depaola
Paul R. Kelleher
Elizabeth (Williams) Marsden
Louise (Pierce) McCarthy
Helen (Warden) Martin
Reva (Wernick) Newfield
Aubrey S. Nutbrown
Ralph J. Pickup, Jr.
Gerald Sandler
Anne (Patten) Sylvia
Anna (Wisz) Zdon

1950
Mary Lou (Walkden) Banks
Carol (Jones) Begor
Prof. Stephen B. Goldberg
William P. Goodrum
Col. Joan I. Gray,USAF, Nurse Corp., Ret.
Capt. Paul B. Grozen, USN, Ret.
Alice (Fernandes) Hayden
Lt. Col. Harold Katzman, USAF, Ret.
Louis B. Martins
Francis B. McAndrew
Barbara (Cohen) Rosenberg
Lorraine (Taylor) Stringer
Bernard A. G. Taradash
Carolyn (Capstack) Tuovinen
Janice (Kay) Warren

1951
Daniel E. Bogan
Edward S. Cunningham
Santi DiRuzza, Ltc., USA, Ret.
Janet (Dormer) Harrington
Robert J. Hayden, Jr.
Elva (Bertoncini) Kanakry
CM Sgy. John Kuttner, USAF, Ret.
Carolyn (Holt) Lafreniere
Marceline (Bertolini) Medeiros
James F. Melvin
Judith (Bergeron) O'Connell
Earl Sanft
William A. Seymour, MD
Norman J. Shepherd
Everett F. Smith
Charles D. Somers - Memoriam
Florence (Picard) Southland
George F. Southland
Doris M. Thornton
Harold C. Walmsley

1952
Jean (Higgins) Bogan
Zelma (Vincent) Braga
Joan (Winslow) Buhrendorf
Lawrence A. Donnelly
Albert E. Dean
Janice (Plocica) Ferreira
Donald W. France
John A. Freeman
Richard Freitas
John T. (Ted) Golitz
Ronald A. Golz
Mary (Ryan) Janczura
Natalie (Wilson) Lafleur
Judith (Campeau) Liles
John E. Machado
Manuel V. Medeiros
William L. O'Hear
Dino Polselli
Mario S. Polselli
Thomas Powers
Jacqueline (Zubat) Remus
Helen (Bohun) Schultz
Rona (Bernstein) Solberg
Nancy (Pollock) Stavis
Noreen (Curt) Sullivan
Muriel (Briggs) Wachlin

1953
Norma (Pereira) Atkinson, PhD
Roland G. Bouchard
Frederick C. Buda - Memoriam
Ronald Caplain
Lois (Hodgson) Condon - Memoriam
William B. Dixon
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BARNEY ZEITZ '69
"CORNERSTONE SCULPTURE PROJECT ABOUT DIVERSITY" 2021

A piece of sculpture that honors the diverse cultures in the city was installed on the cornerstone of One Government Center. Two years in the making, it was the creation of Fall River native and artist Barney Zeitz.

"We wanted to make this for everyone," said Zeitz. "It's indigenous people, immigrants, refugees and the enslaved. It's about diversity and looking to the future."

With the help of city workers and a few of his friends, Zeitz oversaw the installation of the 9-foot-tall sculpture that was carefully lifted by a backhoe onto the cornerstone overlooking South Main Street.

Zeitz, a 1969 BMC Durfee High School graduate, hand-welded the piece of art in his Martha's Vineyard studio on his own.

It took about 30 people to move it from his property to where it was displayed on the island for three weeks for public viewing before making its journey to its final home in Fall River.

At the base of the sculpture a quote by Zeitz reads: "To the enduring memory of our ancestors: Indigenous peoples, then immigrants, the enslaved, and refugees. May we, their descendants, together with newcomers help build a more just and peaceful community."

"It has a little bit of everything, so that as a viewer, you can look to your past and maybe see someone you know up there," said Zeitz. "There is clearly someone that looks indigenous, someone that looks of African descent. There is a young Asian boy crouching on the side."

While his goal was to make the sculpture a positive piece of art, Zeitz said it was important to represent the enslaved who were forced to come to this country.

"It's remembering that we had slavery, because we love to forget that this country was made by slaves," said Zeitz.

A self-taught welder, Zeitz, 70, began his art career in stained glass. His body of public artwork includes an immigrant memorial in Brewster Gardens across from Plymouth Rock, a Vietnam memorial on Martha's Vineyard, a Holocaust memorial at the Rhode Island Holocaust Memorial Museum in Providence, as well as stained glass, metal pieces and functional art, commissioned for private spaces.

The piece is directly welded " which is insane," said Zeitz. "Most people think this is a caste in a form, but it's not, it's all done by hand. That's the look you get by directly welding and get different color tones," said Zeitz. The repurposed metals used to create the sculpture are all from the Westport company, Mid-City Steel, said Zeitz.

Former City Councilor Steven Camara was the first to reach out to Zeitz several years ago with the idea of bringing art to the city's public spaces.

"It's incredible what Barney, an artist, can do in terms of taking something like scrap steel and turning it into this magnificently beautiful and poignant depiction of the people that came here or were here, initially."

Camara said that once the concept of the piece and the location was decided, fundraising began with BayCoast Bank, BankFive, and local financial advisor Bernard Taradash making the initial donations.

The City Council in 2019 approved the acceptance of the sculpture as a gift to the city.

Camara said about $150,000 has been raised so far and there is still an opportunity for someone to donate to the project.

Every donor's name, no matter how large or small the donation, will be engraved on the sculpture.

DURFEE FLORIDA SOUTHERN REUNION - CANCELLED

Rescheduled Class of 1965 - 57th Reunion

Sunday September 18, 2022 at The Cove Restaurant & Marina, 392 Davol St., Fall River MA • 12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm – Cost $35.00
September 16th, 2022 - Friday Night Social at the Belmont Club 7PM to 11:30PM • September 16, 2022 Golf, FRCC 12:00 Noon
Additional Information contact: Arlene Harnett 508 676-9393 or aharnett22@verizon.net

Class of 1966 Rescheduled their "55th reunion" (a year late)

September 24, 2022 at Rachel's Lakeside in Dartmouth 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm
If you have not received a reunion notice or need more information contact Pat Capone Souza at Pat610u@hotmail.com

Class of 1970 - 50th reunion

Sunday August 7, 2022 - Brunch 11 - 3 at The Cove Restaurant & Marina, 392 Davol Street, Fall River MA
Contact: Sue Goncalo Syde at s.syde@yahoo.com or Lorna Ponte Tomek at lornapt@gmail.com

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATION

Alumni, please take a moment to think about nominating a Durfee High School graduate for the Distinguished Alumni Award. There are many graduates that are eligible some you probably know. The Award recipient shall be an individual of commendable character and reputation who have attained preeminence in a profession or occupation or provided distinguished service in public, civic or charitable causes and graduated from B.M.C. Durfee High School or its predecessors twenty-five (25) years or more prior to the Annual Meeting. The Award shall be an engraved silver Paul Revere bowl which is presented at the Durfee Alumni Annual Meeting in May of each year. Nominees are responsible for all travel and accommodations expenses. You can find the nomination form on page 11 of the Chimes, please attach a resume, bio, any newspaper or magazine articles or any other information to assist the Distinguished Alumni Committee in making their selection.

Your help in this matter will be appreciated…….Durfee Alumni Association

FALL RIVER'S NEW B.M.C. DURFEE HIGH SCHOOL SEPT. 2021

The new B.M.C. Durfee High School opened September 2021. The students walked into floor to ceiling windows, new desks, and trips to a planetarium without leaving the building. "We are going to have a world-class facility for the students of Fall River for many generations to come," said Principal Matt Desmarais. "The spirit that is in this building already, the natural light, the energy, is really going to transform our school culture."

Desmarais said, unlike in the old building, every classroom in the new Durfee has windows that let in natural light. "This will be a game changer," he said. "It's very different from the cinder block airplane factory where we were for 40 years."

The ground floor is mostly shops and classrooms for the school's career and vocational tech program and fine arts classes, with oversized windows so passersby can peek in at the project's art students are working on. The school's culinary arts restaurant, rebranded as the Granite Grille, and the salon run by cosmetology students are next to a main entrance, meant to encourage community members to engage with students' work.

The new school has several highly specialized spaces, like a TV studio with all-new equipment for students learning TV production and a planetarium with movie theater seats situated below a massive screen shaped like half of a sphere, like the one found in Boston's Museum of Science. Desmarias said the planetarium will be a site for internal field trips for middle and elementary school students within the district.

Desmarais said even the traditional classrooms are all fully modernized. Each room is equipped with a Promethean board, an interactive screen that functions as a massive computer monitor, allowing teachers to display images from their computers and mark up the display with the touch screen function, and a few standing desks to accommodate students who might struggle to sit down through an entire class period. The library at Fall River's new B.M.C. Durfee High School features soaring ceilings and natural wood.

The bright new building has some details that tie it to the past, including reclaimed wooden beams and stair treads from the King Philip Mill. The observatory at the top of the building houses a historic telescope crafted in the 1880s that has been in the school's possession for more than one hundred years. There is also the belfry, where massive bronze bells that date back to the original Durfee building on Rock Street that have been supplemented with a few newly forged bells to create a full carillon. The building was opened without the auditorium being completed and a few of the construction and art classrooms being operational. Given the pandemic, it is amazing what was accomplished.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

By Skip Hochreich

Several years ago, a group of Vietnam veterans discussed the possibility of building a memorial in the eastern part of Massachusetts. In 2017 sixteen people got together to form the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Committee. Six are members of Westport, Massachusetts, Chapter 207: Joe Marshall, the committee chair, Joe Biszko, Harry Terrien, William Desmaris, Alan Silvia, and Justin Latini, the fundraising chair and the president of Chapter 207.

A local architect designed' an eighty percent replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and chose the general contractor. Fundraising began in 2018 and the committee decided on a site for the project, Bicentennial Park in Fall River. The Park contains a World War II Iwo Jima monument, along with one honoring those who have taken part in the Global War on Terrorism. It is located near Battleship Cove.

Once the needed permits were in place, the contractors were hired. Most of the labor and material were done at cost. Ground-breaking took place July 2, 2019. When COVID-19 hit fundraising became an issue. Lantini, the fundraising chair, said that, fortunately, significant donations already had come in with the aggressive fundraising campaign that had been conducted. The memorial's website continued to bring in money from sales of memorial pavers and prints of the official memorial painting, "Forgotten Heroes" by Brian Fox. Grant writer Nancy Bernier also secured contributions for the memorial, including state and federal funds. Committee Chair Joe Marshall effectively led the entire effort.

John Remedis from VVA Chapter 499 was designated the ambassador to the Wall Committee and helped organize many events the committee members held during the four-year project. Many younger veterans were very supportive and helped with fundraising and other activities. The dedication took place on May 15 under sunny skies. The Chapter 207 Honor Guard opened the ceremonies before a large audience. With a big-screen TV in the background and an excellent PA system, everyone was able to see and hear the speakers. VVA National Chaplain Fr. Phil Salois led the opening prayer. Guest speakers included retired Marine Corps Gen. Richard J. Neal and former war correspondent Morton D. Dean. Marshall thanked the construction crew and donors for their time and material needed for the immense project. Several elected officials were in attendance including Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and Fall River Mayor Paul Coogan. Seating was spaced in compliance with pandemic regulations. Congratulations to all involved in this undertaking. The result is a magnificent memorial that will be reviewed by generations to come.Chapter 207

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

by: Kristen Mello Gauvin Class of 1990

It has been another challenging, but exciting year here at Durfee. We opened the doors to our beautiful new facility in September all while watching our old school being torn down. It will be at least another year before the project is complete, but we are loving it so far.

A few years ago, one of my friends' mothers came by my house and recruited me to be on the alumni association's board. My neighbor Angie Gastall left me a note on my door. She probably knew how involved I am in Fall River and Durfee so it was an offer I couldn't refuse Since she is the reason I am on the board, I thought we could jump back to my senior year and catch up with a scholarship recipient from 1990.

Laurel Gastall Howe

Durfee Chimes: I can't say I don't know too rnuch about you since we have been friends for over 30 years but tell us about your time at Durfee.

Laurel Gastall Howe: Well, I was on the swim and track teams at Durfee and we certainly had a lot of fun. I am still friends with quite a few people I graduated with. We just had a 30th reunion this past summer at the Cove. It was great to catch up with old friends.

DC: it sure was. Although we have been friends for so long, work, kids, and life has gotten in the way, tell us a little bit about what you have been up to since the nineties.

LGH: After I graduated from Durfee, I went on to Pace University in New York to study accounting. I loved my time in that area. Actually, I never left. I have been living in Connecticut ever since. After graduation I went to work for KPMG which is in the top 3 accounting firms in the world, Their headquarters was in NYC but I worked out of the Stamford office. I became a senior manager for them and I worked on their largest client at the time, G.E. From there I went to work in private equity, until I retired.

DC: Well, you have done a few things in your "retirement"?

LGH: Yes, I met my husband Rob while we were both working in London. He is originally from Michigan but we decided to raise our family in Connecticut. We have three boys Colton who is almost 19, Luke is 16 and Chase is 12

DC: So you have been pretty busy.

LGH: They definitely keep me busy. But I did have an interior design and antique business until it got to be too much with the kids. It is something I can always go back to but I won't get the time back with my kids. Since then I have invested in rental properties in Connecticut and Newport so I manage those.

DC: I know that you have another interesting hobby. Can you tell us about that?

LGH: Around 2010, we bought a vacation home in Newport and I wanted to take a polo lesson. I grew up riding horses competitively but I had not ridden in 20 years. After the first lesson, I was hooked. I have been playing ever since. It is so fun and I have gotten to travel all over the world. Not so much in the past few years though.

DC: Where are some of the places you have travelled?

LGH: Chile, Morocco, Florida, Spain, Dubai, South Carolina and Argentina a few times.

DC: Wow! That sounds amazing.

LGH: Yes, it is great to be able to experience all these cultures. My son Luke plays now too so it is great that we can share that.

DC: Do you have your own horse?

LGH: Yes, his name is Samurai. He is in CT with us but in the summer, we take him to Newport.

DC: That is so interesting. I knew that you always rode before we got to high school but you were busy with sports at Durfee then. I guess all that is left is to tell us what you did with that scholarship from the Alumni Association. Do you remember the amount?

LGH: I do! it was $500 a semester for 4 years. It was a huge help. I got a full academic scholarship from Pace but we still had to pay for everything else like food, room and board and books. I used that money to buy my books every year. It really helped me. I worked all through high school doing the books at my father's bar, Pottersville Pub. And when I got to college, I worked three jobs. My work study was being the lifeguard at the pool at school. I had an internship at MBIA as a municipal bond insurer and I worked at Express in the mall. Oh, I also did the books for the Rye Art Gallery in Rye, NY once a month.

DC: That is pretty impressive. I knew that you were always a great student but doing all that while in college is amazing. I guess Durfee prepared you well.

LGH: Yes, I loved my time at Durfee. We have amazing memories and friendships.

DC: Durfee is a very special place. Thanks so much Lau.

DURFEE FUN FACTS!

• The telescope, fully assembled, weighs about 800 to 1200 pounds • The Observatory dome's diameter is 16' -6" and weighs approx. 4,000 lbs • The Planetarium dome weighs 3,250 lbs and has an inside diameter of 28' consisting of 57 perforated panelsto form a 180-degree viewable projection surface • Durfee will be the only public school in the country to have an official carillon • The biggest of Durfee's bells weighs approx. 2,700 lbs and is 52 inches in diameter at the widest part • The smallest bell is approx. 92 pounds and is 15 inches wide • In total, the bells weigh approx. 11,000 lbs (5.5 tons) • If you walk around the "Figure 8" on all three floors of the new school, you have walked approximately 5,580 feet, which is one football field further than 1 mile! • 247,055 linear feet of piping. That amount of piping laid end-to-end is enough piping to reach the top of Mt. Everest 6.5 times.

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