Verona High School Class of 1959: 50th Reunion Memories



October 24, 2009 In Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Verona High School Class of 1959 50th Reunion

1959 - 2009

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to all of the members of the Verona High School Class of 1959 who attended the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Verona High School, and to all of those students who, for whatever reason, were unable to attend this special celebration.

It is very unusual for anything to last 50 years in today's fast-paced society, but it was the lasting friendships, the extraordinary memories of growing up in Verona, and the many activities, experiences and associations that forged the bonds that made the Verona High Class of 1959 so special and unique. It was this bond, the many experiences and the lasting memories that drew so many members of the Class of 1959 back to celebrate their 50th Class Reunion.

This Memories Book is also dedicated to those who contributed to making the Verona High School experience so special - the teachers, advisors, administrators and parents who provided the necessary academic atmosphere, guidance and support to make learning a positive experience and fun.

Looking back 50 years can be a daunting and sometimes unpleasant experience, but it can also lead to a sense of appreciation for the many opportunities and experiences that were available in the 50s but are no longer available to young people today. We were blessed not to have been the captives of computers, electronic games, television and formalized programs competing for our attention and controlling our time, leaving us free to relax and enjoy the opportunities that came our way.

It was fitting that so many classmates, representing every aspect of high school life, every clique, every interest group, every segment of our unique and diverse class, would come together for one extraordinary night to exchange stories, memories and the good times in a spirit of fellowship, while ignoring the differences that may have been a barrier to friendship in high school.

This VHS Class of 1959 Memories Book is also dedicated to the VHS 59 Reunion Committee and their commitment to providing a Reunion experience that would be enjoyable and fun for all who attended; to Richard Camp for his leadership, to Bev Murphy DeCheser, for her undying enthusiasm and spirit, to Steve and Karen Stoneberg Buermann for their thoughtful contributions and record keeping, to Fred Johnson for providing the entertainment and making the sacrifice of driving from his home in the Washington DC area to attend meetings, to Rose Migliara for her always positive attitude, to Bruce Callahan for his tempering comments and hosting the VHS 59 Harry Tappen Golf Classic, and to John Keimel for helping provide the glue that kept us all working together. Let us not forget the efforts of the "ex officio" Committee Members, Marta Wright, Linda Askling and Steve Turro who always made their suggestions and ideas known from afar and remained in the decision making loop even though they were unable to be physically present at the Reunion Meetings. And a final dedication to Anne Shlionsky who provided her expertise in proof reading and editing this book. Thanks!

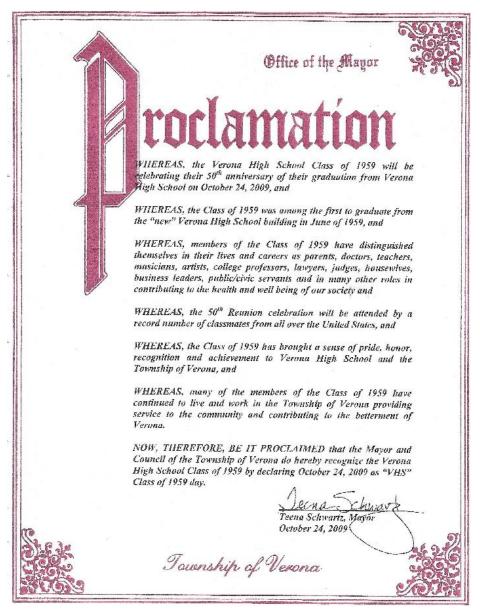
Let us all dedicate ourselves to use our time and talent to always treat others with respect, to provide help as we can, to enjoy life and have fun. And for those who are able, let's dedicate ourselves to get together again in 5 years to celebrate our 55th Verona High School Class graduation at another Class Reunion.

Prologue

Some 50 years ago a group of very diverse students graduated from Verona High School. The date of graduation was, Tuesday, June 23, 1909 and the number of graduating students was 170. The following day many headed for the Jersey shore to celebrate the end of an era of fun in high school and the beginning of the many adventures, challenges and successes that would come after high school.

Many of the members of the graduating class went on to college, some became housewives, others pursued careers, while others entered military service, and still others some other form of endeavor. However many of the members of the Class of 1959 retained fond memories of becoming educated while enjoying sports, music, clubs and other activities in and out of high school, and especially being a part of what was to become the Class of 1959 family.

As a tribute to this unique group of Verona High School graduates, the Mayor of the Township of Verona, Teena Schwartz, signed a proclamation declaring October 24th 2009 as "VHS Class of 1959 Day."



The Verona Mayor's Proclamation making October 24, 2009 VHS Class of 1959 Day

This Proclamation served as a kick off of a very special weekend for classmates in celebration of their graduation from high school in June, 1959 at their 50th Anniversary High School Reunion.

Two members of the Verona High School Class of 1959 Reunion Committee represented the Class by accepting the proclamation from Mayor Schwartz at the regular Council Meeting in early October, 2009.



Rose Migliara & Bev Murphy accept the Proclamation of October 24, 2009 as "VHS Class of 1959 Day" from Verona Township Mayor Teena Schwartz.

"What's past is prologue" from William Shakespeare's "Tempest", Act 2, Scene I seems to have significant meaning for the Verona High School Class of 1959. While the common interpretation of this quote tends to simply state that what happened in the past will determine present day events, when taken in its full context, "Wherefore what's past is prologue, what to come, is in yours and my discharge" it suggests the past is not just an automatic determinant of the future, but also that it is up to those who live life to determine what the future will be.

Clearly, the Class of 1959 not only had an outstanding past experience while growing up in Verona and attending Verona High School, but the uniqueness of the people in the class has led to sustained friendships and the molding of relationships that continue to produce fun class reunions and the potential for future events as long as our fellow classmates wish to enjoy them.

The uniqueness of the Class of 1959 has resulted in 50 years of significant success, accomplishment, fun and achievement for class members and has foretold that reunions would be continue to be enjoyable gatherings of friends, and that the 50th Class Reunion would be the most enjoyable and memorable of all.

Looking back at the activities of the VHS 59 50th Reunion weekend tends to confirm that the special high school experiences enjoyed by the Class of 1959 leading up to graduation in 1959 were prologue to a fun, memorable and enjoyable experience for all those who attended. This would also cause one to predict that the next reunion in 2014 will be just as much fun. I hope to see you all at the 55th Reunion of the Verona High School Class of 1959.

Dr. John T. Whiting, Class of 1959 Classmate

Introduction

The preparation for the Verona High School Class of 1959 50th Class Reunion began almost immediately following the 45th Class Reunion, not with routine meetings, but with the

members of the Reunion Committee making a commitment to try to encourage as many classmates as possible to join in this special celebration and to make the weekend as enjoyable as possible to justify the time, cost and travel many must make to attend.

In the past two years the Reunion Committee met at increasing intervals to identify the goals that needed to be met to ensure the success of the 50th Reunion. These meeting were not all work as the photos posted on the VHS Class of 1959 web site documented. The challenge the members faced was maintaining a balance between attending to business and having fun exchanging stories, the fellowship of classmates and a few adult beverages.



The VHS 59 Reunion Committee: John Whiting, Bruce Callahan, Rose Migliara, John Keimel, Karen Stoneberg, Steve Buermann, Fred Johnson and Rich Camp. Not shown Bev Murphy, Marta Wright, Linda Askling and Steve Turro

The work of the Reunion Committee was rewarded by the best attendance of any of our previous Class reunions and the involvement of so many classmates who made the decision to share in the fun associated with the 50th Reunion celebration. It was a record turnout and the best reunion ever. If classmates have an interest in a 55th Class Reunion, the VHS 59 Class Reunion Committee is ready to begin the planning required to make it another success, but not today!

The Plan for the Verona High School 50th Reunion Weekend

After a number of meetings the Reunion Committee developed a plan for the reunion weekend. The plan for the Verona High School 50th Reunion Weekend was developed based on the experience gained from the planning of the 40th and 45th Class Reunions and input provided by classmates. The following Itinerary was finally agreed to by the Committee.

VHS Class of 1959 - 50th Reunion Itinerary

Day	Planned Activity & Location	Additional Information
Hos	spitality suite is available at the Wilshire from Friday aftern (We hope to provide a stocked bar and mund	
Thurs., Oct. 22 7:00 pm	Primavera's Lounge Grand Wilshire Hotel Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange (Cash Bar)	Informal gathering for early arrivers Contact: <u>Bev DeCheser</u> Home: 973-615-2262 Cell: 973-615-2262
Friday, Oct. 23 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM	Golf – The Knoll Country Club Lake Hiawatha, NJ	Register online www.vhs59.com. Contact: Bruce Callahan John Whiting
Friday 4:00 PM	Gathering and Dinner - Laning Avenue Students Primavera's Lounge to honor Teacher Clementine Depetro	Laning Gathering Contacts: <u>Dave Wands</u> or <u>Justine Jorgenson</u>
Friday 7:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight	Informal Gathering - all VHS alumni are invited - Primavera's Lounge Grand Wilshire Hotel (Cash Bar)	Contact: <u>Bev DeCheser</u> Cell: 973-615-2262 Home: 973-325-9960
Sat., Oct 24 Morning & Afternoon Activities	1:00 pm VHS Football game @ home Tour High School after the game	VHS Football Game Contact: <u>Rich Camp</u> Phone: 973-239-0797
1:00 pm	Options: "Saturday morning will be at your leisure to visit the beautiful 9/11 Memorial (a must see) @ Eagle Rock Reservation or a stroll in Verona Park and perhaps a leisurely lunch. Those of interested in attending the VHS Football	Committee member Fred Johnson will be a guest in the hotel beginning on Thursday afternoon. If anyone has a question, call his room or Cell: 301-910-0438.
VHŞ Football Field	home game - we'll see you there. The Mayor and Council is giving a Proclamation at the game declaring "October 24, 2009 - VHS Class of 1959 Day".	
Sat., Oct. 24 7:00 PM - Midnight	VHS 1959 Class Reunion Dinner Celebration The Wilshire Grand Hotel - Tuscany Room Cost \$115 per person	Entertainment by Frankie & the Pack and VHS Classmates Contact: <u>Karen & Steve Buermann</u> Phone: 973-228-6287
Sun., Oct 25	Farewell to Classmates Check out time is 12:00 Noon	

Some classmates considering attending the Reunion lived nearby, while others would need to travel substantial distances to come. It was felt by the members of the Reunion Committee that there should be a variety of activities throughout the weekend that could be enjoyed by both the local residents and those from afar. This would not only add enjoyment to the reunion weekend and provide additional opportunities for fellowship but would also help justify the expense associated with traveling a long distance to attend.

Friday 50th Reunion Activities

The VHS 59 Harry Tappen Golf Classic

Some classmates felt it would be fun to gather for a round of golf on Friday, October 23 prior to the Reunion Cocktail Party. As a member of the Knoll East Golf Club, Bruce Callahan suggested his home course as a venue for the event. Besides being a fun loving member of the class, Harry Tappen was an avid golfer. It was decided that it would be an appropriate memorial to Harry to name the golf event as a tribute to his sense of humor and the contributions he made to the class, both during high school and following graduation.

Initially 10 classmates were scheduled to play but circumstances resulted in a reduction in that number to seven. Competing golfers included Bruce Callahan, Steve Turro, Allen Hunter, Richard Carroll, Bill Flavell, Cliff DeMichele and Carl Esser.



Left to Right: Allen Hunter, Steve Turro, Richard Carroll, Bill Flavell and Bruce Callahan

In spite of cool weather and a damp golf course the VHS 59 golfers were able to distinguish themselves on the golf course. The best score turned for the day was a 78 by Bill Flavell, with the others scoring in the 80s and low 90s.

A fun day on the golf course was enjoyed by all of the players with Bill Flavell being the recipient of the first VHS 59 Harry Tappen Golf Classic trophy, said to have been an adult beverage of his choice.

The 2nd VHS 59 Harry Tappen Golf Classic is already being planned for the 55th Class Reunion in 2014 with the hope that more classmates will join in.

Laning Avenue Graduates Honor their Teacher, Clementine DePetro

A number of VHS 59 graduates took the opportunity provided by the 50th Class Reunion to honor one of their favorite grammar school teachers, Ms. Clementine DePetro. This event was scheduled for the late afternoon on Friday, October 23rd leading to a dinner at the Primavera Lounge in the Wilshire Grand Hotel, the home base for the reunion.



Louise Lederer, Ms. Clementine DePetro and Justine Jorgensen

The opportunity to honor a teacher that had an impact on so many people made the VHS Class of 1959 50th Reunion that much more special for those Laning Ave School students who were her students. The gathering at the Primavera Lounge on Friday provided her students with the opportunity to give something back to her, their appreciation for her influence as a teacher and ultimately, her friendship.

It is interesting to note that even though the event was scheduled to honor past teacher Clementine DePetro, the members of her class were so anxious to get in the photo below submitted by David Wands that poor Ms. DePetro can barely be seen.



Laning Avenue School students honor past teacher Clementine DePetro at the 50th 1959 Class Reunion

Additional Photographs of the Gathering to Honor Ms DePetro

Classmates were asked to contribute photographs of the 50th Reunion Weekend. The following photos were contributed by David Wands.



Mike and Fred exchange pleasantries with the guest of honor, Ms DePetro



Louise, John, Justine, Gerald & Bob smile for the "birdie"



Anne says, "Hey guys will you stand still while I take a picture?"

Some of our classmates really enjoy anyone with a camera. Can you guess who?



Louise, Gerald and Justine smile for the camera.



"Should we let Dave take another picture of us?" YOU BET!

The Gathering of VHS 59 Classmates for a Cocktail Party at the Primavera Lounge

The first "general" gathering of Class of 1959 Classmates was at the Primavera Lounge at the Grand Wilshire Hotel Friday evening. The event began for some with a casual dinner of friends, and the arrival of others who dropped in to say "hello", eyeball their classmates, see if they could recall the name that belonged to the face, and to begin the celebration of the 50th Reunion weekend.



Steve Turro, Janet Loding, Bill Flavell, Anne Shlionsky, Ann Sutton, Greg Kahn, Louise Lederer, Lynn Opdyke, Fred Johnson, Betsy Gerberg and spouses

The evening featured a lot of stories about the high school days at VHS, updates on what classmates have been doing since graduation, dancing and a few adult beverages. Some classmates were present who had not planned on attending the Saturday 50th Reunion Dinner as well as other VHS graduates from other classes.



Friends kick off the weekend including Karen Stoneberg, Steve Buermann, John Whiting & Anne Shlionsky



John Miscia, Steve Turro, Bev Murphy, Betty Ooms, Donna Maroot, Fred Johnson, Andrea Deso & John Ackerman

The Saturday VHS Class of 1959 50th Reunion Dinner

The evening began with the gathering of classmates for a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 in the Tuscany Room of the Wilshire Grand Hotel. The room was set up with the cocktail area located on an elevated portion of the room, with tables set up around the large dance floor. As classmates arrived they were greeted by two presentations, one to the right of the entertainment area featuring old photographs of classmates, school activities and related subjects, the other a photo slide show that included pictures taken of the 40th and 45th VHS Class of 1959 Reunions. These presentations continued all evening to allow classmates the opportunity to enjoy memories of the past and share comments about them with their fellow classmates.

Taking of the VHS Class of 1959 Photograph

Following the cocktail hour the first order of business was to take a Class of 1959 group photograph. This required all classmates to assemble outside of the Tuscany Room on a staircase that was able to accommodate the many classmates in attendance and allow them to be seen in the photograph. The effort to get everyone organized for this photograph required a number of "takes," but finally a picture was taken that captured the entire group of VHS 1959 classmates.

The first attempt below failed because some classmates arrived late making it necessary to take a second shot.



Class photograph attempt #1. Woops, not everyone is here yet.

The second attempt below failed because some additional classmates arrived during the photos, again making it necessary to take a third photograph.



Class photograph attempt #2. Classmates are still arriving for the photo.

The third attempt below produced a pretty good photo, but the photographer was not in the picture and some were not looking at the camera so one last attempt was made.



Class photograph attempt #3. Not bad, but some were not looking at the camera and where's the photographer?

Finally, with the patience of the Hotel Management growing thin and classmates getting tired of smiling, the photograph below was taken which produced a good record of the 50th Reunion attendees. Those in the photograph are noted in the list below the photograph.



Kneeling Row 1: John Whiting, Janet Loding, Maureen Curley, Marta Wright, Andrea Deso — Kneeling Row 2: Carol Spitzmiller, David Morgan, Louise Lederer, Gordon Friedman, Fred Johnson, Bob Hess, Marilyn Seymour, Donna Maroot, Dave Wands — Standing Row 1: Justine Christofferson, Barbara Berke, Pat Stager, Cathy Smith, Betsy Gerberg, John Beierle, Bettie Barth, Marilyn Hauck, Louis Martorelli, Rose Migliara, Don Greco, Dorothy Intile, Justine Jorgensen, Karen Stoneberg, Florence Goldberg, Richard Camp, Rose Wurgaft, Mike Garlock, Richard Fischer — Standing Row 2: Carol Ann Wood, Lynn Opdyke, Victor Cestone, Virginia Linneman, Sharon Pechenik, Ed Coad, John Keimel, Loretta Benaquista, Bob Lange, John Flicker, Ted Suess, Gloria Graman, Keith Peterson, Allen Hunter — Standing Row 3: Bev Murphy, Ann Sutton, Nancy Bristol, Blake Kirby, Virginia Davenport, Guy Vanderhoof, Linda Askling, Barbara Swenson, Gaye Harrison, Paul Jennings, Ann Major, Bruce Callahan, Mike Lombardi, Sherman Corwin, Cliff DeMichele, Steve Buermann — Standing Row 4: Anne Shlionsky, Steve Turro, Ed Skibiak, Greg Kahn, Richard Carroll, John Shankland, Tom Ruck, Jack De Matteis, Eugene Sheninger, John Ackerman, Tom Towne, David Levy, George Dente, Bill Flavell, Carl Esser.

The VHS Class of 1959 50th Reunion Entertainment

The entertainment area was set up opposite the entrance to the Tuscany Room. The evening of entertainment was kicked off by a band called "Frankie and the Pack" which had prepared music highlighting tunes from the 50s. The band was sponsored by classmate Fred Johnson.



Classmate Guy Vanderhoof entertains his classmates with a few songs from the 1950s

Classmate Guy Vanderhoof, who introduced his talent at the 45th reunion, performed a number of 50s songs for those in attendance. As a special treat, Guy changed the lyrics to the popular era song "In that 57 ford with You" by inserting references to the time spent in Verona and Verona High School. The retooled lyrics are as presented below:

In that 57 Ford with You

Well, things have changed since I left here in 1962

The guys don't hang at the Acres, Like they used to do

No more chicks at the candy store, Drinkin' cherry cola 'til noon

But the thing I'm really missin' Is that 57 Ford and You

We used to Cruise up to the Castle, Hanging out 'til late at night
All the guy's would wash their cars, Getting' ready for Saturday night
No one seems to be doin' the things we used to do
On days like this I really miss That 57 Ford and You

Now we'd cruise in that 57, We drove thru town with the windows down And Chuck Berry on the radio, Me and You in that 57

Oh, drivin' around, a'shakin' the ground, In that 57 Ford with You

I been sittin' here on this park bench, With nothin' left to do
Making out in Verona Theatre, Those old thoughts make me blue
All of a sudden the ground is shakin, And is what I'm hearin' true
Comin, down old Bloomfield Ave, Is that 57 Ford and You

Let's go cruise in that 57, We'll go thru town with the windows down And Chuck Berry on the radio, e and You in that 57

Drivin' around, a'shakin' the ground, In that 57 Ford with You

Honey, drivin' around, and shakin' the ground, In that 57 Ford with You.

The VHS Class of 1959 50th Table Photographs

Following the Cocktail Hour classmates moved into the main part of the Tuscany Room at the Wilshire Grand Hotel to select one of the tables that surrounded the large dance floor in the middle of the room and join classmates for dinner.

During dinner classmates could view a PowerPoint Presentation created by Bev Murphy to the right of the band which featured old photos of Verona, the schools attended and of classmates as they grew up in Verona and went through the school system. To the left of the band was another photo slide show presentation created by John Whiting which included photographs of the 40th and 45th VHS Class of 1959 Reunions and some vintage photographs of classmates in kindergarten, 4th grade and 8th grade. Both of these presentations ran continuously to allow classmates to view them at their leisure and enjoy the memories.

While classmates enjoyed dinner and the entertainment, photographs were taken of classmates at each of the tables surrounding the dance floor. Those photographs are presented on the following pages.



<u>Front Row:</u> Dave Wands, Tom Towne, John Flicker, and Spouses <u>Back Row</u>: Bob Hess, Steve Turro, Ed Skibiak, and Spouses



<u>Front Row:</u> Louise Lederer, Richard Camp, Lynn Opdyke, and Spouses <u>Back Row:</u> Janet Loding, Janet's Spouse, Greg Kahn, Ann Sutton, Virginia Davenport, and Ted Suess



<u>Front Row:</u> Rose Wurgaft, Florence Goldberg, Carl Esser, Justine Seymour, Linda Askling, and Rose Migliara <u>Back</u> <u>Row:</u> Nancy Bristol, Sharon Pechenik, Allen Hunter, Allen's Spouse, and Louis Martorelli



<u>Front Row:</u> Buffy Whiting, Bill Flavell, Betsy Gerberg, and George Dente <u>Back Row</u>: John Whiting, Tom Ruck, Anne Shlionsky, Steve Buermann, and Karen Stoneberg



<u>Front Row</u>: Virginia Linneman, Barbara Swenson, Justine Jorgensen, and Spouses <u>Back Row</u>: Guy Vanderhoof, Jack De Matteis, Sherman Corwin, Donna Maroot and Keith Peterson



Front Row: Spouses Back Row: Bob Lange, Fred Johnson, John Keimel and John Ackerman



<u>Front Row</u>: Mike Lombardi, Paul Jennings and Bruce Callahan's Spouse <u>Back Row</u>: Victor Cestone, Cliff DeMichele's Spouse, Cliff DeMichele, Richard Carroll, and Bruce Callahan



<u>Front Row</u>: Carol Ann Wood, Gaye Harrison, Bev Murphy, Andrea Deso, and Maureen Curley <u>Back Row</u>: Richard Fischer, John Beierle, Marta Wright, and Spouses



<u>Front Row:</u> Gordon Friedman, Harvey Pearlman, Cathy Smith, Victor Cestone, Loretta Benaquista, and Spouses <u>Back Row:</u> Spouse, Mike Garlock, Richard Fischer, and David Morgan



<u>Front Row</u>: Spouse, Gene Sheninger, Loretta Benaquista, Cathy Smith, and Dorothy Intile <u>Back Row</u>: Gloria Graham, David Levy, Ann Major, John Beierle, and Spouses



<u>Front Row</u>: Friend, Marilyn Hauck, Bettie Barth, and Barbara Berke <u>Back Row</u>: Don Greco, Carol Spitzmiller, Nancy Bristol, and Justine Christofferson and Spouse

Additional Photographs of the VHS Class of 1959 50th Reunion Dinner

Some members of the VHS Class of 1959 submitted photographs of the 50th Reunion Dinner for this book. The photos below were contributed by Bev Murphy.



Carol Ann Wood and Gaye Harrison take a break from the fun for a photo



John says, "I'm concerned about the stock market recovery, what do you think, Cliff?"



I doubt that Andrea Deso and Marta Wright were discussing the stock market.



Mike Lombardi says, "We should have a class reunion every weekend" Maureen Curley says, "Why not?"



... "and what do you think about the stock market, Dick?" asks John Beierle. Richard Fisher says, "Not much."



John says, "If no one wants to talk about stocks, I'm going to dance with Rose."

VHS Class of 1959 Group Class Photos for the 40th and 45th Reunions

The VHS Class of 1959 always enjoyed their class reunions. The following photos help remember some of the fun Class of 1959 Reunions of the past.

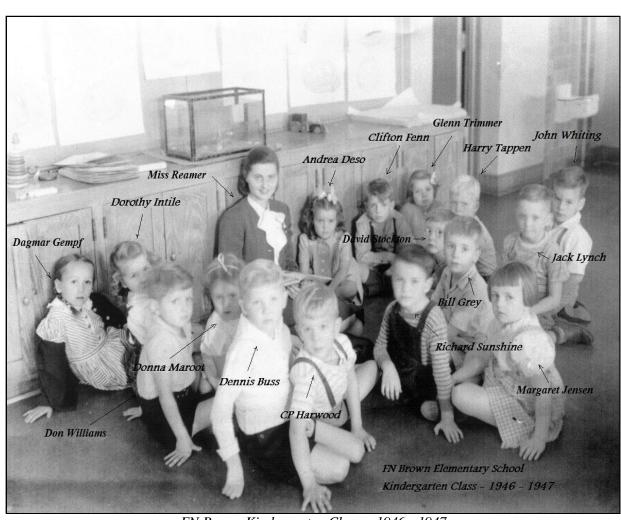


The VHS Class of 1959 45th Class Reunion Attendees



VHS Class of 1959 40th Reunion Class Photo

VHS Class of 1959 Photographs from the Past



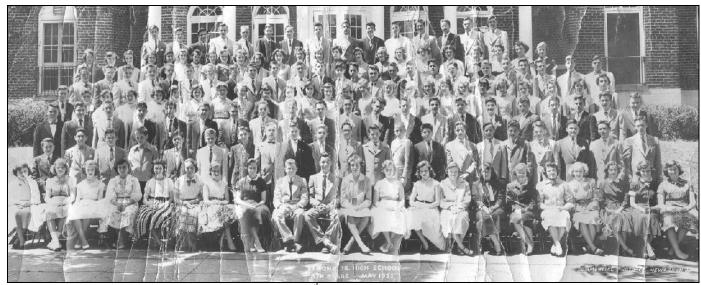
FN Brown Kindergarten Class – 1946 - 1947



Laning Ave School Kindergarten Class – 1946 - 1947



Laning Avenue 4th Grade Class Photo – 1950 - 1951



VHS Class of 1959 8th Grade Photograph – 1954 -1955

VHS Class of 1959 Individual Profiles

One of the desires of the VHS Class of 1959 Reunion Committee was to gather information regarding the activities of classmates since graduation from high school. To accomplish this goal a survey form was provided to classmates at the 50th Reunion and online at the VHS Class of 1959 web site, www.vhs59.com.

A number of classmates provided information using this form. That information is provided below.

VHS Class of 1959 50th Reunion - Classmate Attendees and Profiles

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Profession:

Pipe liner

Raises and shows Quarter hor Horse Show management Married/Relationship: Carl Spouse's Profession: teach Children: daughter Carla Grandchildren: one Caider

Askling, Linda



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Married/Relationship: -

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Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

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Education: Berkeley Secretarial School

<u>Profession</u>: Secretary/Treasurer of ALCOE Communications, Inc. a family business

Married/Relationship: - Coe (deceased)

Spouse's Profession: - Electrical Contractor

Children: - Cynthia, Scott

Grandchildren: - Bradley, Dylan, Casey, Taylor

Accomplishments: - 37 as office manager along with husband and son. We specialize in voice & data installations, electrical and have 12 employees.

Beierle, John



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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

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Accomplishments: -

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Married/Relationship: - Divorced

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: - 2 sons, 2 daughters

Grandchildren: - No

Accomplishments: - Published 2 books and 37 articles in national professional nagazines. A marathoner and triathlete. Completed London, Boston, NYC, Toronto, Tow Path, Philadelphia, NJ Shore, Newsday narathons. Will compete in my 9th narathon (26.2 miles) in Vienna City Marathon in April. Visit my web site at www.drbarbaraellicott.com.

Bristol, Nancy



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Education: Fordham University – Masters in Social Work

Profession: Early Childhood Education Social Work

Married/Relationship: - No

Spouse's Profession: - NA

Children: - 2 Judith & Stephen

Grandchildren: - Alex, Katelyn, Jake & Grant

Accomplishments: - Started a training program for therapists in 1990 which is still on-going.

Steve Buermann



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Accomplishments: -

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Married/Relationship: - Carolyn

Spouse's Profession: - High School English Teacher

Children: - Sarah

Grandchildren: - Cecilia Rosemary bom January 6, 2009

Accomplishments: - worked as a consultant with NJ Department of Corrections to update heir high school curriculum for juvenile

Bruce Callahan



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Married/Relationship: - Elaine

Spouse's Profession: - Elementary School Teacher

Children: - Sean, Bradley, Tara

Grandchildren: - Ryan, Nicole, Joey, Ben, Fmma

Accomplishments: - Morris County's Volunteer Program, Volunteer of the Year 2008, at the Morris View Nursing Home

Camp, Richard



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Married/Relationship: - Barbara

Spouse's Profession: - Youth Minister at DLL Church

Children: - Laura, Julie, David

Grandchildren: - 2 boys and 1 Girl

Accomplishments: - Served on the VHS Class of 1959 Reunion Committee helping to produce a great 50th Class Reunion

Carroll, Richard



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Married/Relationship: - Diane

Spouse's Profession: - Bank Officer/CFO

Children: - Rich, Marci, Tracy, Lauren

Grandchildren: - Alyssa, Madi, Rebecka, Ryan, Cole, Emily, Ella

Accomplishments: - Founded company and built it to a worldwide leader in metal roofing nnovation and technology.

Alumni Award for Business from Delaware Valley College, DVC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Cestone, Victor



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Sugar Mountain West

Bushkill, PA 18324

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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Christofferson, Justine



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Education: Berkeley Secretarial School

Profession: Church secretary

Medical transcriptionists - Neurology

Married/Relationship: - Sanford (Sandy)

<u>Spouse's Profession</u>: - Executive Officer, New Jersey State Firemen's Association

Children: - Cheryl, Donna, Laurie, David

Grandchildren: - Victoria, Kara, Larissa, Logan

Accomplishments: -

Coad, Edward



Contact Information: 12530 South Locust Street Olathe, KS 66062 913-379-9184

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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Corwin, Sherman



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e-mail: -

Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Curley, Maureen



Contact Information: 2940 Dearborn Lane York, PA 17402 717-755-4969

e-mail: - eggerje@verizon.net

Education: Green Mountain College/Business
- Susquehanna University

Profession:

Married/Relationship: - Jerry

Spouse's Profession: - Systems Analyst -Caterpillar Tractor

Children: - Stacey, Craig, Allison

<u>Grandchildren</u>: - Kyle, Ryan, Haley, Brayden, Jasie, Luka

Accomplishments: - Proud of raising 3 children who all attended college and are working and raising children.

Other. Allison's move to Oregon caused us to experience the western United States

Davenport, Virginia



Contact Information: 4401 Bellwood Lane Charlotte, NC 28270 704-846-4856

e-mail: - wccapps@worldnet.att.net

Education: Pennsylvania State University

Profession: Director of an After School Enrichment Program with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools

Married/Relationship: - Bill

Spouse's Profession: - Sales

Children: - 2 girls

Grandchildren: - None

Accomplishments: - Hiked the Austrian Alps in '07 with HF Holidays out of England. Director of a CMS After School Enrichment Program for 10 years. 100 Children, staff of 9. Great fun! Bill and I are traveling as much as we can and go out to Wyoming.

DeMatteis, John



Contact Information: 8 Dalewood road Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 973-239-0384

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Education: Upsala College, Lincoln Technical School

<u>Profession</u>: Owned & operated Jacks Service Station

Married/Relationship: - Ann

Spouse's Profession: - bookkeeper

Children: - Lisa, James & Karen

Grandchildren: - Triplets Johnna, Brianna, Nicolas

Accomplishments: - Recently retired - purchased home in Florida to spend winters & vacation.

DeMichele, Cliff



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e-mail: - cdemicheleir@yahoo.com

Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Dente, George



Contact Information: 50 Kent Drive Roseland, NJ 07068 973-228-9628

e-mail: - georgedente@comcast.net

Education: Fairleigh Dickenson University BA

Profession: Menswear specialist, custom clothing, shirts

Married/Relationship: - No

Constant No.

Spouse's Profession: - No

Children: - No

Grandchildren: - No

Accomplishments: - Owner of Bragg & Son for 18 years

Deso, Andrea



Contact Information: 8788 Allen Drive Alliance, OH 44601 330-935-2779

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Education: Averett College, Associate
Science

Science
Profession: Housewife
Married/Relationship: - Carl
Spouse's Profession: - Mechanical engineer
Children: - Caren, Carl III, Steven
Grandchildren: - Caitlin, John, David, Daniel
Accomplishments: -

Karen Drehmann

No Photo

Contact Information: Crestwood Acres Farm 13905 Arch Street Pike Little Rock, AR 72206 501-888-3620

e-mail: - karendhodge@hotmail.com <u>Education</u>: Green Mountain Jr. College

<u>Profession</u>: Stewardess, trained thoroughbred race horses professionally, worked for Slick Willie Clinton for 11 years

Married/Relationship: - No Spouse's Profession: -

Children: - Heller, Paul, Jr, Kara

Grandchildren: - No

Accomplishments: - Hunted antelope in Africa & Namibia several times. Fished everywhere. (ONLY Hated Duck Hunting. Have done a Liquor Store or wo...forever...and...Pitt Bull Rescue. I have ruly been blessed by the powers that be!!

Esser, Carl



Contact Information: 10 Haddon Place Ft. Washington, PA 19034 215-643-1597

e-mail: - cesser@reedsmith.com

Education: Princeton University, University of Michigan law School

Profession: law

Married/Relationship: - Barbara

Spouse's Profession: - school teacher

Children: - 1 girl, 2 boys

Grandchildren: - Harmony, Theo

Accomplishments: - Graduated VHS 59!

Fischer, Richard



Contact Information: 5250 Old School Road Pleasanton, CA 94566 925-248-5067

e-mail: - RichardFischer1@comcast.net Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Flavell, William



Contact Information: 109 Spyglass Drive Blue Belle, PA 19422 610-278-8673

e-mail: - flavel156@ao1.com

Education: University of Rochester - ROTC Scholarship

Profession: Navy Pilot, 5 years Investment Business, 30 years Printing Industry - book manufacturing

Married/Relationship: - Betsy

Spouse's Profession: - Housewife

Children: - Debbie O'Cull, Lynne

Grandchildren: - No

Accomplishments: - Retired since 2003

Flicker, John



Contact Information: 16 Chestnut Rd. Verona, NJ 07044 973-239-2985

e-mail: - johnflicker@verizon.net

Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Friedman, Gordan



Contact Information: 1861 East Glenwood Springfield, MO 65804 417-881-5128

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Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Garlock, Michael



Contact Information:

Four Seasons 17 Porchester Jackson, NJ 08527

732-928-9571
e-mail: - garlocks@optonline.net

Education: Lafayette College, Fairleigh Dickinson University MBA

Profession: 36 years in Banking

Married/Relationship: - Ilene

Spouse's Profession: - Teacher

Children: - Jonathan, Jeremy

Grandchildren: - James, Jocelyn

Accomplishments: - 1st Lieutenant US Army Infantry Retired

Gerberg, Betsy



Contact Information: 109 Spyglass Drive Blue Belle, PA 19422 610-278-8673

e-mail: - flavel156@ao1.com

Education: Mary Washington College, Berklee School

<u>Profession</u>: Exec Assistant Advertising, Business Manager, Trade Publication for Steel Industry

Married/Relationship: - Bill Flavell

Spouse's Profession: - Navy Pilot, Printing & Publishing Executive & President

Children: - Debbie O'Cull, Lynne

Grandchildren: - No

Accomplishments: - many years of volunteer work - hospital & church

Goldberg Florence



Contact Information: 105 Roseland Ave. Unit 1502 Caldwell, NJ 07006 973-441-8138

e-mail: - ernieschu@aol.com

Education: Trenton State College

Profession: Education - taught on various levels, managed educational office.

Married/Relationship: - Emie

Spouse's Profession: - Education, video production

Children: - Howard, Gail

Grandchildren: - Austin, Jesse, Cate, Jack

Accomplishments: - Helped many, many students to achieve their academic goals.

Graf, Elmer



Contact Information:

84 Forest Ave.

Verona, NJ 07044

973-239-2916

e-mail: - ewg1940@aol.com

Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Graman Gloria



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Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Greco, Don



Contact Information: 992 Vista Way Chula Vista, CA 91911 619-850-3920

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Education: BA - Studio Arts/Architecture

BS - Architecture

Profession: US Air Force, Officer Commissioning, Resident Potter, San Antonio Schools Discovery, Design Architect, U of Minnesota Facilities, Administrator, Minneapolis Schools Potter's House; Design Architect, Lotte World, Soeul Korea; Architect, Long Beach Navy Yard; Grasnt Writer, LB Gay & Lesbian Center, Poetry & Art Gallery; Project Manger, San Diego City Schools, Resident Potter, McConville Nudist Community.

Married/Relationship: - Efrain Novelo 17 years Partner

> Spouse's Profession: -Artist/Sculptor/Printmaker

Children: - 2 girls, previous 22 year marriage

Grandchildren: - 4 boys, 9 girls, 2 due in January/March 2010

Harrison, Gaye



Contact Information: 19649 Vintage Trace Circle fort Myers, Florida 33967 239-267-8029

e-mail: - birdies4u@comcst.net

Education: Berkeley Secretarial School

Profession: Secretary, Volunteer, Mother

Married/Relationship: - Chris

Spouse's Profession: - Production, marketing and sales with Scott Paper Company

Children: - Todd, Stephanie

Grandchildren: - Kendal, Remy, Grant, Gavin

Accomplishments: - I wish!

Hauck, Marilyn



Contact Information: 103 Longwood Drive Mechanicsville, PA 17050 717-691-8172

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Education: County College of Morris - AA

Profession: Office Administration

Married/Relationship: - Jack

Spouse's Profession: - landscape contractor

Children: - Susan, Christine

Grandchildren: - Susan, Christian, Tyler,

Twins: Danny, Tommy

Accomplishments: - Proud of raising 2 daughters who are now successful. Love to travel - especially cruises.

Hess, Robert



Contact Information: 579 Remora Drive Fripp Island, SC 29920 843-838-4281

e-mail: - hessbeach@embarqmail.com

Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Hunter, Allen



Contact Information: 23946 Vintage Trace Circle Folsom, CA 95630 916-353-0778

e-mail: - dhunter@bancinsure.com

Education: Nichols College, BBA, Dean's List

Profession: Insurance - corporate & legal

Married/Relationship: - Deborah

Spouse's Profession: - Insurance - corporate

Children: - Douglas, Caroline

Grandchildren: - Hannah, grandson on the way

Accomplishments: - Subject in a book about young management, attainments, philosophy, goals and aspirations. My Special Risk Division selected to underwrite & administer the 1980 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Intile, Dorothy



Contact Information: 20 Holiday Drive Hopatcong, NJ 07843 073-398-3705

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Education: No

Profession: House wife

Married/Relationship: - Sal

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: - Theresa, Valerie, Elizabeth

Grandchildren: - Dennis, Matthew, Christin, Nicholas, Anthony

Jennings, Paul



Contact Information: 92 Durrell Street Verona, NJ 07044 973-334-9720

e-mail: -

Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Johnson, Fred



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2 Bethany Court

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301-948-1643

 $\underline{e\text{-}mail}\text{: -fredanddonna@comcast.net}$

Education:

Profession: Real Estate

Married/Relationship: - Donna

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Jorgensen, Justine



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Education: St. Vincent's Hospital, Montclair, NJ

Profession: Nurse, Newborn Nursery & Doctor's Office

Married/Relationship: - John

Spouse's Profession: - Officer US Navy Civil Engineer Corps

Children: - Karen, John, Amy

Grandchildren: - Robert, Ross, Gunnar, Carson, Connor

Kahn, Greg



Contact Information: 9 Upperfield Rd. Morristown, NJ 07960

e-mail: - agkahn9@aol.com <u>Education</u>:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Keimel, John



Contact Information: 8708 Manderston Court Fort Myers, FL 33912 973-670-2727

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Education:

Profession: Fiber optic technician for Verizon Corp

Married/Relationship: - Alice

Spouse's Profession: - Real Estate, author & Planning Board

<u>Children</u>: - Rod, John, Jill Seth, Evan, Blaine, Robyn

Grandchildren: - Alex, Anna, Gregor, Connor, Brianne, Will, Tori, Alex, Gianna

Accomplishments: - Played soccer in Scotland, Ireland & England. Alice is the author of "You Can Get There From Here"

Kirby, Blake



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e-mail: - lbg3953@webtv.net

Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Lange, Robert



Contact Information: 14 Dalewood Rd. West Caldwell, NJ 07006 973-228-3562

e-mail: -

Education: Fairleigh Dickinson University -Professional Engineer

<u>Profession</u>: Aerospace – guidance systems from deep water to outer space

Married/Relationship: - Louise

Spouse's Profession: - Administrative

Children: - No

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Lederer, Louise



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Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Levy, David



Contact Information: 622 Greenwich Street 4 – F New York, NY 10014-3305

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Education: Harvard College, AB, Harvard Medical School, MD

Profession: Physician (neurologist)

Married/Relationship: - Ellen

Spouse's Profession: - Visual artist

Children: - No

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: - First physician to use the only approved drug for acute stroke (t-PA) in its first NIH study. Developed prognostic decision trees to identify comatose patients most (or least) likely to recover. Successfully battled the NYC Transit Authority over plans for the 63rd Street Subway.

Linneman, Virginia



Contact Information: 54073 Flycatcher Court Fort Mills, SC 29707 803-547-7789

e-mail: - unclechunkie@aol.com Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Loding, Janet



Contact Information: 8424 West Behrend Drive Peoria, AZ 85382 623-566-5874

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Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Lombardi, Michael



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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Major, Ann



Contact Information: 40 Lake Shore Drive Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034 973-334-9720

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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Maroot, Donna



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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Martorelli, Louis



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Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Migliara, Rosemarie



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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Morgan, David



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<u>Education</u>: Swarthmore College, BA, Washington University, MA

<u>Profession</u>: Professor of Philosophy, University of Northern Iowa

Married/Relationship: - Carol

Spouse's Profession: - Taught British histor and Humanities at University of Northern Iowa

Children: - No

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Murphy, Beverly



Contact Information:

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e-mail: -

Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Ooms, Elizabeth



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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Pechenik, Sharon



Contact Information: 1511 North Adams Street Wilmington, DE 19806

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Education: Syracuse University, BA, MA

Profession: Teacher, Regional Director for Planned Parenthood, CEO of PP of DE

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: - Stacy, Sean, Suzanne

Grandchildren: - Emily, Molly

Accomplishments: - CEO of a state wide not for profit organization. "Definitely a 6 dog person"

Pearlman, Harvey



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Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Peterson, Keith



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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Ravitz, Gerald



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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Ruck, Thomas



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Education: Newark College of Engineering BS MS

Profession: AICHE

Married/Relationship: - Peggy

Spouse's Profession: - Elementary School Teacher

Children: - Kristine, Kevin, Tom

Grandchildren: - Katie, Bella, Tommy, Brady

Accomplishments: - Still playing in tennis ournaments and USTA leagues

Seymour, Justine



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 $\underline{e\text{-}mail}{:} - justine vincent@comcast.net$

Education:

Profession:

Married/Relationship: - Widow (Ray)

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: - Mary, Colleen, Monica, Susan, Raymond, Kevin, Joey

Grandchildren: - Katie, Megan, Michaela, Tatum, Holly, Addison, Michael, Scott, Aidan

Accomplishments: -

Shankland, John



Contact Information: 260 Main Street Little Falls, NJ 07424-1354 973-890-3166

e-mail: - jackshankland@aol.com

Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Sheninger, Eugene



Contact Information: 332 Split Rock Rd. Boonton, NJ 07005 973-299-9785

e-mail: - esheninger@optonline.net

Education: BSCE -- Newark College of Engineering

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MSCE -- Lehigh University

Profession: 5 years with Bell Labs, 5 years with an international software/hardware company, 12 years with AT&T managing a software development group of 300 programmers, 10 years as COO of an armored car company, 10 years retired as a sheep farmer and sheepdog/handler trainer.

Married/Relationship: - Lynn

<u>Spouse's Profession</u>: - Former Lucent systems analyst, now retired.

Children: - Rick currently working in Atlanta, Beth, just finished her degree from Springfield College in elementary education, Lauren, finishing her degree this semester at University of Rhode Island in Political Science

Grandchildren: - Jarrod

Shlionsky, Anne



Contact Information: 2618 White Oak Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48103 734-665-9304

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Education: Wells College, BA, Stanford University MA, University of Michigan MA Linguistics

Profession: High school teacher of French and English in California and Michigan. Instructor of French and English as a Second Language at the Univ. of Michigan, then at Eastern Michigan University. At 50 changed career to that of medical transcriptionist at the U of M Hospital. Now retired.

Married/Relationship: - Peter

Spouse's Profession: - Professor of French and Applied Linguistics

Children: - Jenny

Grandchildren: - No

Accomplishments: - Wrote an ESL textbook published under my middle name, Lindell), he first volume of which was co-authored with my husband and published by the Univ. of Michigan Press. Twice spent the academic rear in Aix-en-Provence, France, which helped me keep up with French language

Skibiak, Edward



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North Caldwell, NJ 08006

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Education:

Profession: Dentist

Married/Relationship: Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Smith, Cathy



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Education:

<u>ofession</u>: Real Estate. Won many awards ing property for a developer in New Jersey

Married/Relationship: - widow

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: - Denise, Dana Lyn

Grandchildren: - No

omplishments: - Daughter Denise wrote a k and had it published and Dana Lyn is an intor and is presently working for a sufacturer.

Spitzmiller, Carol



Contact Information: 149 Meriden Rd. Boonton, NJ 07005 973-335-4049

e-mail: -Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Stager, Pat



Contact Information: 109 Kingfisher Circle Weems, VA 22576 804-436-0063

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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Stoneberg, Karen



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Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Suess, Ted



Contact Information: 60 Cassin Hill Drive Gamet Valley, PA 19060 610-558-0060

e-mail: - tedsuess@verizon.net

Education: Dartmouth College BA, MBA Finance

Profession: Finance

Married/Relationship: - Anne

Spouse's Profession: - Registered Nurse

Children: - Ted, Kristin, Jill

Grandchildren: - 7 boys, 1 girl

Accomplishments: -

Swenson, Barbara



Contact Information: 8 Homestead Terrace Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 908-889-4290

e-mail: - barbarailles@aol.com

Education: Pratt Institute, BA

Profession: Fashion Industry & Pre-School Teacher

Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: - Christine, John

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: - Contributed some designs to Singer Sewing Book.

Sutton, Ann



Contact Information: 9 Upperfield Rd. Morristown, NJ 07960

e-mail: - agkahn9@aol.com

Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Towne, Thomas



Contact Information: 70 Linden Ave. Verona, NJ 07044 973-239-1970

e-mail: - tisch44@comcast.net Education:

Profession:

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Married/Relationship: -

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Turro, Stephen



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New Bern, NC 28562

252-514-2696

e-mail: - sjkt@suddenlink.net

Education: Bloomfield College BA, William Paterson, MA + 30

Profession: English Teacher/Coach (retired) Married/Relationship: - Karen

Spouse's Profession: - Registered Nurse (retired)

<u>Children</u>: - Jacqueline, Steve, Michael, Edward

Grandchildren: - Angie, Becky, Robbie, Devin, Ryan, Brendan, Nikka, Noa, Sofia, Danielle and Gracie

Accomplishments: - I am especially proud of having survived 30 years teaching, being married for 45 years, putting 4 kids through college and having 9 grandchildren.

Vanderhoof, Guy



Contact Information: 16 Valley View Rd. Verona, NJ 07044 973239-1573

e-mail: - kustomguy1@yahoo.com

Education: Newark School of Business Machines, Adjutant Generals School (US Army), various General Motors Service, Sales, Management courses

Profession: Distribution Management with General Motors Corp/Partner Guy-Ross Chevrolet/leasing manager Hoffman Chevrolet & BMW/Inventory Manager BMW of Bloomfield

Married/Relationship: - Mary Ann

<u>Spouse's Profession</u>: - Coordinator of Behavioral Health Mountainside Hospital

Children: - Louis, Anthony, Guy, Craig

<u>Grandchildren</u>: - Alyssa, Louis, Angelina, Lenny, Aaron, Paige

Accomplishments: - Wrote Lyrics and recorded theme songs for Top shelf Oldies, The Popshop, Outcasts Car Club plus others.

Recorded 4 songs at Sun Studio, Memphis and over 500 songs on CD. Enjoy traveling with Wolfman Jerry Burst and collecting custom and classic cars and trucks.

Wands, David



Contact Information: 5047 Lemon Road, NE Olympia, WA 98506-9616

e-mail: - davewands@comcast.net

Education: University of Washington Dental School MSD, University of Maryland Dental School, DDS

Profession: Dentistry specialty practice in prosthodontics, UW professor at the UW School of Dentistry

Married/Relationship: - No

Spouse's Profession: -

Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: - Established a \$500,000 graduate teaching Fellowship at the UW Dental School in 1998: the David H. Wands Endowment Fellowship in Graduate Prosthodontics. Avid fly fisherman, gardener, and enjoys raising pigs, chickens and driving new Corvettes.

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Spouse's Profession: - Banking/Office Management

Children: - Brad, Denise

<u>Grandchildren</u>: - Stephen, Meredith, Lillianna, Joseph, Reilly

Accomplishments: - As a teacher, principal and superintendent of schools, created innovative educational programs to save the educational lives of many normal and special education students.

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Children: - 2 sons

Grandchildren: - 1 girl

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Wrote educational software for teachers and cid which has been used by millions of kids rationally. This is my crowning achievement.

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Accomplishments: -

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Grandchildren: - Kyle, Connor, Cameryn, Ryan, Reece, Kainoa, Jake, Sari

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Children: -

Grandchildren: -

Accomplishments: -

Some Final Thoughts about the VHS Class of 1959 50th Class Reunion

The comments from classmates confirm that the VHS Class of 1959 50th Class Reunion was a very special weekend for those who attended and an overwhelming success. Some of the comments from classmates are listed below:

- Please let the committee know that the event was terrific and Ilene and I appreciate all their hard work. Thanks to all. Regards, Mike Garlock
- Our 50th Reunion was a great success thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make it happen. I am very proud and thankful to have been a part of it. All my best to everyone for a happy and healthy future. Thanks again! What a great couple of days. All members of the VHS 59 Committee did a super job of putting things together so all of us could have such a great time. Thanks also to our fellow classmates for keeping old friendships alive and forging new ones. I don't think I

talked to that many people when I was at Verona High. I thank all of You for a great time, both Friday and Saturday. I feel very honored and thankful to have been a part of it. Guy (Vanderhoof)

- To all members (official and unofficial) of the Reunion Committee. Speaking for all participants at our VHS '59 Reunion, we would like to thank all those responsible for planning, organizing and executing a terrific 50th Reunion. Reserving a banquet hall, stocking a suite with munchies, beer and wine (and salmon!), hiring a band (+ Guy), hosting a cocktail hour, making tee times, preparing a Memories booklet (I could go on, but you get the idea) -- are all things that don't happen without someone making them happen. We very much appreciate the hard work and substantial effort of all members of the Reunion Committee. Thank you very much for this great event! The VHS Class of 1959 (Carl Esser)
- Thanks to you all, it was wonderful to be "Together Again"; it was a great time; we'll see you at the next one! Hillbillies Forever! Fred and Donna (Johnson)
- Joining our classmates.....huge thanks to all on the committee making this the very best, most memorable of all our reunions. We appreciate your hard work and efforts making it such a successful event. Betsy and Bill Flavell
- To all of the committee -- thanks so much for a wonderful reunion -- it was perfect and I know how much work went into planning such a great event! And, to all the classmates and spouses who attended -- it was so good seeing and chatting with you. To all those who didn't attend -- they truly missed a wonderful weekend! Thank you again. Gaye Harrison Smith
- What a great job all you planners did!! Thanks so much for an amazing walk down memory lane and for the opportunity to reconnect with so many great, fun and interesting people. Guy, I played your CD all the way back to Wilmington and sang at the top of my lungs....hope no one nearby heard me. I want to encourage everyone to fill out the survey and send it in so we can all learn more about each other, otherwise only John will know. So glad I attended-Sharon Pechenik
- The Class of 1959-Words cannot express how wonderful our Reunion Committee did in planning our 50th Reunion. The memories will last a lifetime for everyone. It was wonderful to reconnect with old friends and classmates (and spouses too). The friendships we made in high school have endured for 50 years and will continue. Hopefully we will all see each other again in 5 years (or maybe when we are all 70 in a couple of years. To each of the committee members a heartfelt thank you. It was beyond words. Maureen (Curley)
- My sincerest thanks for putting together such a memorable weekend. The place, the band, the food, our friends. The turnout was spectacular. You have outdone all previous reunions. I know that you'll never be able to live up to the 50th. To all of you who attended, it was SOOOooo good to see you all again, to relive memories to catch up on all of our lives over the last 50 years. To dance, to sing, to drink together,

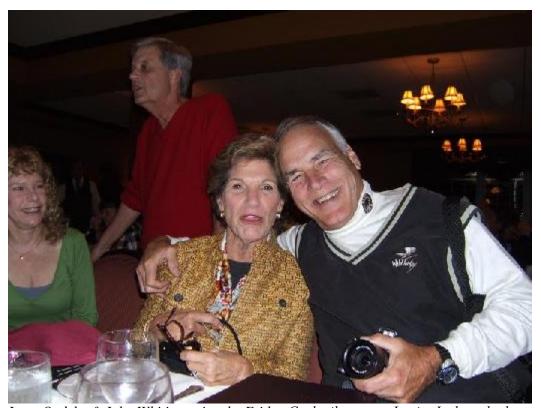
to eat together. It was an experience that I'll not soon forget. I surely hope to meet you all again at the next one. Five years???? Reunion Committee, what do you think?????? Gene Sheninger

- Hats off to the Committee. Once again you planned every detail to perfection. How did you arrange for everyone to look so young?!!! Thanks for the wonderful memories. Rose Wurgaft Scharlat
- Again--- great job by you people-- Fantastic time-- Steve and Karen (Turro)
- To the committee who put this reunion together. THANK YOU !!!!! You did a wonderful job. I don't think anyone ever noticed it was raining outside. The friendly faces that we came in contact throughout the day made the day brighter. It will be a reunion I will always remember. Barbara (Swenson)
- I would like to add my THANKS. I had a wonderful time, as usual. Marta (Wright)
- MANY THANKS, JOHN!! It was great to see you, Buffy and the gang again!!!!!
 Barbara Berke
- Hey John, I just visited the (your/our) VHS59 website. It looks like I missed a wonderful event. Maybe I'll get my sorry, lethargic ass together for the 55th, God willing. Great job to you and the committee, for this great event, and for maintaining this site for zilch all these years. Go John (and Buffy)! Now please take this with a grain of salt. I was wondering why loading the website took "hours." So, I peeked at some of the "dinner" pics, etc, and found them to be unnecessarily **huge**. Why? Then, I saw that the background jpeg was 360KB. Wow! The dinner table pics were about 176KB. Might I ask why? They could easily be reduced by 66 to 75%. Think about it. For old farts like me with dialup connections, these huge files are a pain in the ass. I humbly enclose just a couple examples of how resizing these photos could drastically reduce download time. All the best. Thanks for being/hosting the Webmaster duties all these years (but, it would be nice to clean up all the outdated crap). Maybe see you in five. Ginny and I wish you, Buffy and family good health. Thanks again, Don (Williams)
- WE can only repeat what others have already said to the Reunion Committee. What a special weekend you gave us. Your planning and hard work resulted in an outstanding reunion. You succeeded in generating what we would guess is a record turnout, and everyone had a great time. Congratulations on a job so well done. Ann and Greg (Kahn)
- To all VHS '59ers, I too echo those who have expressed their appreciation for the organizing committee's hard work in coming up with such a great "itinerary" for our 50th VHS reunion. It was a huge success, and I had a wonderful time. As an FYI, please note Sue Somers' email address, which she wants everyone to use when contacting her. While en route to W. Orange, I visited her at her home in Pitman, NJ (near Glassboro). She mentioned that her correct email address is: wallybob1@verizon.net but somehow the new address hadn't been registered with the

VHS website, so she never received any of the e-communications this year about the reunion. I have appended it to the "To" list above. Best wishes to all of you, Anne Shlionsky

- Sounds like "ya dun good!" Well done, Jack Morse (Ginny Payne's husband)
- I would like to add my thanks to all the members of the 50th Reunion committee. The events two weeks ago exceeded my expectations. I know that you all put in a tremendous amount of work to make the weekend very special. My only regret was that I did not get to thank each of you personally while at the events. Kind regards, Richard Fischer
- Carol and I both enjoyed the Reunion especially the music including Guy's CD. It featured great arrangements. The music was pure New York rock 'n' Roll *The Stroll*; *Earth Angel* and no less than the Charts singing *Desiree*. Did Guy do all of the instrumentation? If so, he should turn professional. It was great to see all the people again most of whom I had not seen in 50 years. David Morgan

I can say for Buffy and myself it was a special weekend. While we all came from our own life space as we grew up in Verona and experienced our high school years at VHS, and while we represented a broad range of backgrounds, professions and experiences since graduation, we the Class of 1959 came together as ONE to enjoy recalling our past in Verona, our lives since and to look at the prospects for the future and getting together again.



Lynn Opdyke & John Whiting enjoy the Friday Cocktail party as Louise Lederer looks on. What's Fred looking at?

I know I speak for all of the members of the VHS Class of 1959 Reunion Committee when I say "We were happy to have the privilege of working for all of our classmates to plan and

carry out a 50th Class Reunion that everyone would enjoy. Our only regret is that more of our classmates were not able to attend."



VHS Reunion Committee: Bruce Callahan, John Keimel, Rich Camp, Bev Murphy, Rose Migliara, Karen Stoneberg, Steve Buermann, John Whiting and Fred Johnson

Please continue to share your experiences with the rest of your VHS Class of 1959 classmates via e-mail and the www.vhs59.com web site.

Hopefully we will all get together again for the VHS Class of 1959 55th Class Reunion, and that it will be better attended and more fun than the 50th.

VHS Class of 1959 Classmates Attending the 50th Reunion

John Ackerman	Mike Garlock	David Morgan
Linda Askling	Betsy Gerberg	Bev Murphy
Bettie Barth	Florence Goldberg	Lynn Opdyke
John Beierle	Gloria Graman	Harvey Pearlman
Loretta Benaquista	Don Greco	Sharon Pechenik
Barbara Berke	Gaye Harrison	Keith Petersen
Nancy Bristol	Marilyn Hauck	Tom Ruck
Steve Buermann	Bob Hess	Marilyn Seymour
Bruce Callahan	Allen Hunter	John Shankland
Richard Camp	Dorothy Intile	Eugene Sheninger
Richard Carroll	Paul Jennings	Anne Shlionsky
Victor Cestone	Fred Johns on	Ed Skibiak
Justine	Justine Jorgensen	Cathy Smith
Christofferson	Greg Kahn	Carol Spitzmiller
Ed Coad	John Keimel	Pat Stager
Sherman Corwin	Blake Kirby	Karen Stoneberg
Maure en Curley	Bob Lange	Ann Sutton
Virginia Davenport	Louise Lederer	Barbara Swenson
Jack De Matteis	David Levy	Ted Suess
Cliff DeMichele	Virginia Linneman	Tom Towne
George Dente	Janet Loding	Steve Turro
Andrea Deso	Mike Lombardi	Guy Vanderhoof
Carl Esser	Ann Major	Dave Wands
Richard Fischer	Donna Maroot	John Whiting
Bill Flavell	Louis Martorelli	Carol Ann Wood

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The profiles of classmates were developed based on information provided by classmates either on the Classmate Information Form made available at the 50th Reunion on Saturday, October 24, 2009 or completed via the Classmate Information Form posted on the www.vhs59.com web site. While every effort was made to transpose the information received into this book accurately, if errors were made I apologize. For those classmates who have contributed this information, I believe you have added to the substance and interest of the book and your contribution is appreciated.

The proof reading and editing of this book was the work of classmate Anne Shlionsky who spent many hours reviewing the content to ensure that it was correct. For her assistance in helping make this project one that would accurately report on the VHS Class of 1959 50th Reunion and provide memories for classmates, I am very grateful.

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The Verona Mayor's Proclamation making October 24, 2009 VHS Class of 1959 Day – Taken from Bev Murphy's "Verona High School Class of 1959 50th Reunion Memories" booklet

Photo - Rose Migliara & Bev Murphy accept the Proclamation of October 24, 2009 as "VHS Class of 1959 Day" from Verona Township Mayor Teena Schwartz.- photographer unknown

Photo - Harry Tappen Golf Classic Photo - Allen Hunter, Steve Turro, Richard Carroll, Bill Flavell and Bruce Callahan – Taken by Cliff De Michele

Photo - Louise Lederer, Ms. Clementine DePetro, Justine Jorgenson - photographer unknown

Page 4 – Photo - Laning Ave School group honoring Ms DePetro – Contributed by Dave Wands

Photo - Mike and Fred exchange pleasantries with the guest of honor, Ms DePetro

Photo - Louise, John, Justine, Gerald & Bob smile for the "birdie" - Contributed by Dave Wands

Photo - Anne says "Hey guys will you stand still while I take a picture?" - Contributed by Dave Wands

Photo - Louise, Gerald and Justine smile for the camera. - Contributed by Dave Wands

Photo - "Should we let Dave take another picture of us?" YOU BET! - Contributed by Dave Wands

Photo - "Friends kick off the weekend including Karen Stoneberg, Steve Buermann, John Whiting & Anne Shlionsky! - taken by Buffy Whiting

Photo - Carol Ann Wood and John Beierle smile for Bev's camera – taken by Bev Murphy

Photo - Carol Ann Wood and Gaye Harrison take a break from the fun for a photo – taken by Bev Murphy

Photo - John says "I am concerned about the stock market recovery, what do you think Cliff?" - taken by Bev Murphy

Photo - I doubt that Andrea Deso and Marta Wright were discussing the stock market - taken by Bev Murphy

Photo - Mike Lombardi says "We should have a class reunion every weekend" Maureen Curley says "Why not?" - taken by Bev Murphy

Photo -... "and what do you think about the stock market Rich?" asks John Beierle. Richard Fisher says, "Not much" - taken by Bev Murphy

Photo - John says "if no one wants to talk about stocks I am going to dance with Rose." - taken by Bev Murphy

Photo - FN Brown Kindergarten Class – 1946 – 1947 – photographer unknown

Photo – Laning Ave Kindergarten Class – 1946 – 1947 – photographer unknown

Photo - Laning Avenue 4th Grade Class Photo - 1950 - 1951 - photographer unknown

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Contact Information

It is hoped that information will be shared between the classmates of the Vernon High School Class of 1959 and that additional profile information will be provided so that communication between classmates will continue.

To make additional information available you are invited to send updates on the things that are going on in your life, changes in e-mail addresses, telephone numbers and home addresses. If you are on Facebook please provide that information too and I will try to create a link to your Facebook account.

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