

May 2018

June 23, 2018 Parade Theme: Cartoons

Please join us on Saturday June 23rd at 11:00AM for the annual Hartford Alumni Parade. The theme this year is 'Cartoons'. Anyone is welcome to take part. Local businesses and organizations are invited to enter a float, drive a company vehicle, or walk as a group.

Please contact Kristen Connors at 802-299-7107 if you wish to participate.

While our goal is to continue the Hartford High tradition of reuniting each year on alumni day, it is becoming more difficult to make it a reality. We continue to have limited interest/participation in the planning of alumni events. Most of us are very busy these days and finding time can be a challenge, but if you are one of those who would hate to see it all go away, please consider donating a few hours of your time to continue the tradition. If you live locally and are able to volunteer your time during the year by attending monthly meetings or on Alumni Day either at the parade, picnic, or the dance <u>please</u> let us know. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Also, please consider paying your annual alumni dues. The Alumni Association is completely dependent on your generous support. By paying your \$10 dues or increasing your donation by any amount you will ensure its continued success. Money received helps cover costs for Alumni Day as well as scholarships, fundraising, newsletter, communications and any additional events and projects. Please send checks payable to 'Hartford Alumni Association' to PO Box 891, White River Jct., VT 05001.

If your name, address or email have changed recently don't forget to let us know at <u>urhartfordalum@gmail.com</u> so that we can keep our database up-to-date. Please include your class year, name and an email and/or mailing address. If we have your email on file you will receive your newsletter copy electronically, unless you inform us that you would prefer a copy be mailed to you. By using emails we can keep costs of the newsletter down considerably. Thank You



 Alumni Day Agenda 10:00 AM Float participants meet at White River Elem. School (Pine Street) 11:00 AM Parade begins 12:00 PM Post Parade Picnic Municipal Building Lawn Dunk Tank Music by Wendego (food and beverage available for purchase) 8:00 PM Alumni Dance at The Engine Room, South Main St., WRJ Davis Rothers Garage Band 	***********************************		
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Class of 1953 **65th Class Reunion**

We will meet at Romano's to view the parade, followed by a catered luncheon at the Bugbee Sr Center. We welcome any and all stop in "Hellos" from other classes.

Class of 1963**55th Class Reunion**

We are meeting at Dennis Clay's son's garage on Thursday to begin work on the float. (It's up near Kelton's old place.)

On Friday we'll finish it and have a gathering after with food.

We'll meet at that garage on Saturday around 9:30 AM and ride down to the Hartford Elementary School on the float. If you can't meet at the garage you can meet us at the School. Judging begins at 10:30AM. Parade is at 11:00AM.

On Saturday after the parade we are planning on a gathering at the Clay Farm on the West Hartford/Quechee Road. We need to know the number of classmates who will be here for the meal on Saturday. Hope to see as many as possible at the parade. We won't be any younger or in better condition than we are today. We are a great class and enjoy all who graduated with us. Please contact Mary Braley at 802-738-9754 or at justme_5_99@yahoo.com or Dolly Scelza at dselza@live.com

Class of 1968 ** 50th Class Reunion**

Class of 1968 ****** 50th Class Reunion^{**} Friday June 22nd gather around 5:30 at 416 Norwich Avenue in Wilder for a casual outdoor meet and greet. Light hors d'oeuvres, munchies and soft drinks provided, maybe even some good music from back in the day. We will finalize plans to march at the head of the Alumni Parade on Saturday and prepare the vehicle we'll use for those who might not be able to walk the parade route. The vehicle will include a remembrance dis-play for our departed classmates. You will get your "68 is the new 50!!!" T shirt for the parade and a photo badge that will help everyone know who you are. BYOB if you wish. Saturday June 23rd assemble at the municipal building for the parade about 10 AM. If you couldn't make it Friday get your T shirt and badge then. '68 will lead the parade and judge the floats. After the parade join all alumni at the Lyman Park Picnic. We will have a '68 gathering area but it is a great chance to mingle with all classes and enjoy the entertainment provided by the Alumni Association. Food and beverages are available for individual purchase. Gather about 6 PM at the Coolidge for a private dinner. There will be a cash bar but non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Dinner will include a served salad, a buffet with Roast Beef, Chicken

alcoholic beverages will be provided. Dinner will include a served salad, a buffet with Roast Beef, Chicken Picatta, a vegetarian pasta and sides. Dessert and coffee/tea will be served. The Alumni Association will host a dance with live music at The Engine Room on South Main at 8 PM which will be a convenient short walk from the Coolidge if you choose to attend.

The cost per person for Friday meet & greet, the Saturday dinner and memorabilia is \$55 per person. Hope to see you there! Please let us know.

Questions? Linda Jacobs Johnson @ 802-291-1711 or Johanna Smola Foley @ 404 226 0070

Class of 1973**45th Class Reunion**

If any members of the Class of 1973 would like to get together or participate in the parade (either to build a float or just walk) please contact Gail (Raymond) Billings at <u>chrisgailandoxen@comcast.net</u>, by phone on weekends at <u>(802) 728-9557</u> or IM on Facebook. Time is short. It's our 45th and a great opportunity to reunite.

Class of 1978 **40th Class Reunion**

Plans for the day are as follows:

Parade—We need float participants, this may include a position on the float or walk alongside the float. A picnic following the parade at Clint Potter's. Please bring a salad or munchies to share. Prior dues and donations will provide burgers, dogs and condiments.

The day will conclude with attendance at the dance. Please purchase dance ticket in advance. If you plan to participate in the parade or have any questions please contact one of the following: Rhonda Davis Littlefield <u>rhondadngordonl@yahoo.com</u>, Kerry Ellis<u>Kerry.ellis@vermont.gov</u>, or Karen Emery Dean <u>karen.dean78@gmail.com</u>

Class of 1988**30th Class Reunion**

We are excited to celebrate our reunion this year. We are planning on participating in the parade this year. The theme is Cartoons!!! We are also planning on a BBQ after. We have not heard from a lot of our classmates. Please reach out and be a part of this great celebration. Please contact Jody (Trombley) Reynolds or Tricia Cornelius via Facebook or email Jody at <u>freemanj1023@yahoo.com</u>

Class of 1998**20th Class Reunion**

We will be having a float in the parade and a get together afterwards at the Hartland Dam on Saturday June 23rd from 2:00PM -5:00PM. We will be at the Large Upper Pavilion. Please bring snacks to share. They charge at the gate . \$5 per vehicle., \$2 walk-in, free under 16. Please check out our Facebook page at <u>Hartford High School Class of 1998</u> for more information. If you have any questions please contact Ruth at <u>802-299-5396</u>.

Other Contacts

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2018 Alumni Parade Grand Marshal Thomas D. Lyman



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Tom Lyman graduated from Hartford High School in 1973. In 1975 he started his career as a law enforcement officer for the town of Hartford where he served with pride and distinction for nearly 43 years, retiring in 2017 as a Sergeant. During his career Tom was recognized for his selfless, lifesaving efforts after he entered a burning car to free a trapped motorist, and later for his keen investigative efforts and teamwork in locating a victim in a domestic related kidnapping In 1994.

Chief of Police Phillip Kasten described Tom in this way, "Humble and kind, Tom is best known for his empathy, patient understanding and grassroots partnerships with residents, business owners and school officers. He is credited with fostering the spirit of community policing and public trust."



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Teacher Memorial

This year, Hartford Alumni lost three teachers who made a tremendous impact in the lives of their students.

Mrs. Ann Biddle Atlee Crewe passed away in March of 2018. During her time at Hartford, Ann was well loved and admired by all who knew her. Former students have described her this way.

"A teacher ahead of her time, Mrs. Crewe founded the first Art Education department at Hartford High in 1964, one of the first in Vermont. She nurtured and challenged the creative process in hundreds and hundreds of students throughout the Upper Valley. How many alumni remember Mrs. Crewe's vanity license plate "QUIET"? Few knew that Mrs. Crewe was honored in Washington D.C. in the 1970s for her dedication and progressive service in Arts Education. A believer in the power of the arts to inspire the human spirit, Mrs. Crewe was honored at a district-wide Art Exhibition in 1998. In her acceptance speech Mrs. Crewe said "its important to live honestly and remember there is a little God in everyone." Mrs. Crewe was someone who "quietly" made our world a better place." **Anderson "Ann" Thorp '79**

"Ann was more than a teacher to me. She was my mentor and my friend. We kept in touch for many years . When I would visit she was so excited she couldn't stop hugging me and would talk for hours. While at Hartford she introduced me to all kinds of people with many different art interests to enhance my horizon. I will always remember her and how she changed my life." *Susan Helie* '70

"Ann was a great teacher, mentor and friend who always let me push my imagination and viewpoint to its fullest, which I find today is an important element in communicating through art." *Andrew Hazelton* '79

Contributions in Mrs. Crewe's memory may be made to the Hartford High School Art Department

<u>Mr. Floyd McPhetres</u> passed away on January 31, 2018. He was a much beloved and respected math teacher. He taught 4 years at Wells River, VT, a total of 31 years at Hartford High School, and an additional 8 years at VTC. His contributions to the mathematics department and achievements were numerous.

He was Chair of the Mathematics Department at HHS, helped form the Twin State Mathematics League and served as coach for the HHS Teams, received the UVM award for Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1982, and the Outstanding Mathematics Teacher Award from Sigma Xi in 1984.

One recollection I have heard of recently regarding Mr. McPhetres was that his colleagues spoke of him fondly saying he was a 'math genius in a gentleman farmer's body.' My personal recollection of Mr. McPhetres was from my senior year, which was the first year of the mathematics basic competency test in 1977. After I passed it, Mr. McPhetres asked if I would help others with the test and I became a peer-tutor for a while. It was a very rewarding experience for me and it got me thinking about becoming a teacher myself. Mr. McPhetres and Mr. Robert Taylor both inspired me to consider becoming a teacher. While I am not a math teacher, I did become an educator.

One former teacher of HHS had the following reflection of Mr. McPhetres, "As I remember him, I feel that he was truly an embodiment of the New Englander farm person and an intellect who had philosophy down pat and used it in his work and life. I know the students loved him. The full obituary was posted at www.broadwayandcilley.com . Additionally there

was a wonderful article in the Valley News, A Life section (March 19, 2018) written by Josh Weinreb, Valley News Staff **Donna Williamson '77**

<u>Mr. Donald A. Colby</u> passed away April 24, 2018. He taught Math at Hartford Middle School for nearly 40 years. Mr. Colby also coached softball and baseball at Hartford and was instrumental in creating the middle school baseball program. During the summer, he would paint full-time for the Hartford School District.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Hartford Athletic Department, ATTN Athletic Department, 37 Highland Avenue, White River Jct., Vt. 05001.



2017 2nd Place Float Winner—Class of 1977





2017 3rd Place Float Winner—Class of 1952



A Longtime Fixture at Hartford High is Retiring After 48 years

Luna Ricker has been part of Tennis, Football, Basketball, Field Hockey, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Cross Country, Gym Classes, lunch room, front office, and the list goes on. I'm sure I'm missing a sports team. You can not put Luna in a classroom and not expect her to know a student's name and probably one of their family members. She has been involved with championship teams, arranging for police and fire departments to meet teams coming back into town at 11 o'clock at night with flashing lights to escort them back to the High School. Who does that for 48 years at Hartford? Yes that would be LUNA. She is the person who would work at graduation and then be at project grad all night.

Then you have Luna's interaction with her family and friends. She's always ready for a gathering with her brother Alvin Ricker and his wife, nieces and nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews, always ready for a good game of croquet at camp or just to sit and chat, catching up on what is happening in your life.

Retirement is going to be a hard thing for Luna, being so active with Hartford High for so long, but don't be surprised to see her at a game. *Marie Ricker Martin* '77



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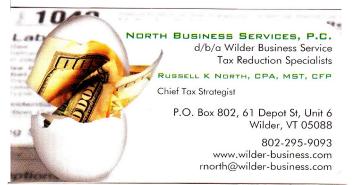
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