

DONNA (STROM) ROBILLARD HOWE HIGH/BMHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS OF 2023

Donna (Strom) Robillard joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2008. Since that time, the Class of 1959 graduate held the position of Secretary for more than a decade, assisting in raising thousands of dollars for the organization's tremendously successful Alumni Scholarship drive.

While attending BMHS, Donna participated in junior varsity basketball, varsity cheerleading, intramural sports, dance and prom committees, the drama club in addition to the yearbook staff. Since 1964, Donna, a well-known church, local government, and youth sports volunteer in Chelmsford, has organized her class reunion every five or ten years as class liaison, keeping her classmates up to date on class news for more than 60 years. Her efforts are directly responsible for making the 1959 graduates one of the most active alumni classes in school history.

Following graduation, Donna went directly to work as a secretary at The MITRE Corporation in Bedford, where she met her future husband, Louis Robillard. They purchased their home in Chelmsford the day before their wedding in 1963, where they raised their daughter and four sons. Together the couple organized the popular Chelmsford Invitational Baseball Tournament more than 25 years, involving over 80 teams from around New England each summer.

While her children were school age, Donna drove a bus in town for 15 years before going back to MITRE in a role that saw her travel several times around the world. She retired after 25 years at the company in 2006.

A grandmother of 11, Donna is an original Alumni Association representative on the Board of Directors of Town of Billerica Community Hall of Fame.

