The future of The Bridge is in trouble!

Dear Alumni Members,

Like most people, these difficult economic times are impacting the Alumni Association through lower donations and higher expenses. The Bridge is the largest operating expense of the Alumni Association. Although the cost to actually develop our Alumni Newsletter is virtually non-existent, thanks to your contributions, the cost to actually print and mail them each time is quite high. In fact, even before this issue has been mailed, for 2009 we have already spent approximately $7,400. This cost is for printing and mailing expenses only!

As this expense represents 56 percent of the Alumni Associations total expenses for 2009, we must consider all options to reduce costs or increase revenue. Providing our Alumni with period updates is important to Alumni Association, as well as to Seton Catholic and Seton Academy. So, it is with great reluctance that with the new year, we will be making a few changes to the distribution method of The Bridge.

As before, The Bridge can be viewed online at the Seton Catholic website free of charge (http://setoncatholic.net/alumni_newsletters.html).

Additionally, we will happily send email reminders when new issues of The Bridge are available for viewing.

If you wish to continue to receive your copy of The Bridge on paper through the mail, we are asking for a nominal donation of $10 per year to assist with covering the printing and mailing costs.

Please see page 16 for a form to complete and mail to continue receiving The Bridge by mail. Otherwise, this issue will be the last issue that you will receive on paper.

Annual Alumni Fund Drive for Seton

HERE WE GO AGAIN! Another year has suddenly passed! Don’t they seem to go faster as we get older? It’s already that time of year where we focus on our Annual Membership Drive from now until the end of March.

You should have received a letter and donor card in the mail for the Annual Fund. It is our sincere hope that every alumni could give at the $10 “Patron” level. If you are able to give more, please do. It is very understandable that times are tough and that every dime is needed. Any little bit that you can afford to donate is greatly appreciated and no amount is too small! (Note that the Annual Alumni Fund Drive is in addition to a donation to continue receiving The Bridge through the mail.)

Remember, any donation helps allow us to keep the Alumni Association going. In addition to bringing The Bridge to you, these donations are used to award students of Seton Catholic with Alumni Association Scholarships each year. Other Alumni Association expenses include the Reunion weekend activities, maintenance/heating of the Brother Rene Alumni Room, Annual Fund mailings to name a few.

Please see page 15 for an Annual Fund form.
Your gift is tax deductible!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
The Alumni Association

Reunion Updates

The next reunion is planned for Memorial Day Weekend 2010 and the Alumni Association would like to make it a great event.

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Do you have news you would like to share in The Bridge? Say “hello” to classmates. Please pass this on to Brother Rene at BroRene2@aol.com

SETON ACADEMY NEWS

The 2009-2010 school year is off with a busy start with 207 students in Pre-K to Grade 6.
On August 27 the teachers of Kindergarten to Grade 3 attended an English/Language Arts meeting conducted by Peg Dowling. This meeting helped to clarify some of the New York State standards for reading, writing, and listening. Mrs. Dowling delineated the expectations for each grade level.

September 3 was “Meet the Teacher” night and most of the parents and students attended. There was a great deal of excitement as the students brought in their new school supplies and organized their desks.

A spaghetti dinner was held on September 26. The faculty and some of the parents prepared this feast and many of the school families attended. There was even a bagpipe player to entertain the families.

A number of classes enjoyed field trips during September and October. Grade 4 visited the Indian Museum, Grade 3 went to AuSable Chasm to study the rock formations, Grade 6 attended the annual Environmental Awareness Day and climbed Mount Jo, Grade 2 experienced the Transportation Museum and Battle of Plattsburgh display, and the primary grades went to the Apple Orchard and Pumpkin Patch. The students and their parents had a wonderful time on these excursions.

The PIE (Parents in Education) planned a spectacular Halloween Festival. Again, everyone seemed to have a delightful time. The highlight of the festival was the “haunted house” and the mummy wrap competition.

A number of families were involved in the leaf raking event held on Nov. 7. The students and their parents went to houses that had indicated that they would appreciate someone coming to rake up their leaves. After a couple hours of hard work, the leaf rakers gathered at Seton Academy for Pizza. By then, they had worked up quite an appetite.

Seton Academy students joined with Seton Catholic in raising money for Leukemia Awareness. The students dressed in orange, enjoyed the PowerPoint presentation designed by the ninth graders, and played some games with the students from Seton Catholic. The event was very profitable for all. Currently the students are getting ready for the Thanksgiving prayer service and the Christmas play which will be held on December 16 at 6:30 PM.
We, at Seton Academy, thank God for all the blessing He has bestowed on us this fall. May all of you have a most Blessed Christmas!

Sister Helen Hermann, SSJ
Principal of Seton Academy

Evelyn remained vibrant and actively engaged in life until the end. She enjoyed playing bridge, planning social events, and traveling throughout the world. She was a source of strength and inspiration to all who knew her. She will remain “Forever Young” in our hearts and memories.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. John’s Church on Friday, August 14, 2009 followed by burial in St. James cemetery in Cadyville.

1965 – R. GUY DANAI S

Plymouth, MA - R. Guy Danais, age 62, died on November 1, 2009 at his home in Plymouth following a brief illness.

He was the devoted husband of Jeanne F. Dickey, Jr. Born in Berlin, NH, July 15, 1947, he was the beloved son of the late Edouard M. Danais, M.D. and Pauline (Vallee) Danais.

Guy was educated in NH, a high school graduate of Mt. Assumption Institute, attended St. Anselm's College in Manchester, NH as well as Berklee School of Music in Boston.

For most of his life, Guy worked as an independent insurance agent, self-employed until this past February, semi-retiring due to his health.

Mr. Danais was a talented musician, and enjoyed playing the drums. He was also an avid golfer, loved to travel and enjoyed cooking. He appreciated a good party and held a special place close to his heart for the love of his life, Jeanne.

Besides leaving his wife, Guy was the loving father of and is survived by his two sons; Robert Danais of Washington State, and Daniel of Plymouth, his two step-daughters; Jeanne Hegner of Brooklyn, NY and Tricia Walker and her husband Scott of Somerville, MA. He also was the beloved brother of Marcel Danais and his wife Gert of Berlin, NH and Suzanne Lemieux and her husband Raymond of
Shelburne, NH and cherished grandfather of Makayla McShane of Plymouth.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 12:15 from the Cartmell Funeral Home, 150 Court St., Plymouth followed by Mass of Christian Burial at St. Bonaventure's Church, State Rd., Manomet (Plymouth) at 1:00 p.m. Cremation will take place at Vine Hills Cemetery, Plymouth. Visitation will take place at the Cartmell Funeral Home on Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Laurie Strauss Leukemia Foundation c/o MGH, 55 Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114.

You can offer the family condolences at http://cartmellfuneralhome.com/_mgxroot/page_10782.php?id=720626

MEMORIAL:

James J. Peters, 1945-2002

James J. Peters, Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association's (EPVA's) Executive Director of 31 years, died on September 6, 2002, after a short illness. Born in 1945, in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Peters attended Western New England College in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the United States Army Engineering College at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where as Second Lieutenant, Civil Engineer, he sustained a spinal cord injury (SCI) in 1967.

In September 1969, Mr. Peters began his lifelong career at the EPVA as deputy executive director. The next year, he worked with Life magazine on a story about the deplorable conditions facing paralyzed Vietnam veterans at the old Bronx Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital. The publication of the article forced the VA to build a new Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) and to establish a stand-alone national Spinal Cord Injury Service.

In July 1971, Mr. Peters was appointed Executive Director of EPVA. A short time later, he established a partnership with the association's national organization, Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), to create PVA/EPVA, Inc., of Wilton, New Hampshire, a direct mail premium fund-raising corporation. Since its inception, PVA/EPVA, Inc., has raised more than $1 billion in donations for programs that serve veterans with SCIs throughout the nation.

James Peters devoted his life's work to the improvement of health care for veterans with SCIs. Through Mr. Peter's efforts, EPVA joined with local institutions, including the Mount Sinai Medical Center and the New York Medical College, to provide advanced methods of treatment to veterans who are paralyzed in the metropolitan area. On the national level, Mr. Peters worked tirelessly and successfully to have spinal cord medicine

1965 – Memorial: JAMES J. PETERS

Dear Brother Rene

Would you kindly forward this article to the editor of "The Bridge" alumni newsletter for publication in the next issue.

Jim Peters was a 1965 graduate of MAI and until his untimely passing a very close friend of mine.

Thank you,
Gerald Cuccia ’65

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designated an official subspecialty by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He was instrumental in revitalizing the American Paraplegia Society, the national organization of physicians who provide care to persons with SCI. Peters was the founder of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Nurses and the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers.

James Peters had a passionate commitment to spinal cord research. Through his leadership, EPVA once more joined with PVA to build the PVA/EPVA Center for Neuroscience and Regeneration Research of Yale University, located at the West Haven VAMC. At this facility, basic research is conducted toward a cure for SCI and multiple sclerosis. Peters helped to establish the Spinal Cord Damage Research Center at the Bronx VAMC, where scientists investigate the impact of SCI on other body systems.

James Peters provided service on many national and local bodies involved in veterans and spinal cord health care. He was appointed by President Carter and reappointed by President Reagan to a Select Commission on Spinal Cord Injury. Peters served as special consultant to several chief medical directors in the VA. Under VA Secretary Jesse Brown, Peters was appointed to a Task Force for Improved SCI Care. He served on the Board of Directors of the Alliance for Aging Research. In New York, Peters was a member of the State Disability Prevention Council and the State Spinal Cord Injury Research Commission.

Among many public honors, James Peters received the 1986 Administrator's Award from the VA, recognizing his outstanding leadership in veterans health care. In 1989, he was New York Medical College's recipient of the Terence Cardinal Cooke Medal for distinguished service in health care. Then in 1993, he was awarded an honorary Professorship in Urology from Katholieke Universiteit in Louvain, Belgium, for his efforts in improving care for persons with disabilities.

James Peters was elected vice president of the PVA each year for 23 consecutive years, between 1977 and 2000. America's veterans with SCI lost a true friend when Jim Peters left us.

Terence J. Moakley
Associate Executive Director
Public Affairs, Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association

A Personal Note:
I had the honor and privilege to be associated with Jim Peters for 31 years. The experience of working together along with many others, and of implementing some great ideas in the early 1970s that allowed a small organization to grow into the dynamic and highly successful nonprofit organization it is today has been nothing less than extraordinary. The incredible record of accomplishments we have accrued over the years speaks for itself, and many tributes to Jim Peters attest to this.

Jim was a true leader and his commitment and dedication to improving every aspect of the lives of paralyzed veterans, as well as civilians, were an example to us all. Those of us who had the good fortune to be associated with Jim can truly say that we learned from the best and that he left us well equipped to continue our mission.

On a more personal level, I was in no way prepared for the tremendous void he has left in my heart. I have lost my partner, my mentor, and one of the best friends I have ever had.

Gerard M. Kelly
Executive Director
Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association

ENGAGEMENTS

1997 ZAVALA - DUBAY
Jamul, Calif. - Ramon and Norma Aguilar of 13761 Proctor Valley Road, Jamul, Calif., announce the engagement of their niece, Maria Isabel Zavala, of
Christopher Dubay graduated from Seton Catholic in 1997 and attended Nichols College from 1999 to 2003, earning a BSBA in accounting and an MBA in general business. He is employed by the Department of Homeland Security, United States Border Patrol.

A January 2, 2010, wedding is being planned.

1999 O’CONNELL - MERHIGE

PLATTSBURGH - Paul and Susan O’Connell of 13 Woodland Drive, Plattsburgh, announce the engagement of their daughter Kasey, of 2623 Vermontville Drive, Watervliet, to Michael David Merhige, son of Tammy Merhige of 5 Prospect Way, Rensselaer, and the late Thomas Merhige.

Kasey O’Connell graduated from Seton Catholic Central School in Plattsburgh and College of St. Rose with a degree in elementary education. She is a caseworker for the Albany County Department of Children, Youth and Family.

Michael Merhige graduated from Colombia High School in East Greenbush and Hudson Valley Community College with an A.A.S. degree in physical education. He is a teacher assistant in the East Greenbush Central School District.

A September 4, 2010, wedding is being planned.

WEDDINGS

1998 HALEY - CORDICK

Dannemora - Laura Lea Haley and Bobby Cordick were married Sept. 6, 2008, in St. Joseph’s Church, Dannemora.

The bride is the daughter of Tim and Suzanne Haley of 154 Town Line Road, Cadyville. The bridegroom is the son of Mary Cordick of 14 Stetson Ave., Plattsburgh.

Trish Haley of Plattsburgh, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Best man was Jacob Harrica of Mechanicville.

Bridesmaids were Bridget Gadway of Mooers; Jenni King of Morrisonville, the bride's cousin; Gina Brandolino of Willsboro; Jamie Jandreau and Amber Wright, both of Peru; and Anna Gadway of Rouses Point. Hannah Wright of Peru was flower girl.

Ushers were Paul Saroj of Tampa, Fla.; David Kopita of Plattsburgh, cousin of the bridegroom; David Kendzior of Allegheny; Scott Kendenburg of Fulton; and Noah Keiser of Glens Falls. Ring bearer was Noah Pearsall of Morrisonville, the bride's cousin.

Gifts were carried by Theresa Perry, cousin of the bride, and Meaghan Jwanowski.

Readers were Kari Pearsall and Lexi Haley, cousins of the bride; and Katie Kopita, the bridegroom's cousin.
A reception was held at the Rainbow Wedding & Banquet Hall Gold Room, Altona.

Laura Cordick graduated from Saranac Central School in 1999, Clinton Community College in 2003 with an A.S. business degree. She is a phlebotomist II with the CVPH Blood Donor Group.

Bobby Cordick graduated from Seton Catholic High School in 1998 and Plattsburgh State in 2004 with a B.S. degree in mass communications. He is a deputy sheriff with Clinton County.

After a wedding trip to Orlando, Fla., the Cordicks reside in Cadyville.

Ushers were Roger Long, the bride’s brother; Jim Manchester of Plattsburgh, brother-in-law of the bride; Chad Poirier of Pittsfield; Brian Mockry of Latham; Dave Moore of St. Petersburgh, Fla.; Michael Pascucciof Syosset; and Greg Van Arman of Springfield, Mass. Ring bearer was Noah Poirier of Pittsfield.

Readers were Garrett Manchester, nephew of the bride; Rebecca Godfrey, the bride’s cousin; and Amber Carnahan.

A reception was held at the Harmony Golf Course in Port Kent.

Alison Rosenbaum graduated from Peru Central School in 2002; University of Rhode Island in 2006 with a bachelor degree in psychology; and Plattsburgh State in 2008 with a Master of Science degree in mental health counseling. She is intensive care coordinator/intensive in-home therapist at Behavioral Health Services North.

Derek Rosenbaum graduated from Seton Catholic Central in 2002 and Plattsburgh State in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. He is a real estate appraiser at Adirondack Appraisal Services and an unfranchised business owner for Market America.

After a wedding trip to Curacao, the Rosenbaum reside in Plattsburgh.
Charlotte Lewis of Clayton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Best man was Nick Wong of Oakland, Calif.

Readings were by Constance Hubbard, the bride's aunt; and Richard Prenoveau, uncle of the bridegroom. Offertory gifts were presented by Claudette O'Toole, aunt of the bridegroom; and Dean Hubbard, uncle of the bride.

A reception was held at the Silicon Valley Capital Club in San Jose.

Emily Lacroix is a 2001 graduate of Carondelet High School, Concord, Calif., and a 2005 graduate with honors of the University of Santa Clara with a degree in English and art history. She is the graphics and Web manager for the Los Altos History Museum.

Matthew Lacroix is a 2000 graduate of Seton Catholic Central and a 2004 graduate with honors of the University of Notre Dame with a degree in management information systems and history. He is a senior associate in the information Security Department at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Boston, Mass.

After a wedding trip to Disneyland, the Lacroixes reside in Lowell, Mass.

BIRTHS

1977 Brodi - A daughter, Indigo Charlotte Grace, born June 20, 2009, to Nina Desormeaux-Brodi and Stephen Brodi
1976 Savoy - A daughter, Mathile, born October 2009, to Harold and Louise Savoy
1996 Dubay - A son, Matthew Robert, born August 5, 2009 to Juliet and Eric Dubay

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1971 Kevin Tucker, 1114 Brooks Ave. W., Roseville, MN 55113
1973 Michael Tobin, 4900 North Ocean Blvd. #1421, Lauderdale by the Sea, Fl. 33308
1975 Kenneth Shavers, 199 Harvey St., Chatham, Ontario, Canada N7M-1M8
1979 Marie-Claude Sevigny, 2780 rue D'Orsennens, C.P. 200, LacMegantic, QC G6B2R2
1988 Patrick Lessard, 1941 Victor L. Laurin, Ancienne-Lorette, QC G2E 5Z4
1996 Katie (Casting) Terry, 2 Patriot Dr., Plattsburgh, NY 12901
2003 Thomas and Rachelle DeCamp-Roberts, 230 Allen Rd, Plattsburgh, NY 12901
NOTICE:

If you have an interesting story about yourself or someone you know that graduated from one of the Plattsburgh Catholic schools (Seton, MAI, St. John’s, OLVA, Sallaz, D’Youville), please consider submitting it for publication in “The Bridge.” We would love to hear what former classmates have accomplished over the years!

Please forward information you would like published to Brother Rene (brorenc2@aol.com) or to me at jdukett@gmail.com.

In the future, we will give you a main mailbox to send the information you want printed put in “The Bridge” – the Alumni newsletter of: Seton Catholic, Seton Academy, Mount Assumption, St. John's, OLVA, Sallaz, D’Youville.

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E-MAIL to Brother Rene

1935 – Mother passing

Dear Brother Rene,

My mother passed away this past July, and she was a graduate of St. John’s Academy (class of 1935!!) and I wondered if I could include this little obituary in the next issue of "The Bridge"? She really loved being a part of St. John's parish, school and community.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Paula Sanan......daughter of Evelyn Bickford

1958 – Update

Dear Brother Rene,

In the last editions of "The Bridge" requests were made for articles. Well the following text you can publish in the next Bridge. I hope you are well.

Give my regards to anyone I should know.

Greetings from Germany

Armin Winfried Braun  Class of 1958

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SEEING WHAT OTHERS CAN’T SEE

“Still sits the school-house by the road,
A ragged beggar sleeping;
Around it still the sumachs grow
And blackberry-vines are creeping.”

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

Back in 1923 an impressive building was erected by the Brothers of Christian Instruction in Plattsburgh, New York: Mount Assumption Institute. 30 years later, in September 1953 I entered M.A.I. as a 7th grader and boarder. Five years later, in June 1958 I graduated from the Mount. In the meantime more than 50 years have passed. The main building with its classical brickwork architecture is still standing, but the Institute does not – for some time now – accommodate students anymore.

The former M.A.I. Principal (1955-1959) Brother Dacian Barete wrote at the end of the 1957 school year: “For a week, the walls (of the Mount) echoed the departing cries of the boys, but by now they have got used to the silence.”

Some years ago during a holiday trip to New Zealand I had the opportunity to visit one of the sacred meeting houses of the indigenous Maori. A tribal dignitary explained that according to Maori belief every word that was ever spoken here would forever remain in this meeting house. I immediately thought of what Brother Dacian had written. Perhaps the walls of our Alma Mater also echo endlessly every word that has been uttered in the history of this institution of Christian instruction.

Today an average passer-by on North Catherine Street, throwing a glance at the hibernating Mount building, is probably unaware that for decades students (boarders) lived here, were confined to a campus, were subject to strict regulations but were also receiving an excellent education.
In contrast to this passer-by I (and the ever dwindling number of former boarders) can see:
-the chapel next to the Principal’s office where the day began attending mass.
-the small class rooms where dedicated teachers (Brothers) addressed each student individually.
-the gym in the basement with the adjacent pool-room and our lockers.
-the school yard surrounded by a high fence that separated us from the negative influences of the rest of the world.
-the study halls where we had to do our homework and increase our knowledge and academic understandings.
-the dormitories on the top floor where 100 boarders slept in one hall and 50 in another.
-I can also see us coping with strict rules and regulations. Trying to avoid punishment in order to go “downtown” for a few hours each week to meet a girl-friend, see a movie, have a coke, do some shopping or just to walk around.
-I can see many things more but I can also see Brother Romaric, Brother Bernard, Brother Emilian, Brother Francis and Brother Charles, the Prefect who always caught us when we were doing something that we were not supposed to do – and punished us accordingly without hesitation.

Yes in our memories M.A.I. is still our Alma Mater full of life and spirit.

Armin Winfried Braun Class of 1958

Thank you Armin - Don Recore ’72

1959 – Update
Allow me to introduce myself. Anthony Louis Braga, class of MAI 59.
After 26 years I have made a visit to my family of what is left still living in Vermont. The closest is my cousin living just across the lake in Grande Isle Vermont. I just visited from 17 Sep to 9 Oct 2009 to see how things have changed and they sure have. Via my cousin and Mr. Kirk Polhemus, class of 78, I was introduced to the MAI Seton Alumni Association. Not only MAI has changed but my home town of Burlington Vermont was a total surprise.
It is a whole new world since I left the Mount in 1959. I married a Dutch (Netherlands) girl in Jan. 1966. After spending eleven years in America we moved to Europe in 1976. We have adopted two children; a boy Christopher, and a girl Nicole. I have spent most of my working life as an electronic technical engineer and am now retired. My wife and I are presently living in the Grand Duchy Luxembourg Europe. We have been living here since 1984.
I noticed when MAI started most of the brothers were of French nationality. Since I live very close to the French border it would be interesting to find out what town or region they came from: especially Brother Ephrem. I had him for French class.
My present address is:
93 Route des trois Cantons
L 4970 Bettaqnge sur Mess
Grand Duchy Luxembourg Europe
Internet address: tentbraga@hotmail.com
Since I have found the Association it would be nice to hear from MAI-Seton Catholic

Your truly,

Anthony Louis Braga

1966 – Steve Howe Memorial
Judy and I just got back from Steve’s memorial. It was fittingly held in the large back room of a large bar a few blocks off from the boardwalk near his home on the Jersey shore. His wife Dianna, and son Parker and daughter Lauren are bearing up, as it has been a little breathing time since Steve’s death.

I am attaching a joint picture from the 40th with Steve circled, and the materials that Steve sent to me for the reunion “yearbook”. Steve and I got together after the reunion at his home in Brielle, and we talked into the night, with Steve talking about wanting to finish the yearbook by getting more to
contribute material and then print it like the original.

There was a slide show of pictures of Steve and his family dating from his childhood in Plattsburgh, MAI, and his life in New York, New Jersey and Arizona. A number of his family and friends got up to speak. Below is what I remembered saying:

I was a classmate of Steve’s in high school. On the football field, he was our hero, admired by our classmates, and feared by our opponents.

Some 43 years ago we stood, honored with the roles of talking to our 93 classmates (our friends of the years at the Mount) and to our families at graduation. We talked about our hopes and dreams: of forming new families and of achieving great things.

Some 3 years ago, some 40 plus of our classmates met again in Plattsburgh. Steve and I got up to talk to our friends and those families that we had dreamed about. It was surprising to most of us how we had managed to fool so many great women into marrying the products of an all-boys Catholic school. We also marveled at the accomplishments that we had accomplished.

We talked about our collective accomplishments. These accomplishments were different than what I had imagined as a student. There was a movie a few years ago, called Pay it Forward. That movie affected me profoundly, as it made me realize that our individual accomplishments are limited, except inasmuch as we influence others. Teachers are the ones who have the most impact, and we all can be teachers.

Steve taught you all in words and deeds, how to help others and how to enjoy life

Steve also said that there was 2 thousands of a point between us, and that is what prevented him from speaking as valedictorian at graduation. I never told him that I sandbagged our senior year. We both took advanced math and physics, but that I took a reading class and Steve took German. If I had taken German with Steve, I probably would not have talked at all at graduation.

And here I am, again getting up to talk with Steve’s friends, and his and my families. I imagined what Steve would say, if he could talk.

The first thing Steve would say is, “Whatever you do Higgins, don’t f@#k up!”

Then he would say to his friends, “Comfort my family and help them through these difficult times. Help me to do what I so want to do, but can no longer.

“And, in the words of Yoda:

“Do!”

“Do the things that you learned from me.

“Be my legacy.

“Pay it forward.”

Diana can be reached at diana.a.albanese@verizon.net

His Daughter, Lauren can be reached at Lauren.a.howe@gmail.com

For those who missed it, here is information on how they are honoring Steve:

In lieu of flowers, we are requesting that donations be made to the Steven R. Howe Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 175 Sea Girt, NJ 08750. The donations will be used towards the memorial service and a public memorial bench (to be installed in Spring Lake or Belmar) honoring my father. Judy and I were early for the memorial, so we went for a walk on the board walk. We sat on a memorial bench and looked at the waves curling in to the beach and thought about Steve.
Dear Brother Rene,

I was glad to receive last week "The Bridge", it has been a long time since I got it. Please take note of my email and this way you will be able to send me the future publication by email and save on postage cost.

davidnau@intermonde.net - 1977-Richard Nault

I hope your health will get better and that you will be with us for a long time. Thanks for all your work with the Alumni Association.

Have a great day!

Richard Nault

Update

Bonjour Frère René,

je lisais le journal The Bridge et j’ai vu qu’il vous avait honoré le 23 mai 2009.

Félicitation,

je reconnais sur la photo: frère Marc et frère Marcel. J’espère que je ne me suis pas trompée.

je travaille toujours dans la région de Lac Mégantic, je suis directrice régionale chez Robert Transport, dans un milieu d’hommes.

je fais la navette entre Rougemont (le pays des pommes) Sherbrooke et Lac-Mégantique.

j’ai trois enfants.

Si vous voyez Frère Marcel, dites lui que j’ai arrêté de jouer au Ballon Volant l’année dernière seulement.

je joue seulement lorsque je vais en vacances dans le sud.

par contre, ma fille a pris ma relève.

je vous souhaite de continuer votre bon travail, de la santé et prospérité.

salutation

Marie-Claude Sévigny

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ATTENTION TO ALL GRADUATES

From the Alumni Office - we are asking from everyone your E-mail address so The Bridge can be sent to you by the internet. This will cut down on the expense of mailing the Bridge. We would need the latest email address and any alumni that you keep in contact.

Thank you for this help in updating our alumni list. Brother Rene Demers, (Retired Director).

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1980 Jacques Remillard
1980 John Thompsom
1983 Yves Fleury
1985 Francois Turgeon
1985 Bill Varvaris
1990 Stephane Julien
1996 Ross P. McGill
1996 Melanie Laperle
1998 Jessica Chagnon
2004 Andeannne Caron-Labonte
2006 Duc Hoang Luong

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Alumni Association is looking for a few volunteers for this coming year!

Volunteer to be a Class Connector!

Please help make your Alumni Association stronger.
- Keep in touch with classmates via phone, e-mail, letter.
- Encourage alumni to stay in touch with each other and the Alumni Association.
- Actively work with classmates to locate “lost/missing” alumni.
- Gather and compile alumni news for the Bridge.
- Inform classmates about alumni reunions and encourage attendance.

If you are interested in helping please contact Donald Moore at:
Donald C. Moore, CPA, PLLC., 403 West Bay Plaza, Plattsburgh, NY 12901
518-561-1844, 518-563-5084 fax, moorecpa403@aol.com

Please check out the next page photo's. The Brothers have recently finalized the sale of their property on North Catherine Street. The old Brother's quarters are being torn down as well as the old Library, computer room, pool room and chapel.

All these changes are part of the new development to be built that use the old main building to be called Catherine Gardens.

There is already a waiting list of tenants! And, Look at what is in the place of St. John's!
Construction started on "Catherine Gardens"

Library & Computer Lab also going down!

The old "Brothers Quarters, Dorms and Chapel"

This is where St. John's Green school used to be!

A new Townhouse will be located here!

A new building - a sign of the times PROGRESS!
REUNION INTEREST FORM

Name: ____________________________________________
Street_____________________________________________
City_____________________ State ________
Zip______________ Class year _____________
Country ______________________________
Tel   _________________________________
Email ________________________________

Ok to share your contact info with classmates? 
____yes   ____no

Do you plan to attend your reunion? ____yes 
____no

Would you be interested in helping to plan the 
reunion? ____yes   ____no

At the Sat. night dinner (probably at same location 
as past years; Elks Club, Plattsburgh): 
______DJ _______Band   _____ Other 
Entertainment _________________________

Would you be interested in:
_____joining the Alumni Assoc.
_____becoming a class connector (contacting 
alumni, getting updated contact info). If yes and 
you would like more info and would like a list of 
your class database info, please email Don Moore at 
MooreCPA403@aol.com
_____assist with alumni newsletter; The Bridge 
(contribute a news article)
_____volunteer time on projects such as annual 
fund drive, reunion planning & preparations 
_____database management, assistance with mass 
mailings, website updates 
_____advertising in The Bridge as a form of 
financial support

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My gift of $__________ can be used for:

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