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Committee visits Seaport Inn



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In July of 2010 committee members visited the newly renovated Seaport Inn to deem it worthy of a reunion venue and it passed the committee's inspection. The Commodore Room was agreed upon and is currently booked to secure the date. Also, block of rooms were reserved to allow classmates the convenience to lodge over night and not have to deal with a long drive home after the reunion officially ends. After midnight the docks of the Inn remain open to classmates allowing us to sit outside taking in the New Bedford harbor skyline. The doors at the Seaport officially open at 6pm for the reunion and there is free parking so you can arrive early enough and walk over to the "Castle on the Hill" and remember what it was like 35 years ago and if you haven't been there in a while, check out the changes.

Next June 27th 2011 is Fairhaven's Homecoming and also FHS Class Of 1976 35th Class Reunion.

Remember When..... At the FHS Class 76 Senior Prom in Newport, the Band Toto performed at Orche Court for the evening. We actually had Toto as our band(although they didn't officially form until 1977). We thought a little updating was in order. Photo of the band Toto taken 2010 in Copenhagen, Denmark.



Toto is an [American rock band](#) founded in 1977 by some of the most popular and experienced [session musicians](#) of the era. The band enjoyed great commercial success in the late 1970's and 1980s, beginning with the band's [self-titled debut](#) released in 1978. With the release of 1982's critically acclaimed and commercially successful [Toto IV](#), Toto became one of the best-selling music groups of their era. They are best known for the Top 5 hits "[Hold the Line](#)," "[Rosanna](#)," and "[Africa](#)." Although their popularity in the United States diminished in the 1990s and 2000s, they continued to sell out arenas constantly internationally, playing only a minimal number of shows in the USA. Toto is known for a musical style that combines elements of [pop](#), [rock](#), [soul](#), [funk](#), [progressive rock](#), [hard rock](#), [R&B](#) and [jazz](#). Although they were regularly associated with the [soft rock](#) genre, Toto's broad array of musical styles helps them appeal to a variety of listeners. The band has released 17 albums and have sold over 30 million records to date. Their 18th album, [Falling In Between Live](#), was released in August 2007, a live release recorded in March 2007 in Paris. At the end of the Falling In Between tour in 2008, guitarist [Steve Lukather](#) announced his departure from the band, and the remaining band members subsequently went their separate ways. Recently, Toto announced a short European tour in summer of 2010 to benefit longtime bassist [Mike Porcaro](#), who has been diagnosed with [amyotrophic lateral sclerosis](#) (ALS).

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In this issue we highlight our Classmate Steve Perry. We sent Steve, via E-mail some questions asking him to answer as much as he was comfortable with. Here are Steve's responses to our questions. From the Staff, Thank you, great job and congratulations Grandpa-Steve!

Classmate profile of (Name) **Steve Perry** Married? **Yes (32) years in June 11.** Spouses Name? **Susan (Kollars 77)** Children? **Jessica 26, Craig 24, and Kathryn 21** Grandchildren? **Brenden, 10/2/10**



Where have you lived since graduating from FHS?
Fairhaven

Attend post secondary schooling? **None, unless you count the past 34 years from the school of hard knocks. Boy, have I learned a lot!!!**

What is the most interesting job/position you have held since graduating high school?

Territory Sales Manager for Red Wing Shoe Company. My area covers the 6 New England states. Something different each day and traveling New England in all seasons is wonderful, especially VT, NH and ME.

Have you traveled since graduation and if so where? **Yes, Sue the kids and I have travelled on cruises to the Carribean and Alaska and Sue and I have travelled to various parts of the country on vacations and work related trips.**

Do you volunteer or work at any community organizations or belong to any clubs/organizations?

I personally don't, however my wife Sue is a BOD for Missions for Humanity, an organization based in



Fall River and has ties to Bishop Stang High School as many alumni participate in humanitarian trips to Honduras and Tanzania, Africa. Sue has traveled to both countries multiple times and we have also sent each one our kids as well. Sue is extensively involved with the planning of the medical supplies the group has to bring and as an NP in the field of Cardiology she sees many patients and travels to outskirt villages to administer medical treatment. Please visit their website to learn more.

www.missionsforhumanity.com

What do you enjoy doing with your spare time? (hobbies/interests).

I love to golf, and ride my motorcycle. On my profile it say's I have a Triumph, I traded it and finally got my Harley and absolutely love it. Wish I hadn't waited so long.

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What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment(s) since high school? **I honestly feel my greatest accomplishment is our kids. They are wonderful, however not perfect by any means but they will be my legacy in life. Each one of them cherished memories and I feel in any of life's challenges that Inform us of something that classmates? I had a heart years ago. I like to use the term attack is mild. I didn't have heart surgery; however I am the rest of my life. Never happen to me.**

If you could go back (to HS) differently?

If I could do it all again, I would probably would play baseball and football for FHS. I didn't have the opportunity to play back in the 70's as I had to work, which in itself was a good learning lesson in life at an earlier age.

What is the one thing you know NOW that you



gives Sue and I they will be okay await them. would surprise our attack almost 7 mild, but no heart any stents or open on medicines for thought it would

what would you do

retirement and the need to focus on this is extremely important for their future.

What was your favorite teacher? (Junior high or Senior high). **Mr. Rene Drouin, I had him for Environmental Science, now mind you this wasn't a typically hard class but we learned a lot about our environment, especially the Acushnet River. The way Mr. Drouin taught us and conducted this class somehow stuck with me over the years.**



wish you KNEW in High school? **I wish I knew more about economics at a younger age and the importance of investing. This is something I feel that we need to be teaching students today to prepare for their life and retirement. With all that is going on in politics, lack of pensions, etc. young people need to do more to secure**



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FHS Alumni annual **Light-A-Light**



The Light-a-Light drive is the only fundraiser conducted by the FHS Alumni Association each year. Started in 1985, the drive is featured in the annual Alumni issue of **THE ADVOCATE** which is mailed to the homes of close to 6000 alumni across the nation in early November.

If you are an alumnus, or FHS supporter, and did not receive a copy in the mail last November, then we don't have your current address in our data base. Simply e-mail us at info@fairhavenalumni.org and we will include you.

For every \$10 that is donated to the FHS Alumni, a light is lit on our beautiful 25 foot COLORADO SPRUCE TREE that is located on the west side of the high school near Main Street. The tree remains lighted throughout the holiday season, and has become a symbol of the loyal support that Fairhaven High School receives from its alumni base. The monies received are used to support various restoration projects, scholarships and other projects undertaken by the FHS Alumni Association throughout the year.

Over the past 24 years we have received over \$273,000 in donations which has enabled us to

accomplish a large number of projects and provide scholarships to deserving seniors at graduation in June. In the past two years we have provided Fairhaven High School with \$11,000 to purchase 30 computers to outfit a new classroom computer lab that was utilized for more than 500 class periods the first year, \$10,700 in Mini-Grants to teachers for resources and materials that will enhance classroom instruction, as well as \$5,000 for a new Peer Mediation program that provided students with training in conflict resolution skills to help resolve problems among the fellow students.

Your tax deductible donation can be made in one of two ways - online or via conventional mail. Light-A-Light donations are accepted right through Paypal, at any time of year. A minimum donation of \$10 is suggested.

Each year, an envelope is also provided in the annual Alumni issue of The Advocate, and donations are accepted that way as well. Often donations are made in memory of classmates or loved ones who have passed. The annual issue of The Advocate includes a listing of all of the donors from the previous year and their class. We accept donations at any time of the year, and they can be mailed to:

F.H.S. Alumni Association
P.O. Box 6
Fairhaven, MA 02719

REUNION INTEL(411)

Obtain information you may need to land at the local (T.F.Green & Logan) airports or find some local flavor (or Mom& dad's place) lodging arrangements.

[HTTP://www.fshc76.com/Alum_411.html](http://www.fshc76.com/Alum_411.html)

It is there for you!

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We'll keep you informed with updates about our 35th Class Reunion. - Staff Help us in making upcoming reunion available to ALL

classmates. Any & All assistance is much appreciated. Assist us with up to date email address or U.S. Postal contact information.



FRIDAY EVENING JUNE 24th 2011 Interested in sailing the New Bedford Harbor?

TAKE THE TOUR OF NEW BEDFORD HARBOR!

About \$14pp to \$25pp depending how many sign up.

If enough classmates are interested in a harbor cruise contact Tom or Dave for more details by email at TomMcGre@aol.com or davidf13@localnet.com.

Your classmates are relentless as we continue to plan out the 35th Reunion.



What type foods would YOU enjoy at the 35th reunion? Fresh? Organic? Buffet style, or just h'orderves or Family (sit-down)? We're looking at Buffet style currently....so send in your opinions via E-Mail.

How About... Friday at the 6th annual Evening of Taste at FHS and/or drinks at the Back Eddy on Westport Harbor? During the day (Saturday) at the Homecoming Fair in Fairhaven Center then **Class of '76's 35th Reunion**. Then Sunday-All Class Buffet @ FHS cafeteria then swimming @ Horseneck State beach afterwards?

FHS Class '76 E-Newsletter published at between 4 to 12 times a year to highlight information we hope you find relevant to FHS 76 Class 35th reunion. The views expressed in this newsletter are



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