

# FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976



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## FHS CLASS OF '76 TID-BITS

This years' (2010) last Saturday in June (26<sup>th</sup>) is the annual Fairhaven Homecoming day event. Will you be there? Next June 27<sup>th</sup> 2011 is next years' Homecoming and also FHS class of 1976 35<sup>th</sup> Class reunion. Make plans now to attend as efforts are being placed into Reunion on the River Summer 2011. Begin saving some pocket change or small cash amounts today for next summer's reunion.



Our last issue requested some of your thoughts about the entertainment. Live or Memorex? Can you remember that catch phrase? Well, same type of question basically, we put the question to classmates on having a DJ or Live band perform. Four of our classmates replied via email, and well, we have a split opinion. Two want live DJ with the other two thinking live music is the way



to go. Please, classmates, feel free to email us your opinion or thoughts on this! Check our class site at <http://www.fshc76.com> or email Dave, Mike or Ken. [davidf13@localnet.com](mailto:davidf13@localnet.com), [Khakanson@svb.com](mailto:Khakanson@svb.com) or [mikeh@woodstove.com](mailto:mikeh@woodstove.com) Looking forward to hearing from you.

## Porta-potty "Etiquette"

Being a possibility our 35<sup>th</sup> reunion will be held in an outside environment, the likely hood of the "Port-A-Johnnie" will be put it service to handle our numbers. We are offering these "Helpful – Hints" to prepare our classmates for the event one of us requires the service during our reunion.

For Men:

- 1) Do not bring in anything to read. First, you don't really want to spend extra time inside. Second, there is likely to be a long line of uncomfortable women waiting outside. If they see you exit the Porta-potty carrying a newspaper, we can't guarantee your safety
- 2) make sure to lift the seat, and aim carefully while standing. Your wife or girlfriend may tolerate sitting on a wet seat, because you are otherwise a really wonderful guy. (Ed's Note: Yes! WE are!) The other female members of our class are not likely to think you (us) are so wonderful.
- 3) Put the seat down when you are done. Whether or not you do this at home, you absolutely need to do it now.
- 4) If you forget to put the seat down, do not plan to linger. Run like hell.



For Women:

- 1) It is not a phone booth. Do not use your time inside to call your family. Second, if you happen to drop the phone inside, it is gone forever. I promise you that there is no amount of charm or crying will convince a class member to get it for you.
- 2) You should be drinking enormous quantities of alcohol, and as a result, you will have to go almost constantly. Since you may normally go almost constantly, you may not notice a difference. We realize that the Porta-potty is not the most pleasant environment, but that is no excuse to cut back on your liquid consumption during our Reunion on the River!
- 3) When you walk into the Porta-potty, you will notice a small open plastic container attached to the wall. It is not a garbage receptacle. It is not a fanny pack holder. It is a urinal. Now you know.

Next issue we will offer 13 simple port-a-potties tips.

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**In this issue we highlighted Classmate James (Jimi) Mathieu. We sent Jimi via E-mail some questions asking him to fill to his best comfort levels. Here are James' answers to our questions. From the Staff, Thanks Jimi!** (You know we luv ya, man!)

**Married?** Yes      **Spouses Name?** Lori Anne (Dowd) from West Islip, NY.  
**Children?** Melissa Ann and James M. Mathieu II **Grandchildren?** Patrick and Sean

**Where have you lived since graduating from High school?** My first address was Miles Standish State Forest, Barretts Pond, campsite #23 for many months; then I started my career in the US Coast Guard and since had 28 different mailing addresses; from Maine to Miami! Yep, I'm an east coast guy.

**Attend post secondary schooling?** University of the State of New York (non resident): Electro-mechanical and Hydraulic Engineering.

**What is the most interesting job/position you have held since graduating high school?** Two come to mind: When I made my first rescue of a distressed mariner and saved his life...something I will not forget nor will he! Next, was when given the responsibility of commanding the largest and busiest US Coast Guard search, rescue & law enforcement station in Miami Beach, FL. Having all those young women and men look up to you; studying everything you do (and say); then watch them learn and go complete the mission was amazing. Most gratifying now is many years later, having them contact me and say, thank you for teaching them...[and] being their mentor in life. Aside from saving a life, helping another chart their future and watch them succeed is almost as rewarding.

**Have you traveled since graduation and if so where?** I am sure many do not know (nor did I when daydreaming out Mr. Drouin's classroom windows watching the Coast Guard come and go) was that the US Coast Guard is worldwide deployable. I have been so lucky to visit every coastal state in our great nation including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as all the Caribbean (rum loving) Islands even Cuba (yep, good ol' Guantanamo Bay—but not as a detainee); and Europe (~10 countries). I enjoy traveling; especially with my family, but nothing's better than returning to the USA.

**Do you volunteer or work at any community organizations or belong to any clubs/organizations?** I believe in volunteerism and giving back. I volunteer every chance available at our 11yr old son's school activities as well as coach little league and even dance with him on stage during the annual production of the Nutcracker. (Yep, you can find me dancing on YouTube). I also volunteer for many non-profit organizations such as the Coast Guard Foundation and the Navy League of the United States to name a few. I am very grateful for all that I have been given, and I believe giving back is the right thing to do.

**What do you enjoy doing with your spare time? (Hobbies/interests).** Near and dear to me has always been sailing, skiing and ice hockey as well as travel—love it! I still play organized hockey with the “kids.” I am still too young (in my mind) to be in the non-check geriatric league—ha-ha—but it is still nice to meet & greet each other up close and personal center ice or into the boards...[the] laws of physics and hockey make perfect sense to me.

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**What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment(s) since high school?** Helping others where I learned from my personal and others' speed bumps in the road of life. Helping and preventing them from the lessons learned along the way so hopefully they do not have to feel those very same bumps we have previously crossed.

**Inform us of something that would surprise our classmates?** Please wait until the last question!

**If you could go back (to HS) what would you do differently?** Nothing, I wouldn't change a thing! I had a great time and have no regrets. People sometimes ask if you can go back in time, what would you do? First, I wouldn't volunteer to go back since my wife and children are the most precious parts of my life. However, if ever reincarnated, my request would be the same, a junior in FHS—same era, oh yea!

**What is the one thing you know NOW that you wish you KNEW in High school?** Time goes by too fast. We all rushed to grow up and have lost too many opportunities along the way due to other competing priorities... [now] I understand to take it slow and smell the roses along the way.

**What was your favorite teacher? (Junior high or Senior high).** Ok, here it is class...Mrs. Mabel Pina—I thought the world of her! There wasn't a day Mrs. Pina was neither happy nor joyful; always smiling to everyone, everyday. Whether we lost a game (or lost every game that atrocious 0-9 football season), she taught me to always look forward to the next sunrise and keep smiling; which I have. If you remember, the next year, we achieved championship seasons in both football and hockey—thank you Mrs. Pina for your wisdom, beauty; and most of all, that everlasting smile—wink, wink!





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The Reunion Council investigates the PAQUACHUCK INN as a possible venue to hold the reunion. Some facts we know. The building rises above Westport's beautiful harbor, marks the confluence of the Nocquachoke and Acoxsett Rivers. The Paquachuck Inn has dominated the landscape of the village of Westport Point for 170 years, a stately reminder of those who have made and lost their lives on the water. The Inn is hand hewn from heavy timbers, built like a ship, pegged, worn smooth and salted by sand and wind.



Original Whale Oil Lamps, harpoons and whalebones share space in our lobby and intimate B&B. The Inn is open year round, with facilities hosting parties or gatherings. Every room boasts a water view. A patio to the east ushers in the morning, the marsh, and breakfast- from our railed porch, the sunset over the West Branch.

OUR PRIVATE DOCK offers access to Westport Harbor. We're right on some of the best striper and clam fields in the

country! You can fish off our dock or hit the saltwater for bass or bluefish.



Horesneck Beach with is a minutes away from the Inn's door. You can't miss us, the end of the road, Westport Point.



The PAQUACHUCK INN offers a particularly beautiful setting for parties and functions anytime of the year. You may dine al fresco on our patio, when our waterfront gardens and sparkling harbor are particularly lovely. Clambakes and barbecues are a wonderful way to entertain. The warmth and charm of the Paquachuck Inn make it an ideal location for cocktail parties.

We will keep you informed with on going investigations to the reunions' venue. - Staff

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Help us in making upcoming reunion available to ALL classmates, here are members of our class which we do not have contact Any & All assistance much appreciated. Please assist us with up to date email address or U. S. Postal contact information.

The possibility exists, mind you a slim one, that the "Jeff Brothers and the Fender Bluze Band" may....key word being "may" make an appearance and perform some sort of "jam" session during our reunion. Don't miss this reunion at any rate. Make the effort to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> reunion. (Little John's been practicing).



On a special note; check out this YOUTUBE link: If he's in a plaid skirt and PF Flyers or in a Tux, he's our CLASSIC JIMI! Clips of ARB's version of "The Nutcracker". Prince William County's Best Performing Arts Group in 2008 and 2009! (Jim Mathieu in the Tux)



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFiNPNUUow>

Need FHS classmate information?

Require updated reunion information?



Our web site <http://www.fshc76.com>

Alumni site <http://www.fhvnalumni.org>

**How About...coffee and breakfast after the reunion? Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> evening of taste at FHS or drinks at the Back-Eddy @ Westport Harbor? Saturday during the day HOMECOMING @ FHVN center then Class of '76's 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion on the River. Sunday, All Class Buffet (again) @ FHS cafeteria or breakfast at the Bayside Restaurant, Westport (swim @ Horesneck afterwards?)**



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