

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1976



REUNION ON THE RIVER NEWSLETTER WINTER 2010 Vol. 1 Issue 1

WELCOME to the PREMIER ISSUE!



WOW! Summer escaped us (All one week of it!). At this years (2009) annual Fairhaven Homecoming Day event our classmates organized a Scholarship fundraiser to benefit Fairhaven High graduating seniors. Above is a snapshot of some of our classmates in attendance. For more pictures of other classmates, winners of the raffle tickets and prizes check out our class's web site: <http://www.fshc76.com>.

FHS CLASS OF '76 HAPPENINGS

'76 Class President Kent Hakanson during open negotiations at Westport River Wineries taken last summer.



Major efforts are being placed into our Class '76 35th reunion. Will you be attending the Reunion on the River 2011?

SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE FROM MIKE HARTIGAN

Hello fellow classmates! Hope everyone had a great holiday season. I just wanted to update everyone on the "Class of 1976 Memorial Scholarship Fund" As most of you are aware, a few of us thought it would be a great idea to set up a scholarship fund to both memorialize the many classmates that we have lost since graduation and also to help 1 or more future graduating students from FHS with their studies. Through a fundraiser held at last years Fairhaven Homecoming fair in June, we were able to raise \$1267.00 so far. This was achieved through the many

generous donations in the form of cash from fellow classmates and items as well that we were able to raffle off. We had lots of classmate volunteers that dedicated the day to help out and we were able to connect with a lot of others during the day to make it a great success. An account will be set up in a local Fairhaven bank under the Dollars For Scholars program set up by the school and I thought it would be a good idea to keep it open for an extra year to make the distribution to the student or students in 2011 to coincide with our 35th class reunion. Since the scholarship was announced, we have been able to connect with more and more classmates through both our class web site and Facebook page so we would like to possibly keep the donations coming to build up the account some more during the next year or so and it could benefit possibly both a male and female graduate. A small selection committee would be formed from various classmates to help with the selections. So, classmates, what do you think? Can we raise some more funds for this great cause? I wanted to personally thank the many donors and classmates for helping with the initial fundraiser and hopefully we can raise some more during the next year or so. If anyone is interested in donating, you can mail any amount that you are able to spare to me at: Fairhaven High Class of 1976 Memorial Scholarship Fund, Attn: Mike Hartigan 2081 E. Bethel Rd. Randolph Center, VT 05061 802-728-3078. Amounts received will be deposited into the account in Fairhaven and through these newsletters, I will update you all what has been continued to be raised.

Thank you for your time.

Mike Hartigan Class Member

It is our effort to highlight one class member each issue. In this issue our class mate Wendy Langlois (Williams) is our premier highlight. We sent Wendy via e-mail some questions asking her to fill them out to her best comfort levels. Well, she did, here is her replies. From our editorial staff, Thank you Miss Wendy and our best wishes to you!



Classmate profile:

Name: Wendy (Langlois) Williams

Married: YES

Spouses Name: JEFF WILLIAMS of WORCESTER, MA

Children: TWO STEPSONS: JEFF, Jr. (21) and CURRAN (18)

Where have you lived since graduating from High school: FIRST MOVED TO NORTH ADAMS, MA TO ATTEND NORTH ADAMS STATE COLLEGE, AND AFTER TRANSFERRING TO UMASS BOSTON TO STUDY NURSING, I HAVE LIVED IN THE GREATER BOSTON AREA SINCE.

Attend post secondary schooling?: I HAVE A BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING FROM UMASS BOSTON AND A MASTER'S IN EDUCATION (ADULT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT) FROM NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY.

What is the most interesting job/position you have held since graduating high school? BEING AN ONCOLOGY (CANCER) NURSE AT DANA FARBER CANCER INSTITUTE IN THE 80's. I PROVIDED NURSING CARE AND ADMINISTERED CHEMOTHERAPY TO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND WORKED WITH AMAZING NURSES, DOCTORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS. IT WAS A REAL TEAM EFFORT.

Have you traveled since graduation and if so where? I HAVE BEEN TO ITALY; CANADA; MEXICO AND THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS AND TO MANY OF THESE FINE UNITED STATES!

Do you volunteer or work at any community organizations or belong to any clubs/organizations?: I AM ACTIVE IN MY CHURCH AND HAVE BEEN AN ELDER IN THAT CHURCH (NEWTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEWTON, MA) FOR MANY YEARS. AN ELDER PROVIDES SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE IN A LOCAL CONGREGATION.

What do you enjoy doing with your spare time? (hobbies/interests). I AM WORKING ON MOVING FULL TIME INTO MARRIAGE EDUCATION. I REALLY ENJOY WORKING WITH ADULTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MOVING THEIR RELATIONSHIPS FORWARD. I ALSO DO A LOT OF KNITTING... I AM GETTING PRETTY GOOD AT IT! I ALSO REALLY ENJOY HANGING OUT WITH MY HUSBAND AND GOING TO THE MOVIES.

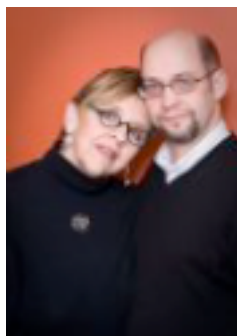
What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment(s) since high school? MARRYING A WONDERFUL MAN WITH TWO LITTLE BOYS... MY WILLINGNESS TO BE A STEP-MOM AND SUPPORT MY HUSBAND AS HE WORKED AT BEING A DAD AT A DISTANCE. HARD... VERY HARD, BUT A REWARDING EXPERIENCE.

Inform us of something that would surprise our classmates? I WAS REALLY IN LOVE WITH RICHARD COSTA AND CRIED MANY TEARS FOR A FEW YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH - ESPECIALLY WHEN I HEARD THE SONG: NIGHTS IN WHITE SATIN BY THE MOODY BLUES. ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THINGS (!), I LOVE BLUEGRASS MUSIC!

If you could go back (to HS) what would you do differently? I WOULD HAVE TAKEN ART AND MUSIC MORE SERIOUSLY AND DEVELOPED MY CREATIVE SIDE.

What is the one thing you know NOW that you wish you KNEW in High school? I MAY KNOW IT NOW, BUT PRACTICE IT??? NOT YET... THE FINE ART OF SAVING MONEY AND BUILDING A NEST EGG. I WISH I HAD THAT FOUNDATION UNDER ME.

What was your favorite teacher? (Junior high or Senior high). MR. DUFOUR! SENIOR HIGH FRENCH TEACHER.



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As we leave you with our last page, here are some photos of a few of the other locations being considered, reviewed, looked at or investigated upon. Any classmate with any suggestions, thoughts or idea about the reunion please send your comments or what have into us. Everything is placed on the “table” for review and is discussed.

BackEddy restaurant is the main walkway walkway are floating standing bar counters. the floating dock and the establishment.



On the Westport River. Pictured on to the river. On both sides of docks with Tables, chairs and Can hold up to 100 people on about another 60 people inside

Also under consideration is the Paquachuck Inn. Also located at the “head” of the Wesport River. Under the tent, catered affair. Can arrive by boat or automobile to this function.



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January 2010 Classmates Missing Contact Information.

To assist in making upcoming reunion available to ALL classmates, here are members of our class which we do not have any contact information. Contact Class web site www.fshc76.com if you have any contact information. Any & All assistance much appreciated.

Steve Daniels Sharon Downey Susan Griffith

Beatriz Africano-Haoui John Hennessey Scott Kahlor

Kristen Krochell Micheal Menard Jane Pinto-O'Meara

Donna Mirault-Perry Susan Widelski-Rothstein

Leory Santos Nancy Snook Paul Tergeon

Micheal Wall Ada Wedge

The Reunion Council would like to be able to send out via U.S. Postal Service and electronically notices and reminders of the up coming 35th Class Reunion. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!