

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1976



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Dear FHS Alumni,

For those of you who wonder where I am, what I'm doing and some thoughts or memories about my 36 years working in the Fairhaven School system. It all started in 1954 when I was assigned to teach at the Rogers School Grade 7, teaching ALL subjects and coaching football and basketball.(My star player was Tom Mendell). After three years came a transfer to Fairhaven High School where I remained until 1990. My heart went all out to the FHS spirit of the students and total dedication of all the teachers there. Higher paying offers from SMU and New Bedford High were not even tempting. Among the tasks in which I got involved beyond teaching French were being class advisor to several classes, running clubs like the French Club, the American Field Service Club and even the ping pong club. It was my responsibility to choose FHS students to go abroad and to receive foreign students at FHS. I coached the girls' tennis team and to my knowledge that was the only year in the history of the school that we won the league championship trophy. Among the fondest memories are the trip to France with 30 students and the bus trips to Quebec every other year. I thank the Good Lord every day for the blessings of those 36 years.....working in a real castle with Carrara marble stairs, stained glass windows, ornate chandeliers, the sculpted ceiling in Room 7 and Room 11 which I considered my private kingdom. The thrill of working side by side with intellectual giants like Miss Hastings, Mel Entin, Mabel Knipe, Marie Noyer et al. was unbelievable. Yes, indeed, I left there in 1990 with a huge lump in my throat. Wow! That was 19 years ago.! As the old saying goes, in life, you can't keep looking at past accomplishments in the rear view mirror, you have to look through the windshield. Once again, the Good Lord has given me good health and I try to use it as well as possible. My wife Muriel (the wind beneath my wings) and I live in Fort Myers, FL where we have quite a busy schedule. As president of my condo association I am responsible (with 2 other board members) for making financial decisions for the 30 families who live in this building. On Thursday mornings I make Eucharistic ministry calls to patients in our local hospital. One of the great loves of my life has been the game of tennis and as captain of our team for the past several years, I lined up the matches against teams from other communities. But of course there is always time for visiting our three sons and nine grandchildren, for concerts, plays traveling, reading good books, socializing etc. It is a full life and we are enjoying it thoroughly. It is always a thrill for me to read FHS alumni news since FHS was such an important part of my life.

Donald J.B.Dufour

FHS CLASS OF '76 HAPPENINGS

Acoxett Country Club at Westport Harbor for hosting our 35th class reunion. What's your opinion?



Efforts are in placed for our Class '76 35th reunion. Make plans to attend our 35th Class of 1976 "Reunion on the River" Last Saturday in June of 2011.



*WE REQUIRE YOUR ASSISTANCE
DO YOU OF ANY KNOW MISSING
CLASSMATES? CONTACT THEM
TO CONTACT US AT THE CLASS
WEB SITE. POSSIBLE HIGHEST
NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE!*

As of January 09, 2010 the 2009 Light-a-Light Campaign was a Huge Success!

The Board of Directors of the FHS Alumni Association extends its heartfelt thanks to the 690 alumni and friends of Fairhaven High School who contributed a total of \$18,250 that made the 25th annual Light-a-Light campaign the most successful drive since the very first year (1985). Once again the Class of 1948 led all classes with 62 donations, while the Class of 1961 donated the largest amount of money (\$1,450).

Thanks to the FHS Class 1976 members who contributed to this years campaign. Possible for any more class participation in next years great casue?



Need FHS classmate information?

Require updated reunion information?

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

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



Coffee and breakfast after the reunion?
How about it?

AN IDEA FOR ENTERTAINMENT AT OUR 35th CLASS REUNION

DAVE ANTUNES SOUND COMPANY



I'm Dave Antunes and I'll work hard to make your function a great success, no matter how big or how small. Don't let the sun go down on your next event, let the Dave Antunes Sound Company shine for you. I only use DASCO sound equipment. DASCO is a local sound company that provides excellent sound quality for any activity or function that you or your company may have. DASCO pays attention to all the particulars to guarantee a successful event. We are available for all functions such as political debates, auctions, seminars, festivals, dance recitals, town meetings, school plays just to name a few.



Let Me and my company provide the music for your next function. I am committed to providing the best sound for your function. We understand the importance to you and your audience and thereby work diligently to provide the best sound possible. See our client list below and let us add you to this list. Make the Dave Antunes Sound Company your sound company for life.

Here are some of the artists and events we have provided services for:

Maria DeBarros - Armsted Christian
Jackie Santos - Marggot Thunder
John Mcafferty & The Beaver Brown Band
Candida Rose - Livingston Taylor
2005 New Bedford Mayoral Debate
Jeff Bros. with the Fender Bluze Band
First Night-New Bedford
Padanaram Summer Concert Series
Whaling City Summer Festivals



**CLASSMATES! WHAT DO THINK?
A LIVE BAND OR DISC-JOCKEY (DJ)?**

LET YOUR THOUGHTS BE HEARD!

**E-MAIL US AT THE WEB SITE AND
INFORM US OF YOUR THOUGHTS!**

<http://www.fshc76.com>

**THIS IS YOUR REUNION MAKE IT A
GREAT ONE!**

Next Issue:

FACE BOOK: ARE YOU ON IT?

WE LOOK AT THE PAQUACHUCK INN

**Upcoming Classmates:
Alyson Brault and James Mathieu**

In this issue we highlighted Classmate John Sharples. We sent John via e-mail some questions asking him to fill to his best comfort levels. Here are John's answers to our questions. From the Staff, Thanks John!

Married? Happily for 25 years Spouses Name? Lori Ann Sharples

Children? John Augustus Sharples III and Rebecca Ann Sharples

Grandchildren? Lileigh Madison Sharples, Dracen Jorge Franco and Max Augustus Sharples due April 20th, 2010

Where have you lived since graduating from High school? I have lived in Fairhaven for a few years but now own a home in New Bedford.

Attend post secondary schooling? R.I. Trade Shop Schools for Auto Mechanics and also took a few management classes at BCC.

What is the most interesting job/position you have held since graduating high school? Operations Manager of Poyant Signs, Inc. where I have worked now for the past 25 years.

Have you traveled since graduation and if so where? I have visited Florida, South Carolina, Colorado, Ohio, Canada on family vacations and business trips.

Do you volunteer or work at any community organizations or belong to any clubs/organizations?: Not at this time

What do you enjoy doing with your spare time? Hobbies/interests? One of my favorite hobbies is playing the drums, I love reading novels, I also have a 1947 Chevy Sedan Delivery that I am in the process of rebuilding, and I have a pretty extensive love for HO trains that I have built in my basement. I also love to do wood working projects and like to gardening in the yard. Last but not least I love to hang by my pool and drink beer.

What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment(s) since high school? My marriage of 25 years, being a good father and grandfather and my career at Poyant Signs, Inc.

Inform us of something that would surprise our classmates?

Probably, that I love to read and read about a novel a week. I have read over 170 books so far. Not bad for a kid who never read anything but Hot Rod magazines, even during class.

If you could go back (to HS) what would you do differently?

I wouldn't change anything, it made me who I am today. Except gym class, I never got over being the skinny legged kid in the blue and white gym shorts.

What is the one thing you know NOW that you wish you KNEW in High school? How important education is and how you need education to better yourself and make it in life.

What was your favorite teacher? (junior high or senior high).

Mr. Evins in High School, Distributive Education.



Here are some photos of another location being considered. Below are a few shots of the Acoxett Club in Westport. Other than the 9 hole golf course little is known about this location. Yet, this private club is another possibility for hosting our 35th reunion. The Reunion council would like to hear your input to make this a memorable occasion for you. We will continue to give you updates via these newsletters, our class web site and also our class Face-Book page as our classmates sign up. Just ask us!



Above photos are of the Acoxett Country Club in WESTPORT Massachusetts. Continuing our mission of "Reunion on the River" theme. Very exclusive club and area overlooking Buzzards Bay and Rhode Island Sound. Just a suggestion by our classmates, you too can add to all of this!

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Help us in making upcoming reunion available to ALL classmates, here are members of our class which we do not contact information was outdated or we never had to begin with. Contact Class web site www.fshc76.com if you have information. Any & All assistance much appreciated. Last issue, TWO classmates where updated. Thank you! We still have some with out contact information, help us to let them know of the upcoming reunion .

Steve Daniels Sharon Downey

Beatriz Africano-Haoui John Hennessey

Michael Menard Nancy Snook

Susan Widelski-Rothstein Leroy Santos

Paul Turgeon Michael Wall Ada Wedge

The Reunion Council would like to contact these classmates either by US Postal service or by e-mail to provide reminders about upcoming events like our 35th class reunion. Your help with locating our classmates is greatly appreciated!

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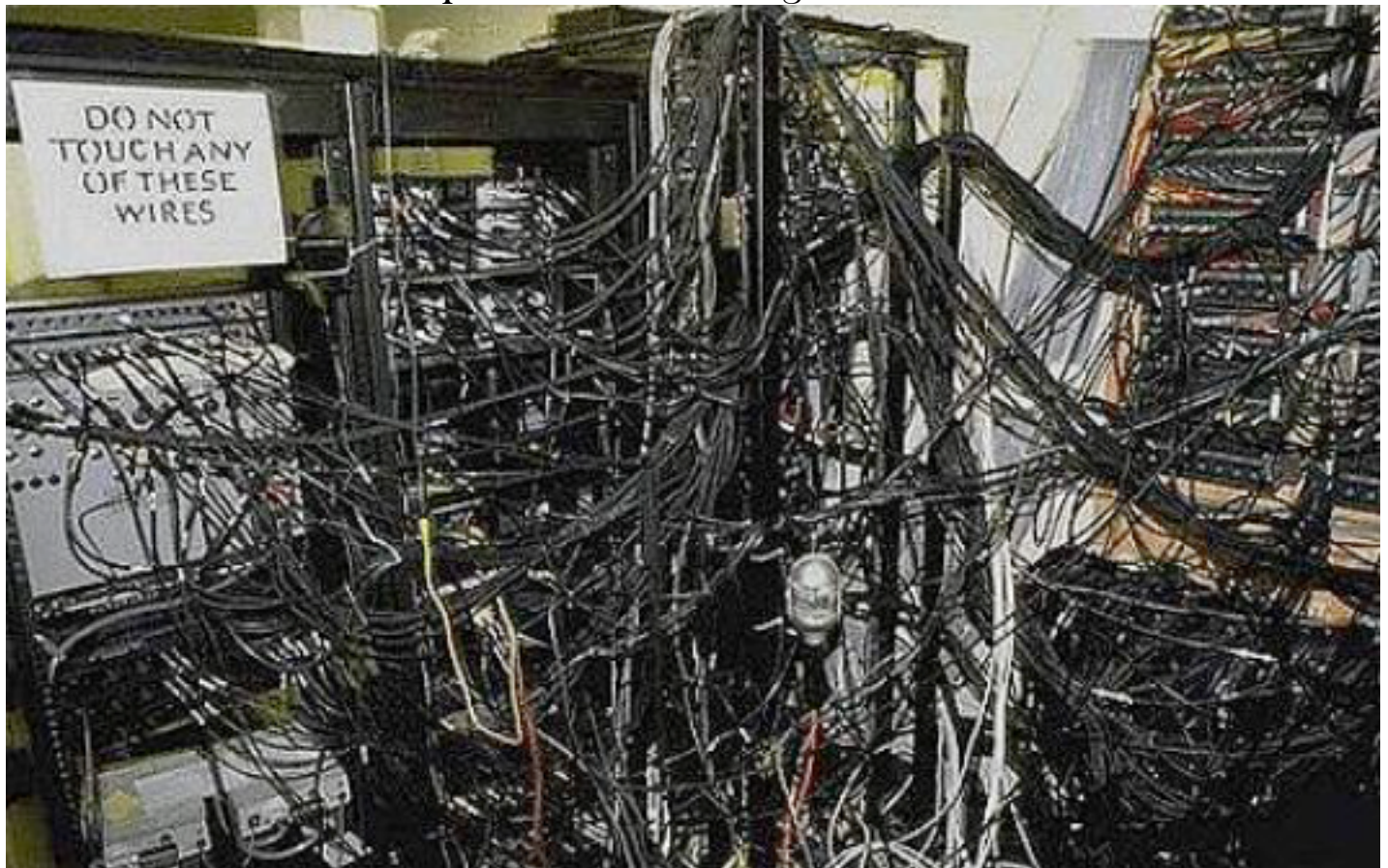
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Between February 25th to the 28th, our server moved! The data center hosting our class site moved to the West Coast Data Center, downtown Los Angeles, (somewhat Kent's territory). Our services on the class site had not been affected by this move. If any difficulties were experienced logging onto our class site, we apologize! We are working to maintain our cyber presence.

Send in more pictures so we can grow some more!



When we figure out what wire should go where, we'll get out the next edition. Hey Mike/Ken, are we really sure the yellow wire goes there?

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