

65 Weymouth High School

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40th Class Reunion plans are underway!

You heard it here first, so mark your calendar and get ready to party! Our **WHS '65 40th Reunion** will be held on **Sat., August 27, 2005**, at the **Radisson Hotel in Plymouth** (formerly the Sheraton, site of our 25th Reunion). The cocktail hour will begin at 6:30, followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30 in the main ballroom to the music of **Java Jive**, one of the most popular and sought after bands in New England.

In the coming months, the menu and other details will be worked out. A formal invitation will be mailed after the first of the year.

The Plymouth Harbor area offers many activities for attendees and their families including: golf, harbor cruises, wonderful restaurants and lounges for informal gatherings and Sunday Brunch. It's going to be a fabulous weekend with old friends. We're very excited about the possibility of seeing you, so please plan to join us for the fun!

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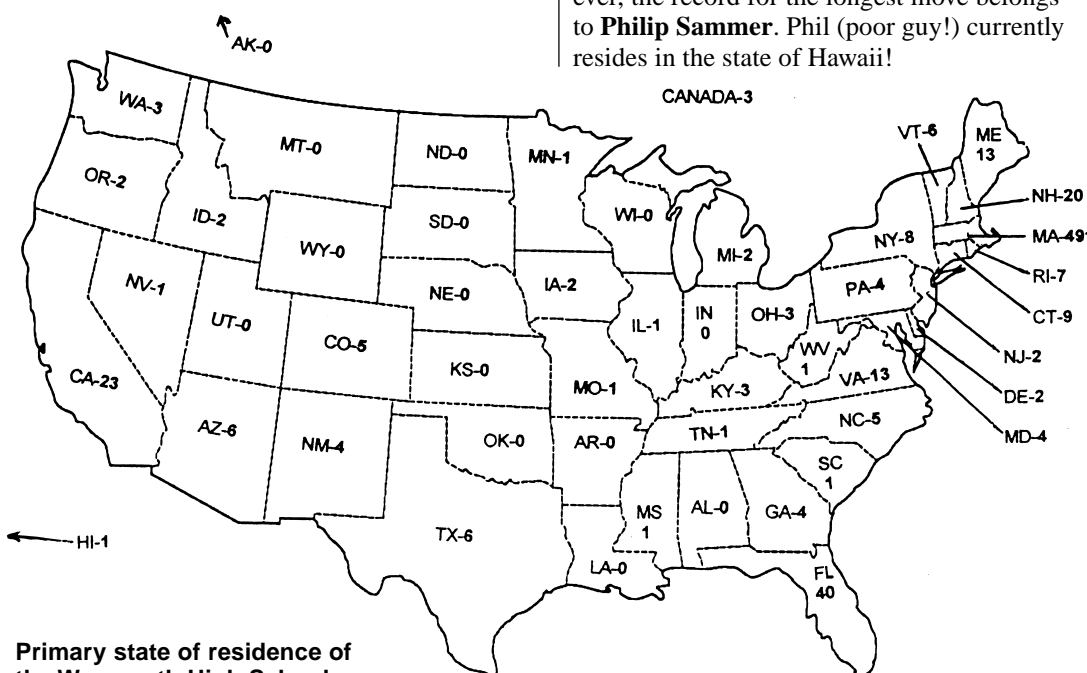
Where are we living now?

As the map below shows, the WHS class of 1965 has been on the move. While over 100 of us still call Weymouth home, many have moved far from their South Shore roots.

The Reunion Committee has current addresses for all but 32 of the surviving members of our graduating class. In fact, the majority of us (70%) still reside in Massachusetts.

Another 8% live in the other five New England states, so nearly four out of five classmates have chosen to remain in New England.

All told we now reside in 36 different states. In fact, three of our classmates, **Dorothy (Allen) Mazeau**, **Donald Chubbuck**, and **Patricia Gardner** now live in Canada. However, the record for the longest move belongs to **Philip Sammer**. Phil (poor guy!) currently resides in the state of Hawaii!



Primary state of residence of the Weymouth High School Class of 1965.

First and second generation Olympians

Were you aware that the Class of 1965 produced an Olympic athlete? Back in 1972, world champion Dan Gable had a stranglehold on the 68-kilogram weight class slot for the U.S. Olympic wrestling team. However, classmate **Ronald Ouellet** was born in Canada and, when that country invited him to try out for their team, he eagerly accepted. Despite having suffered a broken neck in 1970(!), Ron won a slot on the Canadian team and participated in the Munich Olympics. He won a couple of matches but says his most extraordinary memory from the games relates to the parade on opening day. The streets were lined with hundreds of thousands of cheering spectators, providing an emotional high he will never forget.

Subsequently, Ron and his brother and fellow wrestler **David Ouellet** were inducted into the Weymouth Sports Hall of Fame. (Other inductees from the Class of 1965 include **Jim Buker**, **Mike Busa**, **Jim Dunn** and former NHL star **Bobby Sheehan**.)

But the story doesn't end there. Those of you who watched the Salt Lake City winter Olympics in 2002 may recall the remarkable young pair skaters Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn. Tiffany is the daughter of **Marian (Frederick) Scott**. Marian has been continuously involved with Tiffany's skating career, which began when she was 18 months old; she even sewed many of Tiffany's costumes, including the one she wore in the Olympics.

To qualify for the U.S. Olympic team, Scott and Dulebohn won the silver medal at the U.S. Nationals for a third straight year. They gave a dazzling performance at the Olympics despite having been sidelined for several months by a stress fracture in Philip's hip. The pair continues to raise the level of their art and hopes to qualify again for the 2006 games.

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Here's a random sampling of what some of our classmates have been up to in the past four decades.

Quite a few of us became educators. **Gordon Karlberg** is a plumbing instructor. **Jim Barry** is director of training for Netjets International. **Mary Haywood** serves as Director of Professional Development at the S.I.T. in Vermont. You may have seen classmate **David Hyland** being interviewed on the Discovery Channel after the space shuttle Columbia tragedy. Dave is a professor of aerospace engineering at Texas A&M. **Ruth (DiLorenzo) Lynch** and **Kathy (Keating) Dowling** are both high school principals. **Barbara (Butterfield) Wight** retired from the Weymouth Public Schools after 35 years of teaching children with learning disabilities. (For 10 years taught in the late Mrs. Moss's classroom at Weymouth North High School.)

And we serve our communities in other essential ways. **Diane (Garfagna) Paaso** is a youth worker in a group home for adolescent boys. **Karen (Adams) Naughton** is an LPN. **Karen (Logfren) Zimmer** is a nurse manager for a detox center in Hartford, CT and says she "tries to enjoy one day at a time". After practicing law in Kentucky, **Laura (Phillips) Fulcher** is employed in the Office of Special Investigations of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. **Ralph Poland** is a deputy sheriff.

It seems there's a classmate for any professional service you might require. Need a topnotch architect in Mass.? That would be **Dick Jones** in Rockland. A Florida real estate developer? Get in touch with **Al Cicchese** at his company Crown Real Estate Management. Al has lived in the Ft. Lauderdale area for 30 years, is the father of 4 and grandfather of 6. And he's still singing! (See www.alcsings.com) Want to get away from it all? **Kathryn**

(O'Hearn) Atwood and her son recently opened a bed and breakfast called The Secret Garden in Provincetown.

Ken Goss lives in Washington, DC where he works in government relations for the aerospace industry. **Jean (Hepburn) Fleming** and **Linda (Cook) Littlefield** are both successful artists. **Rick King** is a corporate pilot. **Peter Burrows** is Chief Information Officer at Reebok International. He lives on the waterfront in Boston, but spends much of his leisure time in the Green Mountains of Vermont at an organic farm he is starting up with his son. **Priscilla (Hodges) Hallberg** and her husband Gordon are living in Iowa where they are musicians and teachers. **Jan Patten** moved to Florida shortly after graduation and has lived there ever since in Palm Beach Gardens. She has a daughter and two granddaughters, 5 and almost two, who keep her hopping. She works as a corporate paralegal in West Palm Beach. **Fred Swett** is involved in a home-based business, dvdmonster.com. He also runs an outside lawn care business and is caring for his 86-year-old mom! Oh, and those "rocket scientists" you've heard about – we have one of those, too. **Robert Gridley** works at Jet Propulsion Labs in Pasadena.

Maureen (Keating) MacDonald has been working at South Shore Hospital for 27 years. She has been married for 35 years to '63 WHS grad Craig MacDonald. They have two children, Amy and Craig, and Maureen says she is "obnoxiously enjoying" her twin granddaughters. **Dave** and **Bonnie (Blanchard) Haley** live in Scituate and have two grown children. Dave is a partner at Isaacson Miller, an executive search firm in Boston. Bonnie is a geriatric social worker specializing in Alzheimer's disease. **Karen Whittaker** is retired from a 26-year teaching career and

WHS '65 trivia

Okay, is that gray matter still functioning or has middle age turned your brain to mush? Find out by taking this trivia quiz. A score of 7 out of 10 is outstanding. (Answers pg. 4)

- 1) What were Weymouth's school colors?
- 2) Name the school mascot.
- 3) During our senior year, what WHS sports team won all of its games but one?
- 4) Who was the principal of WHS?
- 5) What was the school song?
- 6) Where was the senior prom held?
- 7) What school was Weymouth's traditional Thanksgiving Day opponent?
- 8) In what month and year did we move to the new high school on Commercial Street?
- 9) Who was the WHS basketball coach?
- 10) In what movie did Johnny Depp play 1961 Weymouth graduate George Jung?

is now involved with several new "careers", including childcare and serving as an independent representative for Avon. She is a "single mom" of two cats, a volunteer for a local humane organization, and an ardent advocate for animal welfare.

Doug VonInderstein and wife Linda

celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary in August. Doug has been a retail food broker for 27 years and sometimes wonders if son David will end up working in his company. **Deb Nicholls** lives in Acton, MA, with her husband, Hal. After 7 years of teaching and 22 years in high tech, Deb retired. But she got bored when her son went off to college, so she became a realtor and real estate investor. **Sandra Richardson** has been with a small advertising agency in Plymouth for over 20 years and is the doting aunt/great aunt of 32.

Of course, nothing is constant but change. After spending 16 years as a CIA analyst, **Len Tagg** is currently working as



WHS Class of 1965 40th Reunion Committee (seated, l to r): Sandra Richardson, Jan Patten (visiting from Florida), Deb Nicholls, Bonnie (Blanchard) Haley and Karen Whittaker; (standing, l to r): Skip Glass, Doug VonInderstein, Dave Haley and Maureen (Keating) MacDonald.

a recruiter for the agency. **Ann Dolber** is living on the ancestral farm in Vermont and working at Middlebury College after 30 years at Stanford. She has a 25-year-old daughter, is currently civil-unioned to Shirley Oxidine, a clinical psychologist, and after 40 years is *still* active in the altar guild. **Parker Koopman** went to sea for five years as an engineer and then came ashore to get married and raise a family. He and his second wife live in Barnstable; he is plant manager at the Canal Generating Plant.

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Our first introduction to Democracy: uncanny!

One of the first exercises in democracy that we in the class of '65 experienced was the election of senior class officers. So how did we do? Remarkably, we seem to have shown an amazing knack for picking the ideal candidates for the various offices.

Take class president **David Ellison**. Dave recently retired from the Navy at the rank of rear admiral! After graduating from the Naval Academy, Dave honed his leadership skills with an MBA from George Washington University and a Ph. D. from Penn State. During the Gulf War, Dave commanded the USS Yorktown in the Mediterranean. Recently Dave and his wife **Leslie (DiGravio) Ellison** moved once again after Dave was chosen to serve as superintendent of the prestigious New Mexico Military Institute.

Class vice president **Tim Montgomery** also showed a continuing penchant for leadership after graduation. For a time, Tim and his wife **Donna (Hyland) Montgomery** co-owned and operated FM radio station WKSS in Hartford, CT. For

the past six years, Tim has been President and CEO of a publishing company called Jerome Press whose subsidiaries include *Playbill* magazine and *Show of the Month Club*.

And what would one look for in a class secretary – a combination of language skills and leadership? **Ellen (LaMond) Isaacs** would exhibit both. For a number of years Ellen owned and operated a clothing store and later a produce company. Currently she is an English teacher in Gloucester.

And then there was class treasurer **Virginia Meany**. Are you ready for this? Ginny went on to a highly successful career in the banking industry. Recently she was lured out of retirement to serve as Senior Vice President at J.P. Morgan in Boston.

We don't know about you, but it seems to us that the Weymouth Class of 1965 showed some extraordinary insight in that election. We should only do so well in electing our state and national governments!

In Memoriam

Since members of the class of '65 are now 50+, it is inevitable that some of our classmates are no longer with us. In fact, at least 44 are now deceased.

At the time of our graduation, the war in Vietnam was rapidly escalating and many of us served in the armed forces. So it is fortunate that among 58,000 names listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC, only one classmate's name appears. That is **Richard J. Canova** who died at Quang Tri, South Vietnam Oct. 7, 1966. Rick was a Vo-Tech graduate; several of us remember him as an avid CYO hockey player.

In 1990, the Reunion Committee was informed that **Richard K. Theobald** had died in a military operation, though no other details were provided. (To all of our classmates who served in the armed forces: Thank you and God bless you.)

Not all of the heroes among our departed classmates died in military service. One example, **Linda (MacKinnon) Robinson**, was active for years as a volunteer helping the needy. She continued to volunteer at Quincy's emergency food center throughout her painful terminal illness. Shortly before her death, Quincy Community Action Programs presented her with their Extra Mile Award for going beyond the call of duty.

Here are the other deceased classmates of whom we are aware:

- Russell V. Booth (1999)
- Linda (Bresnahan) Craig (2002)
- Paul L. Brown (1998)
- Donna (Callahan) Qualia
- Frank R. Chipman (1999)
- Barbara A. Corson
- Charles Cummings (2001)
- Sandra (Dahl) McClelland (1987)
- Peter S. Dellner (1994)
- Stephen E. DePari (2004)
- Karl Erlandson (1994)
- Michael M. Feeney (1967)
- Janice (Grasso) Johnson (1998)
- Ann E. Gray
- Clare (Grogan) Maki (1992)
- Marjane (Hartley) Babineau
- Arleen (Ingtilis) Williams (2002)
- Paul R. Johnson
- Phillip S. Jordan
- Alan F. Karstunen (1996)
- Maureen (Kenny) Staples (1996)
- John F. Killoran (1979)
- Stanley Krafton, Jr. (2002)
- Joyce (Lilla) Adams (1995)
- David T. Lindsay
- John F. Long (1989)
- Fredrick H. Mattson (1993)
- Philip M. McCaffrey (2000)
- Edward McCaughin
- John A. McCauley (2003)
- Donald W. McIsaac, Jr. (1972)
- Grace C. Murray
- Nancy A. Nicholson (1999)
- Paul A. O'Callaghan (1992)
- Ronald P. Okerfelt
- Robert R. Rose (1990)
- Brian M. Silveira
- Nancy (Stafford) Carey
- William C. Stanley (2003)
- William J. Triandafilos (1995)
- James M. ("Toby") Tyler

WHS teachers . . .

Only a handful of the youngest WHS faculty from 1965 are still teaching today. Many of the others are retired and, sadly, more than a few have passed on. Gone but certainly not forgotten is Physics teacher **John Ghiorse**, who died last year at the age of 90. Even if you didn't take Physics, you may know Mr. Ghiorse as co-author (with fellow teacher **Dr. Norman Loud**) of our school song "The Cross of Gray". In 1988, he was honored as Mass. Science Teacher of the Year. To balance this with a happier story – had you heard that **Ray Parker**, who was Director of the Vo-Tech in 1965, later married WHS Latin teacher **Martha Vining**?

Two former teachers have been in the news this year. History teacher **Robert West** went on to become Weymouth's superintendent of schools. Mr. West moved to Weymouth when he was seven years old, attended the public schools, and returned as a history teacher after graduating from Boston College in 1961. He retired Aug. 31, 2004, having spent 42 years in the Weymouth schools, the last 13 as superintendent. At a recent meeting, the school committee announced that the library and media center at the new Weymouth High School will be named in his honor.

And then there is English teacher **Mary Toomey**. Although Miss Toomey retired from teaching in 1980, she has continued her work as an environmental activist. In 1971 she began a campaign to acquire vacant land along the Back River, eliminate pollution and increase the number of fisheries in the estuary. She lobbied for 15 years for a state park at the former Cashman Inc. site on Bridge Street, which led to the opening of Abigail Adams Park last summer. For these efforts she was presented with the Gulf of Maine Visionary Award. (Miss Toomey, along with WHS football coach **Jack Fisher** and principal **Wallace Whittle** also figure prominently in the book version of "Blow".)

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Christian Just is in the final stages of a Doctor of Ministry program at Ashland (OH) Seminary. **Bob and Kathy (McDonough) Sparda** live in southern ME. She is a full time pastoral associate in a Catholic church and he works for Tryangle Foods. After a successful 28-year career in the automotive industry, **Michael Saraceno** and wife Vicki moved to Florida where he works for a large risk management company. **Ron Blanchard** and wife Mary have 3 children and 5 grandchildren; he has worked as a drywall tech for more than 35 years. **Janet (Gridley) Feeny** divides her time between Ohio, Cape Cod and Florida. She and husband Chuck enjoy golfing and traveling to Asia where they have a joint venture in China. **Bill Grieves** was an engineer for Stone & Webster for 15 years before becoming the Quality Control Manager at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in Plymouth in 1989. He and his wife Marcia have 3 children.

Then there are our retirees. **David Roach** reports he is living free and easy, pursuing the "off the grid" lifestyle in Corpus Christi. He says he makes his own electricity, owns his own land, and lacks for nothing even though he's not rich. Down in Woodstock, GA, **Brian Ferguson** retired from AT&T after 31 years. He tells us he has finally grown up and needs to find out what to do with his life! **Marian (Frederick) Scott** and husband Bob are retired and enjoy kayaking and visiting their children Chris, Ryan and Tiffany. **Jack McGrath** and his wife Phyllis are semi-retired and living on the Cape. And finally there is **Roland Beatty** who retired to Florida in 1999 after a career that included 30 years in the Coast Guard. He and second wife Elizabeth had a son, Roland III in 1999.

Let your classmates know what you've been up to lately by sending an email to WHS65@debn.net. We'll add the news to the website or a future newsletter.

♪ Young love . . . ♪ first love . . . ♪

Many of us remember the excitement of our first "serious" boyfriend or girlfriend. The shared dreams. The long talks. The slow dances. To this day, certain songs can bring back those old feelings.

We were such a huge class that it's not surprising there were quite a few marriages within our class. Unfortunately not all of those marriages made it. But many have survived for 30 or more years through good times and bad. Take **Carl and Corinne (Conley) Roberts**. These high school sweethearts celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in Hawaii this year. They have three children and three grandchildren. Carl is an engineer with Analog Devices in Massachusetts and Corinne is a retired nurse.

In contrast, **Bill Nugent** and **Sue Libby** never dated at Weymouth High. They were "just good friends" – although Bill confesses he had a major crush on Sue going back to Bicknell days. Fast forward to 1995, when both classmates found themselves "suddenly single". While helping the 30th Reunion Committee to relocate missing classmates, Bill made a

phone call to Sue. He says his jaw dropped when her first words after "hello" were, "You know, there is nobody I would rather be found by." They got together at the 30th Reunion, fell head-over-heels in love, and are now happily married.

Other WHS '65 married couples include: **Jerry Beaudoin & Suellen MacMillan, Allan Blanchard & Pam Marshall, Dick Busch & Anne Zackrison, Joe Del Gallo & Karen Little, Dave Drinan & Helen Gannon, Dave Ellison & Leslie DiGravio, Harry Giblin & Arlene Cannon, Skip Glass & Linda Taber, Bruce Grindle &**



Bill Nugent and Sue (Libby) Nugent

Roberta Chmiel, Dave Haley & Bonnie Blanchard, Bob Hanrahan & Gloria Shute, Chris Heyl & Janet Marshall, Bob Marani & Gail McElligott, Steve Massey & Barbara Towner, Tim Montgomery & Donna Hyland, Bob Sparda & Kathy McDonough.

Answers to Trivia Quiz

Vo-Tech in September 1962] (9) Bill Kearns 10) "Blow"
Nantasket 7) Brockton 8) December 1962 [except the
4) Wallace Whittle 5) "The Cross of Gray" 6) the Surf
1) maroon and gold 2) Ferdinand 3) football