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GHS CLASS OF 1986 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first Newsletter.

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Hello everyone, and welcome to the first newsletter of the Gardner High School Class of 86, arguably the greatest class ever to walk through the hallowed halls of Gardner High. It seems like only yesterday we were waiting in the lunch line.

In this newsletter, and future newsletters, we hope to keep the class updated on the whereabouts and good news of fellow classmates, as well as let everyone know about upcoming events involving our class. Gotten married? Divorced? Had a baby? Or had a grandchild? Changed jobs or locations? Feel free to update your information and let your classmates know, we'd love to hear what everyone is up to. We hope to put out about 3 or 4 newsletters per year, and your updates are essential to the continuation of this newsletter.

Updates, Updates, Updates...

Ann Marie (Burke) Oulette "I am currently teaching third grade at Elm Street School in Gardner. My husband France "Frenchy" and I have two children a daughter Autumn and a son Michael."

Russ Cormier "Married with 2 young'ins (5 & 2), residing in Central CT for 18 years... own and manage a boutique IT services firm catering to non-profit and small business in the tri-state region."

Cheryl (Comeau) Umana currently resides in Southern California (since 1991) with husband Rudy, and has 3 children, Nicolas (17), Sarah (14), and Mitchell (11). She is a special education teacher.

David Delaney is currently working on threatened and endangered species issues on military lands for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He has been married for 12 years, living in IL, though trying his very hardest to get back out west.



More Updates...

Tina (Doiron) Krueger "I graduated from the University of Lowell in 1990 with a BS in Marketing. Since then I married in 1992 and we are celebrating our 20th anniversary this September by taking a trip to Aruba.. YEAH! I also have two wonderful kids, they are both in high school. My daughter will be a freshman and my son will be a junior. I did go back to school and graduated from UNH with a BS in Nutritional Science in 2007. I work at Concord hospital in NH as a Registered Dietitian and I love my job! We enjoy downhill skiing in winter and camping, hiking & biking to name a few hobbies. We have lived in Nashua, NH for 21 years. It's been a blast! Have fun in life and keep smiling "

Kathryn (Dubzinski) McDonald lives in Holden, MA with her family - husband, PJ, children - Griffin (13), Reagan (11) and Tucker (7). She coaches travel and AAU basketball. This summer she got together with Cheryl Comeau, Vicki Young and Heidi Lepkowski in York Harbor, Maine.

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Recognize anyone?



What a great class!

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Karen (Duncklee) Perini "I own a beautiful house in Athol (yes, there are some beautiful houses here, lol!) where I live w/ my very "bestest" friend and my 3 wonderful boys - Maks (18), Kane (15) & Kipp (11). I have been happily divorced for 6 years. I work in Medical Billing at an M.D. office in Athol that I've worked at for 17 years. In my {very little} free time, I like to be at home sitting on my porch, swimming in my pool, hanging with my boys; just enjoying "being". Life is good! :)"

Scott Eidinger "I am a Sr Outside Sales Rep for Curbell Plastics, I have a lovely daughter Elyse (8) and studly son Drew (9). I coach both their hockey teams, along with still playing myself in the over too old league."

Ric Jacques is a Product Manager in Boston. He lives in Billerica, MA with his wife of 12 years, Diane, and his three children: Maddison (11) and twins Colton and Kendall (8).

Denise (LaFreniere) Ulrich is living in Westminster, MA with her husband and 2 girls. She is a second grade teacher in Gardner. She has the pleasure of looking out her classroom window at the chair and on an occasion will flashback to the 80s because a group of high school kids are playing football on the lawn.

Debra (Latour) Campbell "Physician and assistant director in the emergency room in northeast Connecticut. Married to Jim, (July 18th was our 20th anniversary) and have 3 children. Hunter is 13, and twins Paige and Ethan are 8."

Maria (Martel) Bryant "I have been living in Flower Mound Texas with my husband, Shaun and our 2 kids, Catherine 7 and Roland 5, going on 4 years. I have been in Texas for 22 years and have been teaching at the same elementary school the whole time! I come home every summer to enjoy the cool weather."

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Randy Leclair "Still working at the Seashore Trolley Museum, rebuilding trolleys and keeping the fleet running. I am still engaged to Amber Tatnall, who came with me to the last shindig. My kiddo Greg is now 15 and just bought his own car (a 1986 Fiero, of all things - guess he likes "vintage stuff"! At least he picked a good year!) and is driving on a permit, which may be causing a rise in alcohol consumption here at the Leclair household. God I feel old."

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Heidi (Lepkowski) Meagher "I live in Needham, MA and have two children, Jessica, 15, and Will, 13. I was a stay-at-home mom for 13 years, but was very involved at my children's elementary school. So when the long-time school secretary retired in 2009, I was offered the job and took it. It has been the best job I've ever had. The kids make me smile every day and I really love going to work. (The half-mile commute isn't bad either). In the summer my family vacations in my favorite place, Rockport, MA. I love to write and I've become a huge gardener over the years - my entire front yard is filled with flowers. Hope everyone is happy and well!"

Tony Perry "I am currently a PSS (Partner Support Specialist) with ACH Direct in Allen, Texas. I am married with two boys, and I spend time as a Coach and Sports Official."

Giselle (Prentiss) Gallant "Married to Bruce Gallant for 23 years on Sept 15th. I moved from Gardner in 2004 to Southaven, MS. Two sons Jamie 22, and Jacob 19. Jamie and his fiancee Taylor just gave birth to a girl, Addyson Gallant, on June 26th, my first grandchild. Jacob will be starting his sophomore year at Mississippi State University as a Communications Major concentration in Journalism. His dream is to be a sports writer. I have been working as an Administrative Assistant for a General Contractor in Memphis, TN for the last 5 years. My main job is payroll/billing."



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Karen Rodecki is currently living in Los Angeles, California, where she has been for the past 20 years. She teaches high school English (inspired by the likes of Mr. Roach and Mr. Gearen). She enjoys running daily and biking with a weekly bike group. She also volunteers with several animal rescue organizations (spay and neuter your pets, people!).

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Peter Rodski lives in New Albany, Indiana and is a Mathematics Professor at Jefferson Community & Technical College (Louisville, KY), where he has been for 20 years. Just celebrated his 13th wedding anniversary with wife Chanda, and has 3 boys, Luke (10), Jake (8), and Griffin (4). He is also way too enthusiastic about anything reunion related, and derives too much pleasure from catching up with classmates.

Cynthia (Snell) Rossignol "I have lived in Santa Monica, California for 12 years. I am married, my husband's name is Lee. We have 3 daughters. I work as an audiologist for an independent audiology group in Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, and Torrance medical clinics. I run road races such as 5Ks, 10Ks and marathons."

Maureen (Tarpey) Prince lives in Simpsonville, SC with her husband Steve, and sons, Jared (14) and Kevin (12). She teaches high school English at Hillcrest H.S. and enjoys reading, bicycling, yoga, and not shoveling snow.





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In Memoriam.....

Tory Mill, Bart Willy , "



Please take a moment or longer today to pay tribute to our classmates who are no longer with us: **Dean Bastarache, Karen Favreau, Matt Fischesser, John Rousseau**, and **Shawn Rushia**. Your memories will live on forever.

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Have an update or contact info for a classmate?

Please email <u>peter.rodski@kctcs.edu</u>, or <u>allynurse@comcast.net</u>, or <u>John_Billings37@comcast.net</u> and please pass the word on. 2016 (our 30th reunion) will be here before you know it! Also feel free to send the newsletter to other classmates.

The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of any member of the Class of 86. And Oakmont sucks.