

GHS CLASS OF 1986 NEWSLETTER #6

Welcome to the 6th Newsletter!

Hello everyone, and welcome to the 6th newsletter of the Gardner High School Class of 86, unquestionably the greatest class ever to walk through the hallowed halls of Gardner High.

As the calendar rolls to 2018, many of us turned or are turning 50. And while this means we can finally date through ourtime.com or get our AARP Cards, there is some not so good news too – guys it is time for those colonoscopies!

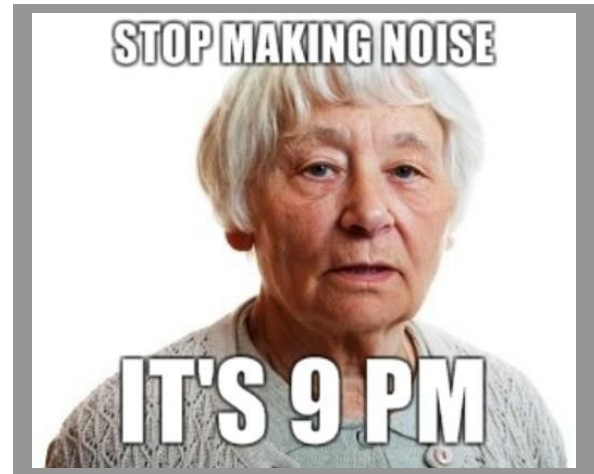
In this newsletter, and future newsletters, we hope to keep the class updated on the whereabouts and good news of fellow classmates, as well as let everyone know about upcoming events involving our class. Gotten married? Divorced? Retirement home? Or had a grandchild? Changed jobs or locations? Feel free to update your information and let your classmates know, we'd love to hear what everyone is up to. Your updates are essential to the continuation of this newsletter. And I'm running out of jokes. Please visit gardner86.com too to see past editions.

Updates, Updates, Updates...

David Breault is still working in some type of law enforcement in the great state of Maine. He also lumberjacks in his spare time.

Esther Desousa "My brother Jesus and I have moved to Colorado. We are both doing great with each other's support. After a decade plus in the Health Care industry, I have pivoted to an entrepreneurial course in my career. I have taken a position with Transamerica Financial Advisors and am working closely with an amazing mentor. As such, I wanted to offer any classmates around the country the opportunity for a financial review." Please check out

www.howmoneyworks.com/alexandradesousa



More Updates...

Heidi (Lepkowski) Meagher "We are all turning 50 this year. I turn 50 on April Fools Day. Yes, I wish it were different. My mother told me I could switch it to March 31st or April 2nd, but that seemed like a lie. The point is, to celebrate being 50, I am going to go on 50 adventures (#50adventures) over the next year. They can be as big as a trip somewhere, or as small as watching a beautiful sunset on top of Mount Wachusett. I just wanted to throw the idea out there, in case anyone else was trying to think of a special way to celebrate the start of a great new decade! I'm already compiling my list! (If anyone has any good ideas for small adventures please share!)"

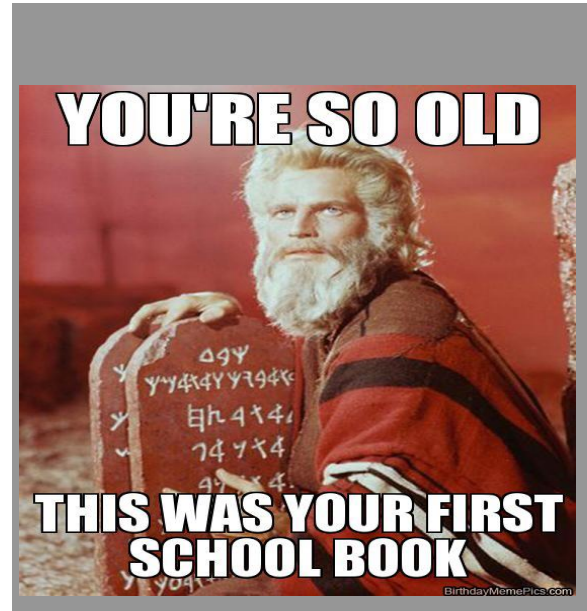
Dan Melanson has no update. No update at all. Even though I know for a fact he's probably got some new stuff going on that would be worthy of publication in this awesome newsletter.

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More Updates....

Tony Perry "Let me see what is new my way..."

1. Bought a new house this last year.
2. My youngest son started college and my oldest son just transferred over to UT (University of Texas Longhorns Baby) to finish his last 2 years.
3. Bought a new Ford F-150 for me and bought my youngest son a Ford Mustang GT and of course he has gotten 3 speeding tickets within the first 6 months of owning it what was I thinking lol (it is awesome and very fast lol)
4. Turned 50 last September.
5. Our high school won state again for the 5th time we are a big football town and our stadium cost over 60+mil to build and yes I did say 60 plus million just for a football stadium it seats 18,000 crazy.
6. Me and my Wife went to Mardi Gras for the first time and it was awesome. I did not know if you threw beads at girls that they would do that lol.....note to self buy more beads next year lol.
7. I am still the defending Barn Basketball Champion who beat **John Stromski** the last year it was played.... this is a life time achievement award and I still think John is wicked upset about this and has been scared of barns ever since that crushing defeat.
8. I started a bucket list to try and travel to half of the places **Brett Bush** has been to....I'm like OMG Brett is like that Gnome from travelocity.
9. I got bit by a Tarantula on my knee and it did hurt but I survived.
10. Not much success to brag about this year just holding steady and living life to the fullest."



More Updates.....

Michelle (Vezina) Peterlin writes "My paintings will be represented by the Kyo Gallery in Alexandria, VA. My portfolio is currently traveling around the country but can be seen in your own living room at michellevezinapeterlin.com ".

Peter Rodski "Not sure how I landed this volunteer gig, but last year and again this spring I am in charge of the red carpet at the Kentucky Derby. Hobnobbing and providing security for the biggest celebrities in the world. If any of you find yourself at Churchill Downs in Louisville Kentucky on the first Saturday in May, stop by my red carpet and green room. I'll get you a mustache and some cheap sunglasses and we'll take a stroll amid the camera flashes. Be sure to mention to my staff you are with the Gardner High School class of 86 for immediate VIP access."

Stanislav Kuznetsov writes "My name is Drago. I must break you. If he dies, he dies. I defeat all man. Soon I defeat real champion."

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Peter Tousignant writes "So after several attempts to write a piece for this newsletter, I've decided on a top ten list, harkening back to the days of Letterman. If I didn't stay up late enough to watch, I could always count on **Janski** to recount the latest list for us, usually from his seat at the front of Ms. Pisaruk's history class.

While a few of us have a head start on this, the rest of us will be turning 50 during 2018. As one of the youngest members of our class, I was often the last to do something. Now I don't mind so much as **Storm** and I will hit the magic mark shortly after Thanksgiving.

Still, in an effort to stave off the aging process, I've made a valiant attempt to hang on to youth, here's my story.

10. Enrolled in graduate school to earn an MBA
9. Started adding kale to my whey protein smoothies
8. Retrieved my dad's fatigues from the attic and to see if they still fit. (The top button off actually popped off when I tried to fasten it)
7. Went to a thrift store in search of a pair of parachute pants. (Fortunately for all of us, I was not successful)
6. Trained for and completed a Spartan race
5. Registered for, but later canceled a second Spartan race
4. Rowed in the Head of Charles
3. Borrowed a book from the library about yoga
2. Returned the book without ever opening it
1. I forget what else I did, but if I remember I'll post in on FB.

I hope this message finds each of you well, and if anyone wants to reach out directly, my email is ["peter@tousignant.org"](mailto:peter@tousignant.org).

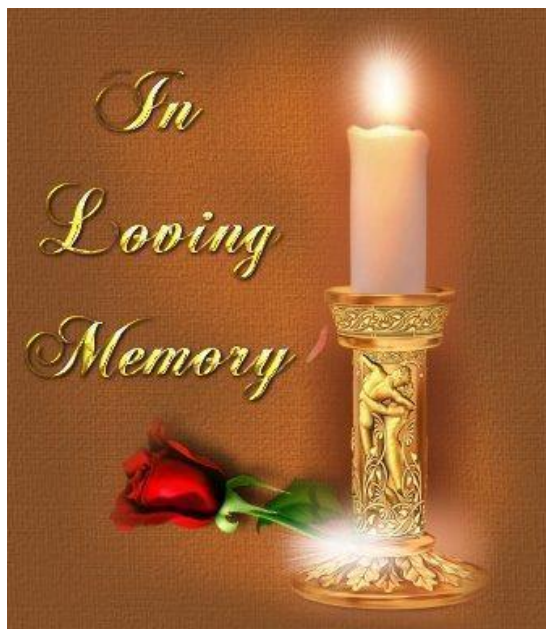
I'm 50 but I still
feel like I'm 30...
until I hang out
with 30 year olds...
then I'm like,
nope never mind,
I'm 50.

“It took
50 years
to look
this good!”

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In Memoriam.....



Unfortunately, 2017 was not a great year for our class, as we lost 2 prominent members, **Ed Blais** and **Renee (Olivari) Shea**.

Ed passed away in August 2017. Ed was living in Waltham with his longtime girlfriend and working as a baker at a very successful bakery in Wellesley for the last 5 years. Hard to forget the good memories of Ed and his motorcycle and Hampton Beach.

Some of you may remember Renee for her efforts in our Senior class play, *Love, Sex, and the IRS*. She received her degree in Nursing from Mount Wachusett Community College, and at the time of her death in September 2017, Renee was a Registered Nurse employed by Morton Hospital of Taunton.

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Looking For.....

Beth Hamel

Mary Haywood

Rowdy Hough

Morgan Hugo

Nancy Hulette

Sundee Kush

Lisa Lobossiere

Rachel Landry

Scott Landry

Bonny Leblanc

Christine Leclair

Jennifer Lesperance

Lawrence Long

Please, if you know the whereabouts of any of the above classmates, try to put them in contact with us so we can email them or send them to gardner86.com. Thanks for your efforts!

We are only 3 years away from our next reunion in 2021. Please watch for surveys and information about our next get together.



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