



BHS Class of 1960 Celebrated in Style

More than 300 members of the Class of 1960 and their guests packed the ballroom of the Plymouth Radisson on September 25 to celebrate our 50th high school reunion. Classmates came from all over the country to reconnect with old friends and to share memories from “back in the day.”

Reunion committee chair Larry Siskind served as moderator. Judy Donohue provided a light-hearted look at life five decades after high school, and Joe Barbour offered a “Walk down Main Street” in the 50s.

One highlight of the evening was the viewing of *Moments to Remember*, a retrospective video created by Kerry Harkins. Kerry also created a moving tribute to class members who have died. You can view a short version of the “Moments” video and the complete version of the “Tribute” video at our class website:

<http://www.BHS1960class.com>. (Note: Kerry owns a business that creates life memory videos.

Visit <http://www.promaras.com>)

Many classmates came to Plymouth for the entire weekend, enjoying a golf tourney organized by Ralph Oriola on Friday and an informal class get-together at the hotel Friday night. The weather was perfect all weekend--warm and sunny for three straight days—affording classmates the chance to visit tourist attractions or just stroll the historic streets of Plymouth.

The Hospitality Suite organized by Hugh and Carole Ellis with help from Nick and Roberta Camillone was the hub of activity throughout the weekend, as classmates gathered there to relax and reconnect with friends.

In addition to the unique and colorful table decorations, the decorating committee also created a large display outside the ballroom with Brockton High memorabilia from the 50s.



SAVE THE DATE

Hope you can make the
NEXT GATHERING

on Friday, April 15, 2011
from 5:30 - 8:30 pm

George's Restaurant

228 Belmont St., Brockton



Marilyn Leck McDonald



In the course of writing this class newsletter, your editor occasionally uncovers some extraordinary information about member of the Class of 1960. As a case in point, our research recently uncovered the fact that our own Marilyn Leck was the voice of *Gumby* on the popular 60s television show. The show featuring the green clay-mation character and his dog Pokey was a huge success for more than a decade from the late 50s to the late 60s.

Marilyn learned her voice-over skills at Emerson College in Boston and Leland Powers School of Radio, TV and Theater, where she earned her Associates Degree in Communications.

From there, Marilyn became the program director, weather girl and disc jockey for Radio Station WOKW in Brockton for 10 years. In addition to being the voice of Gumby, she had a walk-on part on the popular "General Hospital" TV show in the 1980s.

Marilyn was active in Brockton Little Theater productions, as well as the Bridgewater Little Theater. She still entertains for handicapped and underprivileged children for special events. Marilyn has two children, Deanna, 42 and Michael, 38.

In the past two years Marilyn has "gone to the dogs," starting and managing a busy pet sitting business, "Doggone Holiday." Her new business allows her to enjoy her love for animals while providing a valuable service to her customers.

Classmates may remember our "Class Night" production when Marilyn played Dr. Frellick and Leonard Meile played Dean Sylvester.

Marilyn has remained in Brockton throughout her life and currently lives next door to the house on Herrod Avenue where she grew up. (Her son Michael now lives in that same family home.)

You can reach Marilyn at BigMac2222@aol.com.



David Lieberman



David Lieberman and wife, Ruth

After a long career as a high school teacher, coach and athletic director, David Lieberman finally has time to pursue his own athletic desires, primarily playing golf on courses in Maryland and Florida. He and his wife Ruth, a native of Newton, have both retired from long careers as educators and now divide their time between Ocean Pines on Maryland's Eastern Shore and Delray Beach, Florida.

Dave grew up in a three-decker on Belmont Street and attended West Junior High. He was a member of the BHS track team throughout high school. After graduation he headed south to Coral Gables, Florida and studied physical education at the University of Miami. Dave and Ruth married in 1964 after he graduated from college. He began his career in Dade County (greater Miami) as a physical education teacher and coach.

After two years in Miami, the Liebermans decided to return north to be closer to family. They settled in Montgomery County, Maryland and Dave spent the next 33 years teaching physical education and driver education and serving as both an assistant football and a head basketball coach at several county high schools. He also spent 25 of those years as a basketball official. In 1999, Dave retired from teaching and spent the next five years selling sporting goods.

The Liebermans have two married children, a son in Bethesda, Maryland and a daughter in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, and three grandkids, ages 14, 11 and four months.

You can reach Dave at xbbcoach@mchsi.com



Bruce Gardner



Bruce, his wife Cheryl and their 3 daughters

Bruce Gardner is one of many classmates who traveled a long distance to attend our 50th class reunion in Plymouth in September. Bruce came north from Swannanoa, NC a small town in the mountains of western North Carolina (near Asheville) where he and his wife spend the summer months. In the winter, the Gardners live in the beautiful oceanfront community of Amelia Island, Florida.

Before retiring to the south in 2007, Bruce and his family lived and worked in Massachusetts for 35 years, primarily in Groton, MA.

Bruce grew up on Sophia Ave., near Cross Street and attended West Junior High. After graduation, he studied business and accounting at Bentley College in Boston. He worked for the Foxboro Company in Foxboro for nine years and then left to start a computer business

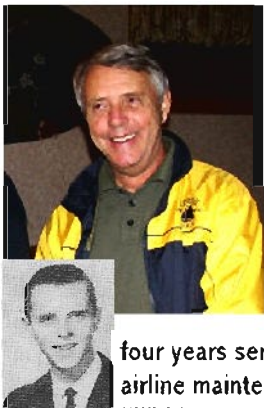
with some of his associates. Since then Bruce has started two other computer companies, specializing in both hardware and software. Along the way he earned an MBA.

Bruce and his wife Cheryl (Singer) met when she was a visiting nurse in Brockton, after being introduced by mutual Brockton High School friends. They have been married for 42 years. They have three grown daughters and three grandchildren who live in Andover, MA; Atlanta, GA and Cumming, GA.

Now that he is retired, Bruce enjoys playing golf, racquetball and gardening. You can reach Bruce at Bruce_Gardner@onebox.com.



Walter Donila



Walter Donila's fascination with airplanes began when he was a child growing up in the Village section of Brockton. He recalls being a member of Brockton's Model Airplane Club, building and flying planes with our classmates Tony Long, Gene Gilmore and Len Miele. Over the years, Walter has continued to stay in close touch with many BHS classmates from the Village, from Franklin School and from North Junior High, despite being separated by many miles. (Walter said he enjoyed returning to Massachusetts recently to attend the 50th BHS reunion, and especially enjoyed the memorial tribute to Tony Long.)

From building model planes as a boy, Walter went on to work on "the real thing." He spent his entire career as an aircraft mechanic and pre-flight inspector, working on both military and commercial aircraft. After graduating from BHS, he graduated from Wentworth Institute in Boston, studying aircraft maintenance technology. He worked briefly at Hamilton Standard in Windsor Locks, CT and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Walter spent four years serving our country, volunteering for a year of duty in Viet Nam. He credits his military experience with putting his airline maintenance career on a fast track.

"Within two weeks of being discharged from the Air Force, I was offered a job at Northeast Airlines," he recalls. He stayed with the company (which later merged with Delta Airlines) for 27 years and moved to Peachtree City, GA to be closer to the company's Atlanta headquarters. Walter retired in 1994 at the age of 52. Deciding that he was not quite ready for retirement, he returned to Delta on a contract basis for another 10 years, retiring again in 2005.

Thanks to Delta's policy of offering free flights to its employees and family members, Walter and his wife, the former Andrea Nolan of North Quincy, have traveled extensively throughout both Eastern and Western Europe. Walter and Andrea met at the Cricket Club in Brockton, where many a BHS romance had its roots. They were introduced by Steve Gareau, brother of our classmate Dennis Gareau and brother-in-law of Ann Perron Gareau.

An avid golfer who has played on some of the world's most famous courses, Walter says that playing on Ireland's lush green courses was a golfing high point. Right now, Walter is taking a temporary break from golf while getting treatment from a hip problem that has been interfering with his game for the past year.



Where Are They Now? Marion Piscatelli Jackson and Irma Holland Andre

SPOTLIGHT
CORNER

Marion Piscatelli



Marion Piscatelli Jackson was not able to attend the 50th class reunion in Plymouth, but she is already thinking about the next one. "I wasn't able to make it to this one, but I hope to get up to Massachusetts for the next one—or perhaps for a George's gathering," she said. "I think about high school days often, and remember the people I hung around with, including Pat Kelly who I walked to school with every day."

Marion spent many years traveling around the country during her marriage to John Callahan (BHS '68). He was in the hotel business, and the family moved several times including stints in Euclid, Ohio, Dallas, Texas and Tulsa, Oklahoma. They divorced while living in Tulsa. Marion remarried and moved with her second husband to Nevada City, Missouri, where she lives today. Marion was widowed two years ago and is grateful to have several of her children and grandchil-

dren close by.

After working for 22 years at a state mental health hospital, primarily as a medical technician, Marion retired and now works part time at a local grocery store, creating flower arrangements for the store's floral department.

You can reach Marion at 628 W. Austin Blvd., Nevada City, MO 64772. Telephone: 417-667-2795.



Irma Holland



In the late 90s, when most of us were well into the "empty nest" syndrome, Irma Holland Andre was sitting at the kitchen table doing homework with her children. Irma and her husband were pleasantly surprised with a second family when she was in her 40s. Irma decided to home school the two younger children and spent more than a decade educating them. "I really enjoyed home schooling," she says, although she admits it was a lot of work. "Sometimes I learned with them. In the areas where I didn't know the subject matter well, like math, we hired a tutor."

To assure that the children had training in both physical education and music, she signed them up for gymnastics and piano lessons. Both children did well academically and socially. Today they both work in the family's marketing firm.

After launching her second family, Irma went to work at Northeastern University for six years. She retired in 2004 and now helps care for her two year-old grandson. The Andres, who have been married for 30 years, have four children between them-- three daughters and a son-- and four grandsons ranging in age from 2 to 20.

Although she is busy caring for her grandson four days a week, Irma manages to keep in touch with several BHS classmates. Recalling her high school days she says, "Those were good years. We were a mix of everything, and we all got along just fine." Irma grew up on Plymouth Street on the East side and now lives in Bridgewater. You can reach Irma at 5 Mockingbird Hill Bridgewater MA 02324, mssirma@comcast.net or by phone at 508-697-1615.



Caring and Sharing

Three members of the Class of 1960 are facing medical challenges and would appreciate hearing from classmates.

Gail Fulginiti is recovering at home after major surgery. Gail played a key role in creating the wonderful decorations at the 50th Class Reunion in late September. You can reach Gail at 437 N. Warren Ave., Brockton, MA 02301.

(gailfulginiti@verizon.net)

Marie Cerci Middleton is also at home recovering from cancer surgery. She is currently undergoing a lengthy regimen of chemo treatments and would be cheered by notes from classmates. You can reach Marie at 31 Pondview Circle, Brockton, MA 02301.

(mariecerci@aol.com)

Pat Argrew is recovering from a broken arm. Pat's home address is 5 Sparling Drive, E. Bridgewater, MA 02333.

Agnes1942@comcast.net

Annual BHS SOUTH Gathering Sunday, February 6

Brockton High School graduates who spend the winter in Florida are invited to the third annual gathering of BHS alumni at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 6 at the Waterfront Inn at Lake Sumter Landing, The Villages.

(<http://www.waterfrontinnvillages.com>)

Come and reconnect with classmates or meet new friends who grew up in The Shoe City during the 40s, 50s and 60s. There will be no formal program, just a relaxed gathering of old friends.

Located in Central Florida, the Villages are ½ hour south of Ocala, about 1¼ hours northwest of Orlando and 1½ hours east of Tampa. Directions are on this link: <http://www.thevillages.com/AboutUs/location.htm>

Alumni from all classes are welcome! Please arrive by 11:30 a.m. so you will be in time to enjoy the hotel's breakfast buffet for \$10 per person. (Dutch treat.) Bring your yearbook if you have it.

Please RSVP by January 10 to bhsclassof1960@gmail.com or call Judy Donohue in The Villages at 352-561-4084.

Certificate of AWARD recipients



50th Reunion Class of 1960

Phil Sheppard — for starting the mini-reunions at George's Café.



Ron Matta — for living the closest to BHS.



Robert DiCarli— for looking the most like his high school yearbook photo.



Sandra Smith — for living the farthest from BHS. (Salem, Oregon)



Mary Amone— for looking the most like her high school yearbook photo.



Karen McDonnell Fontaine— for having the most grandchildren (14).



Nick Camillone— for being the oldest member of the class.



Judy Clonan Araujo— for being married the longest (51 years).



Anna Maria Mereghi— for being the only foreign student to attend two reunions.



Lynne Davidson— for being most recently married for the first time.



Jean Monaghan — for still looking fabulous after 50 years.



Willy Stadelmann— for spending the most time under a bed during a terrorist attack.



Be sure to visit our new website. Big thank you to Kerry Harkins and Judy Higgins for all their hard work.

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Judy Higgins Donohue



Viola Marrese White husband Stan



Lynne Davidson, Francis Terry, Dick Connolly, Dick Govoni & Bill St. Lawrence



Joe Zarella, Doug & Judy Grize



Kathy Boume, Ray Lofstrom & Deb Davis



Livia Baynes, Patsy Spillaine, Jane Sheehan & Kathy Boume



Judy Higgins, Ray Lofstrom, Dave Lieberman, Len Weiner, Dave's wife, Ruth and Len's wife



Kathy Boume Rory Willette, Anne Hoffman & Jane Moynihan (front)



Nancy Thomas, Sandra Smith and Cheri Galante (front)



Dick Connolly and Bob Looney



Kerry Harkins, Jack Farrell, Brian Donohue and his wife Mai



Sharon Keith Cerci



Denny McGuire & Rich Manning



Irvine Mason & wife, Jill



Judy Paulding & Lois Berman



Nick Camillone, Carole & Hugh Ellis, Roberta Camillone



Larry Siskind, Kathy Bourne & Don Brown



Peggy Celeste Kelliher & husband Ron



Chick & Maureen Rodenbush and Judy Higgins



John McRae and Fran Terry



Dave Lieberman and Len Weiner



Hugh Ellis, Pete Dahlborg and Dianne Cary Dahlborg



Alan Young, Dick Govoni, Jim Cappiello
and Walter Donila