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Summer 2024

W. C. Mephram High School Alumni Association



Photo by Laura House-Stein

Alumni Sponsors Courtyard Revitalization

By Maya Stone '24 and Susan Hayes '76

Now that the weather is rapidly changing and the temperature is increasing, one of Mephram's most popular spots is the courtyard. In recent years, it has become an enjoyable spot to hang out during off periods. One person

who noticed this was Mr. DeMartinis, who thought that it would be beneficial to the students if this hangout spot received renovations to help keep it alive: "We were talking about how many students, especially during lunch periods, were utilizing the courtyard,

but we realized the landscaping was a little dated and needed sprucing up." This became a project of beautification, incorporating new flora and weeding to enhance it as an ecosystem.

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HOMEcoming 2023

Principal Mr. Anthony DeMartinis congratulates Grand Marshal, Dr. David Krinsky Class of 1967, at Mephram's 2023 Homecoming.



Mephram Celebrates Homecoming

A little rain couldn't stop Mephram from playing its homecoming game and celebrating other traditions on October 7. While the pep rally and festival had to be canceled, the homecoming court was celebrated at halftime and included students Julia Amon, Grace Pantelis, Josh Ramdayal, Kieran Kehoe, Ibrahim Alam and Kristen McCoy. Alam and McCoy were crowned king and queen, respectively. The kickline and cheerleading squad performed at halftime as well, pepping up the crowd. Dr. David Krinsky, Mephram Alumni Association Board member, served as the homecoming grand marshal. Unfortunately, the Pirates fell to New Hyde Park, 22-15. 🏈

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The President's Message Summer 2024



Hello Mepham Alumni,
Now that things have settled down since the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020-2021, I hope you and your families are all doing well and are healthy and safe.

During the Pandemic the Alumni Board of Directors met via Zoom or Google Meet. For the past two years though, we have been meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (September – June) at the school in Room 114 at 7:30 pm. In August of 2023, an email was sent to alumni, who live locally and are active in our database, to join us for our first meeting. We had three alumni who attended our first meeting and others that followed. They are Susan Hayes Class of 1976, Laura House-Stein Class of 1984, Heather Maselli Castellano Class of 2001 and who is currently an English Teacher at the school. These wonderful ladies were voted on by the Alumni Board of Directors in November and December of 2023. “WELCOME ABOARD LADIES!!” We thank you for joining the Association. You took on *Quarterdeck* and ran with it. You have helped create some of the documents needed for the association. We are very grateful for all you do for the association.

At our May meeting, we had a couple of guests from the Mepham Football Parents Club attend the meeting. They came to find out what the W. C. Mepham H.S. Alumni Association was all about. They had no idea what role the Alumni Association played and the things we support. So, I thought I would take this opportunity to do just that in case some of our Alumni are not aware of what we do.

The purpose of the W. C. Mepham High School Alumni Association and its Board of Directors is to:

- ENCOURAGE COMMUNICATION AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP AMONG THE ALUMNI. SUPPORT, MAINTAIN, AND PROMOTE THE LOYALTY OF ITS ALUMNI TO MEPHAM

- ASSIST AND PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF MEPHAM GENERALLY, ITS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

The Alumni Association has provided the following beautification projects to the school:

- RESTORED THE 80 FT. MURAL MAP OF LONG ISLAND IN THE AUDITORIUM
- RESTORED THE ORIGINAL WOODWORK OF THE LIBRARY
- REVITALIZED AN OPEN-AIR GARDEN AND GATHERING AREA IN THE COURTYARD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BUILDING FOR THE STUDENTS TO ENJOY

I know none of us were allowed in the courtyard years ago; it was a huge “NO, NO.” However, it has become an oasis for the students as a place for them to relax and enjoy.

The Alumni Association has provided donations to student projects such as:

- THE VETERANS DAY FIELD OF HONOR ON THE FRONT LAWN TO HONOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY
- STATE-OF-THE-ART ROBOTICS LAB
- A STUDIO FOR THE BELLMORE-MERRICK BROADCASTING PROGRAM
- 20 SCHOLAR AWARDS DISTRIBUTED YEARLY TO GRADUATING SENIORS DESERVING OF THE AWARD (AS FUNDS ALLOW)

These are just a few of the things the Alumni Association has done over the years all due to the generosity of our alumni members and we “Thank you” for your continued support.

The alumni association needs help. I hope some of you who live within driving distance will consider coming to a meeting and seeing what we are all about. We have board members who come from the Hamptons and Manorville once a month. Please join us for our first meeting on September 17th, 2024, W. C. Mepham H.S., Room 114, at 7:30 pm. I hope to see you there. 🍷

All the best,

**KATHERINE IRVING COSTELLO
PRESIDENT
CLASS OF 1975**

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A spot like this also allows for relaxation and decompression. It is a place where students can go throughout the day when they need a break or some fresh air. The Alumni Association played a major role in the transformation, donating the funds for the project. Eric Christopher Pomisel, a Mepham alumnus from the Class of 1984, donated his time to help Mr. DeMartinis' visions come to life and to gift the Mepham community with something that could be cherished. "We are strictly doing a beautification project. We are reshaping the beds, weeding all these beds out, and we are adding new species of plants that are low maintenance that will beautify the ecosystem."

One of the key elements of this project was the selection of plants and landscaping features to create a more inviting and relaxing space. Mulch was spread across the planting beds to retain moisture and give a neat appearance. River Birch Heritage trees were planted to provide shade and enhance the aesthetic appeal of the courtyard with their unique peeling bark. Butterfly bushes were added, which are known for attracting butterflies, adding a lively and colorful touch to the area. Ornamental grasses were also incorporated to add texture and movement with the breeze, creating a soothing environment.

To ensure the beds were not only beautiful but also sustainable, they were reshaped to improve the layout and drainage. Among the new flowers and plants, Witchhazel Barmstedt gold and intermedia birgit were included. These plants are known for their vibrant yellow blooms in late winter to early spring, providing early-season color and interest in the courtyard. The selection of these particular species was intentional, as they



Photos by Laura House-Stein

are low maintenance and suitable for the climate, ensuring the courtyard remains attractive with minimal upkeep.

The courtyard has added so much to the Mepham community, and with these new transformations, everyone can enjoy it. The addition of these thoughtful landscaping choices has not only rejuvenated the space but also turned it into a mini-ecosystem that supports local wildlife, such as butterflies and birds.

Students have already begun to appreciate the changes, finding the courtyard a perfect place to relax, study, and socialize. The transformation has

turned the courtyard into a vibrant space that stands as a testament to the community's effort and the value of collaborative improvement projects. As the seasons change, the courtyard will continue to be a focal point for students and staff alike, offering a peaceful retreat within the school grounds.

With the new additions and ongoing care, the courtyard is set to become a lasting legacy for future generations of Mepham students, showcasing the school's commitment to providing a nurturing and aesthetically pleasing environment. 🌱

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I'm sure everyone has noticed the professional look of our new Quarterdeck 2024! Let's give a warm welcome to our new Managing Editor, Laura House Stein, '84. Laura is bringing to us her superb publishing skills while adding high resolution photos, and honest, warm reporting.

It has been a pleasure filling in as Editor since the retirement of Clare Eastwood Worthing '46 in 2017. I am thankful for the alumni community's help as well as the expertise of Doug Mills and his professional staff at Printing Emporium for their guidance publishing each issue. I am not

stepping down entirely and will continue to run the computer programs (and document the programs so others can run them!) necessary to extract the Donation List as well as the "Remembering Our Alumni" List from our database.

As Kathy Costello mentioned in her "President's Message" on page 2, Laura, Susan and Heather became active as the result of our Open House in September. We want to thank Mepham Principal, Anthony DeMartinis and his Secretary, Mrs. Maura Metz for creating the invitations and allowing them to go out through the auspices of the Principal's Office. 🌱 — BRIAN LEVY

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni,
The year has flown by! Mepham has been abuzz with community, athletic, and artistic events that have celebrated the incredible talents of our students. I could never hope to summarize all of the great things happening in a brief column, but I would be remiss to not mention some of this year's highlights:

On November 7, 2023, we celebrated and learned about each other - and called it CommUnity Day, and it was a huge success. Students and staff hosted classroom workshops on parts of their identity that are near and dear. For example, we had Greek dancing in the auditorium, challah bread baking in the east cafeteria, and the history and making of mozzarella in the west cafeteria. As you can tell, I thoroughly enjoyed the food related activities. It was a wonderful day of 'outside the box learning' and togetherness. We asked students what they learned from the day, and a 9th grader nailed it with, "I can apply what I learned today to my everyday life by getting along with everybody and treating everyone with respect."

Also in the fall, our seniors in Participation in Government classes joined forces with Team Rubicon to host our 2nd Annual Stair Climb. Students and staff climb 2,997 of the Mepham stairs to pay tribute to September 11, 2001.

Our sports teams have been thriving, earning multiple individual and team awards for performance and scholastic excellence. Skull & Bones rolled out two smash performances of 'Puffs' in the fall followed by the musical 'Mean Girls' in the spring. I could not be more proud of our musicians, athletes, artists, club members, and students.

This column could be never ending, truly. The consistent and meaningful impact these student-led events have on our greater community is a testament to the passionate staff and dynamic young people who reside in Mepham. Pirate pride is alive and well, and the kids are doing their best moving Mepham forward. It is an honor and a privilege to be their principal. 🏴‍☠️

Sincerely,
Anthony DeMartinis



Calhoun Assistant Principal Michael Hughes joined the Mepham administration team in support of the annual St. Baldrick's event. From left to right: Science Chair Heather Bizewski, Michael Hughes, Social Studies Chair Robyn Einbinder, Social Studies teacher Kerry Dennis, and Principal Anthony DeMartinis.

Charity Event Raises \$60k+

Mepham's Participation in Government students hosted the 14th annual Chop Your Locks for Charity event benefitting the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, the festivities were hosted by seniors Emma Alfaro, Ibrahim Alam, Olivia Guarascio and Kieran Kehoe. Senior Jared Lopez treated the crowd to the Star-Spangled Banner on his electric guitar and the Bellmore-Merrick Cosmetology students donated their services. This year's benefit had more than 50 shaves and raised over \$60,000. The Participation in Government students, the junior and senior School and Community Leadership students and advisors Ms. Dennis, Mr. Patten, and Ms. Einbinder, came together and created a very successful and memorable night. Be sure to check out the Bellmore-Merrick Broadcasting Program's coverage on their YouTube page, www.youtube.com/channel/UCo2Kdy



Senior Ibrahim Alam volunteers to help out at the annual fundraiser.

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The Bellmore-Merrick Broadcasting Program is a district-wide program for students who attend Calhoun, Kennedy, or Mepham High School and are interested in the broadcasting industry. 📺



Junior Andrew Rispoli (left) and Senior Kevin White proudly have their heads shaved to raise money for charity.

Photos courtesy of Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District

Mephram Remembers

By Frank Setteducati '70

January 27 marked the observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the occasion did not go unnoticed by the school district; during the course of a week, there were various programs and special classes at all of the district's Middle and High Schools, stressing its profound historical importance.

At Mephram, Robyn Einbinder, the school's social studies chairperson, arranged for Holocaust survivor and author Marion Blumenthal Lazan to address students on February 5. She discussed her 1996 book *The Four Perfect Pebbles*, as well as the 2005 PBS documentary *Marion's Triumph: Surviving History's Nightmare* (narrated by Debra Messing). Lazan related how, after fleeing Germany, she was able to get through separation from her family and eventually emigrated to the States through the Netherlands in the late 1940's.

She urged students to not take their educational opportunities for granted. Her message stressed how "no one is spared hardship and adversity in their lives. We all need to search for our own survival skills and put them to work." She imparted, "It's not so much what happens to a person, it's how we deal with it that matters." Lazan urged her



Photo courtesy of Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District

Mephram Social Studies Chairperson Robyn Einbinder arranged for Holocaust survivor and author, Marion Blumenthal Lazan, to visit with students and share her story of fleeing Nazi Germany, surviving concentration camps, and emigrating to the United States.

audience to "build bridges and reach out to one another" and expressed the hope that we "can prevent our past from becoming your future."

In addition, renowned advocate and survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide American Carl Wilkens visited several schools, including Mephram, with his

message of inspiration. A district press release noted that "by sharing riveting narratives and fostering interactive discussions, Wilkens instilled in students a profound understanding of the consequences of hatred while highlighting the importance of compassion and leadership." 📖

BMCHSD Honored by College Board

By Kimberly Nadler '25

On December 5, 2023, there was a surprise assembly here at Mephram. All three high schools' mascots were here, cameras were everywhere, and there were some unfamiliar faces in the auditorium. That morning, you could hear the sounds of the Calhoun Rock Band echoing throughout the school, hear Kennedy's orchestra on the third floor, and see the Bellmore-Merrick Broadcasting (BMB) students dressed up. But why?

In our district, there are many advanced placement, or AP, classes available for students to take starting in sophomore year, and many students take advantage of enrolling in these and earning college credits in high



Kimberly Nadler '25

Terry Redican awards Michael Harrington, Superintendent of Bellmore-Merrick CHSD.

school. Over this past year, 74% of the graduating class took an AP class, and 52% of the graduating class scored a 3 or

higher on at least one AP exam. Due to these statistics, the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD was awarded with AP Medium-Sized District of the Year. AP students from throughout the district visited Mephram for this honor, and there were performances by MephAcapella, as well as the Calhoun Rock Band. All three high schools were showcasing what they do best for the special visitor, Terry Redican, who is the vice president of AP program delivery at College Board.

Redican concluded the ceremony by presenting superintendent Mr. Harrington with the award and a banner. Congratulations to all of the talented AP students in the district who helped attain this award! 📖

'83 40TH REUNION SIMPLY THE BEST!

By Thomas Durand '83

The W. C. Mepham High School Class of 1983 had what can only be described as a totally fun and completely satisfying 40th reunion at The Refuge in Melville on September 30, 2023. The place was packed out with over 160 alumni and guests. As one would expect from '83, the reunion was a very social and warm gathering, with some tears, many laughs, and great big smiles all around. And lots of partying... lots! Inside information disclosed that the gate money was so large that The Refuge held the bar open after the party for a bit, gratis!

Nearly 100 of our classmates came together to relive old memories and share updates on what we've been up to since graduation. Despite the crowd, many people were missed. Particularly our departed classmates, whom we remembered by reading the names by which we called them when we were together at Mepham: Erica Dorfman; Christine Dunning; Alice Foster; Amy Katz; Linda Malisan; Gail O'Brien; Charles Peckoff; David Russen; Frank Simonetti; Andrea Yenise; Stephen Zuk; Diane Quagliano.

The organizing committee worked together for months to put together this memorable and special occasion. Many



Photo by Patty Piscitelli

Theresa Orłowski, Lorraine Passiatore, Sue Principe Glenn, Michael Barone, Patty Piscitelli.

thanks were and are extended to Charlie Muller, Mindy Stein (Lieblein), Beth Schwarz (Hyman), Mike Barone, Don Socca, and Marisa Ambrosio.

1983 was a great time to be alive for just about all of us, especially as a part of the Bellmore-Merrick community as well as the Mepham family. It was great to step back in time for an evening. The feelings of belonging and fellowship were still going strong at this event and doubtless will continue up until the next one. Please encourage missing classmates to join the W. C. Mepham Alumni Association so getting together in the future won't be so difficult... <https://www.mephamalumni.org/> 📧



Photo by Thomas Durand

Mindy Stein, Charlie Muller, Marisa Ambrosio, Beth Schwartz, Don Socca and Mike Barone.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

If you are planning a reunion or thinking of planning a reunion and need help, let us know and we'll get your contact information onto our website and next year's *Quarterdeck*. Send your information to reunions@mephamalumni.org.

Class of '70

September 20-22, 2024

Friday - 7 pm

Meet and Greet, The Boat Yard, Tobay Beach

Saturday - 9 am

Breakfast, \$25 and Cafeteria Tour - 10:30, free, Mepham HS

Saturday - 7 pm

Dinner/Dance, \$150
Marriott Uniondale

Sunday - 11 am - 2 pm Brunch
Massapequa Park \$50

Marriott - Group rate available
Mention Mepham Reunion
by Thursday, August 22, 2024

Please let us know which events you are attending and mail your check to:

Mepham Class of '70
PO Box 333
Massapequa Park, NY 11762
mepham1970@aol.com

Class of '84

September 21, 2024
6-9 pm

The Refuge

515 Broadhollow Road
Melville, NY 11747

\$100 per person

Please RSVP/Payment
BEFORE September 7, 2024

Venmo:

@Patrick-Marzano-1



Photo by Michael Singer

George Pitts '73, Dahlia Taratunio, Sandy Palmiotto '69, Jim Taratunio '71, George Ruggi '70, Anna Kessler Singer '76, Vin Proto '70, Gemma Peluso Bienz '70, Frank Setteducati '70, Kevin Gallagher '79.

Alumni Join Mepham Chorale for Holiday Caroling

By Frank Setteducati '70

On Friday, December 8, 2023, as it has for approximately 75 years, the Mepham choral department gathered at the tree on Circle Drive for caroling, hot chocolate and holiday cheer. And as since 1980, they were joined by Mepham alumni. This year there were about a dozen alumni, board members and singers to join the festivities and support the current choir members. The students were as enthusiastic as always and in good voice (led by choir director Christina

Dimitriou). Between residents, singers and alumni, around 200 folks attended.

Although by this time the origin is cloudy, research indicates that the tradition began with director H. Walton Alderfer in the late 1940's and has been maintained by every director since (interrupted only by a blizzard or two and Covid). The alumni became more involved in the process in 1980. It's a great way to kick off the holiday season. This year's choristers included from '69 Sandy Palmiotto, from '70 Gemma Peluso, Frank Setteducati, Bill Cleary,

and George Ruggi. From '71 Jim Taratunio and George Pitts, and from '76 Anna Kessler.

Caroling takes place on the second Friday of December at 7 pm on Circle Drive (off Beltagh Avenue). The date for 2024 is Friday, December 13. Cast superstition aside and mark your calendars to join us for an evening of nostalgia and marshmallows! To get put on the list for an email reminder, contact Gemma (travelwithjoy@optonline.net). 🍷

Class of '54 Gathers to Celebrate Their 70th Reunion

By Lance Blackshaw '54

On May 28 and 29, six alumni of the Class of 1954 gathered to celebrate the 70th anniversary of their Mepham graduation, renew friendships, and remember former classmates not able to be there. Those in attendance were Lance Blackshaw, Bob Ferrigno, Barbara (Carr) Floryshak, Bill Hall, Mal Jardine, and Jerry Manne. Guests of the group were Laura House-

Stein and Tara House-Jaffe, the daughters of '54 alum Carol (O'Keefe) House, who sadly passed away a year ago. Carol was the 'glue' who had held the '54 Class together for seven decades via her spreadsheet efforts to keep track of Class members and the creation of the Class of '54 website. She was well-known by many Mepham alums and honored for her many years of service to the Alumni Association.

Following its 60th reunion activities in 2014, several '54 alums embarked on a fund-raising mission to support the Mepham library at a level of \$1,954 per year, with more to be donated in Class milestone years. The 70th anniversary was such a year, and at the May 29 Mepham Senior Awards event, those Class of '54 members in attendance presented a check in the amount of \$11,954 to Mepham Librarian Shari Stack. 🍷

2024 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The following Mepham Alumni Awards totaling over \$16,000 were presented to the 2024 graduates on May 29, 2024.

GEORGE PRITCHARD MEMORIAL AWARD

In memory of Mepham's first band director. Awarded to a band member of at least 2 years, planning a career in music.

LIAM OSBORNE

GUNTHER MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a choral student with the most choir spirit and motivation, giving freely of their time and efforts for the betterment of the choir.

KATELIN O'SHEA

ONE DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Given to students who have contributed most to the understanding and acceptance of diversity in the school and community.

MELISSA HELLMAN, HUNTER MALLEN

SANFORD H. CALHOUN MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a student with leadership qualities, integrity, and a capacity for hard work. Should have the courage of their convictions to inspire others to do their best.

JENNA DEMPSEY

ALUMNI WRESTLERS SCHOLAR AWARD

Presented to a senior who has demonstrated a spirit of teamwork, dedication to the sport of wrestling and overall hard work. Must have wrestled for 3 years, a GPA of 3.0 and is college bound.

JOSEPH ZUZZOLO

SCHOOL SPIRIT AWARD

Presented to a student who has demonstrated school spirit by participating in extracurricular activities (choir, band, clubs, committees, sports) and who is continuing their education.

SANJAY PERSAUD, CATHERINE CHOW

H. WALTON ALDERFER MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a member of the choral group and likely to pursue a musical career.

SINEAD PIERCE

NICK SABETTO ATHLETIC & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Awarded to a lettered varsity-level athlete, with a minimum 3.0 GPA who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, sportsmanship, integrity and is continuing their education.

SOPHIA GREEN

MEPHAM PRIDE AWARD IN MEMORY OF RICHARD WILGENKAMP

Given to a student who exhibits pride in his/her alma mater and its values and traditions through involvement in various activities both in and out of school.

DANIEL BERRY

DR. FRED H. STUNT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Given in memory of one of Mepham's first teachers to a senior with scholastic and

leadership achievement, integrity, initiative, service to Mepham and respected by their peers.

IMAN UMAR

HUNTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Given in memory of a Mepham gym teacher who coached wrestling and soccer. Student has demonstrated teamwork, dedication to the sport and overall hard work. Must have participated in wrestling or soccer for 3 years, GPA of 3.0 and college bound.

PETER SCOTTO, YIANNA FOUFAS

KLEIN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Given by the Klein family in memory of **Viola Odenheimer**. Presented to a graduating senior planning a medical or dental career.

MUHAMMAD DANISH

THE WOODROFFE-GANGEL FAMILY MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to seniors planning on attending a four-year college and pursuing a science related career.

RICHARD WANG, MATT YANG

JOHN "DENNY" RYAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to a senior who has demonstrated integrity and helpfulness- epitomizing Denny's character. This senior has donated

outstanding service to the school and community.

ARIANA CANALES

MATTHEW F. WARKALA MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a senior member of cross-country and/or track team who has demonstrated the most improvement or best spirit, mirroring Matthew F. Warkala.

JACK ISRAEL

VIETNAM ERA VETERANS MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a graduating Senior who has chosen a career in the military service.

SHOHJAHON SAIDMURODOV



CLASS OF 1954 AWARDS

SANDARA K. TAUBER AND ARTHUR TAUBER SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARD

Awarded to **MICHAEL MOLLIKA** and **OLIVIA MEYER**. The awards, sponsored by the Taubers, are \$2,500 each.

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

This year's winner is **ELENA HECHTMAN**. This award, sponsored by Lance Blackshaw, is \$1,000.

CLASS OF 1954 LIBRARY MEMORIAL AWARD

In the amount of \$11,954.



Jones Beach Update



By Frank Setteducati '70
So many alumni include memories of Jones Beach in messages we receive. This wonderful asset at our proverbial doorstep has been part of all of our lives, whether we played or, as many of us did, worked there. The reactions we've gotten whenever we've included beach articles cinches it! We're all Jones Beach bums!

The West Bathhouse underwent a \$16 million overhaul, part of a larger project announced by (then) Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2016. That phase restored the art deco façade and, according to Newsday, "re-opened the

central bays of the south building, providing a direct view between the pool and the boardwalk- part of Robert Moses' original design." At that time, over \$2 million was budgeted to also upgrade and improve the games area at the East Mall. Governor Cuomo noted that the entire facility had fallen into disrepair and his hope was that this would be the start of a \$65 million influx to restore the park to its "former grandeur."

Efforts were made to attract private investors to fund the restoration and renovations to the East Bathhouse as well. That facility had been shut down



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Rendering of proposed plan for the West Bathhouse.

NY State Parks

in 2008. Unfortunately, there was little interest shown and that facility has shamefully been empty and deteriorated further since then.

In May, 2024, Governor Kathy Hochul announced continuation of the East Bathhouse project, with a further investment of \$100 million as the pool and facilities undergo a complete rebuild. Presumably, it will include a new pool, but will

also include a "learn to swim" facility, splash pads, a spray park as well as a "dry" playground area. The renovated facility is expected to reopen in 2026 and is the final major project planned for the state park.

Hopefully, the ball will stay in the air this time around and our next Jones Beach feature will be able to report that the plan announced in 2016 is "fait accompli!" 🎉



Rice Lives On in Memorial Scholarship

By Dr. Patrick Marzano '84

The Jack Rice Memorial Scholarship Fund is named for a revered educator who taught English in the Bellmore-Merrick School District for more than thirty years. His unorthodox, yet celebrated, approach to teaching incorporated elements of music and media as examples of contemporary prose and poetry. More importantly he served as a mentor and ally to his students, encouraging individual thought and opinions.

Established by six former students and friends, the fund annually awards \$1,000 and a book from Mr. Rice's personal library to a graduating Mepham senior who intends to major in education, journalism, film, literature, or communications.

Interested students, or those alumni looking to help grow and sustain the Fund through a generous donation, are encouraged to visit our website for more information, www.jackricemsf.org/. 🎉

Donations to the Alumni Association

THANK YOU! We are very grateful for your support! Below are donations for 2022, 2023 and 2024 as of July 3, 2024.
Please email editor@mephamalumni.org with any issues.

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Tice Siegel 1957
JoAnn Barreca Leone 1958
Lee B. Griffith 1958
Steven L. Jaffe 1958
Andrea Stieg Wieners 1958
Kathleen Tvrdik Siegel 1958
Edwin Wagner 1958
Robert Birke 1959
Antoinette Carmine Carman 1959
Mary Christiansen Brodersen 1959
Raymond D. Hansen 1959
Phyllis E. Hassell Miller 1959
William Howe 1959
Laurin Laderoute 1959
Eleanor Moelius Freyer 1959
Robert F. Rose 1959
Stephen P. Scaring 1959
Sara Lynn Schneck Grandison 1959
Ronald Wieners 1959
Elizabeth Wolters Cronin 1959
Arthur R. Fischer 1960
John Loomam 1960
Ronald Nelson 1960
Nick Speranza 1960
Janette Waswo Chrones 1960
Pietro Caporusso 1961
Gary Hedrick 1961

Philip Iovino 1961
Lynn J. Randall Buttner 1961
Marie Bruno Rhodes 1962
Stephen J. Gaal 1962
Mark Greenside 1962
Margaret Oberhofer Kelland 1962
William Seaman 1962
John W Clukies 1963
Thomas J. Curran 1963
Eleanor Edie Barrett 1963
Bernhard Hubert 1963
Steven Kelland 1963
Terrance Mulligan 1963
Maryann Piambino Waite 1963
Lewis Zemsky MD 1963
Jeffrey Bourne 1964
Maria Curcio Kopecky 1964
Mark Geller 1964
Adelaide Howe Szabo 1964
Elicia Krinick Geller 1964
Mark Marder 1964
William J. McHale 1964
Jane Randall 1964
Robert F. Russo 1964
Howard Sackstein 1964
Stephen Crawford 1965
Robert L. Fellows 1965
Howard Fisher 1965
Robert Friemann 1965
Mal Glanz 1965
Patricia Pavlovich Mirabile 1965
John Quarm 1965
Paul Alonge Jr 1966
David deForrest 1966
Joseph DeRiso 1966
Patricia Deyorra Brady 1966
Kathleen Drabeck Testaverde 1966
Rosemary Gleason Callahan-Peacock 1966
Philip A. Newman 1966
George Novogroder 1966
Ronald Stein 1966
Pamela Bendix Weiss 1967
Carol Bruckner Glasser 1967
William Cruz 1967
Audrey D'Auria Carroll 1967
Sheila Hemenway 1967
Frances Henry Meehan 1967
Michael Kalish 1967
Jerry Stache 1967
Robert L. Stein 1967
David Wess 1967
Henry Cheli 1968
Lynne Ferrari Lovell 1968
Jeffrey D. Macklis 1968
Marc Furman 1969
Diane Kandybowicz Kalish 1969
Mitchell H. Koshers 1969
Diane Livoti Cox 1969
Frank Sepe 1969
Ruth Bruning 1970
Richard Geeb 1970
Kathleen Korber Leone 1970
Christine Loudice Crispi 1970
Gemma Peluso Bienz 1970
Mitchell Sabshon 1970
Joseph M. Savino 1970
Frank M. Setteducati 1970
Patricia Terebelski 1970
Laurie Weisberg 1971
Rudy Dilieto 1972
Leo Hinkley 1972
Steven Riemann 1972
Thomas Mauri 1974
Jeffrey L. Seltzer 1974
Mitchell Edelman 1975
Arlene Rozzelle 1975
Douglas Brusa 1976
Louis Marandola 1976
Douglas F. Miller 1976
Elsa Benedetti Ilibassi 1977
Michael Luckner 1977
Gregory Lymber 1977
Mike Meserole 1977

Christopher Olsson 1977
David Zemsky 1977
Steven Boscarino 1978
Brian Darnowski 1979
Peter Jaeger 1979
Lisa Mammano Boscarino 1979
Joseph A. Levine MD 1980
Peter Vaream 1980
Anthony Cuomo 1981
Yvette Rampin Wright 1981
Debra Spataro Darnowski 1981
Walter Kirby Jr 1982
Michael Barone 1983
James Sepe 1983
Julie Estes Plank 1984
Patrick Marzano 1984
John Berry 1985
Catherine Gogikyan Kulins 1985
Sharon Saueracker Berry 1985
Dennis M. Hood 1986
Michael John Marinello 1987
Amy Schenendorf Langbart 1987
Michael Vincent Como 1988
Todd Johnson 1988
Nicole Viggiano 1993
Paul Limmer 1998
Robert Bramante 2000
Joseph Ferreri Jr 2011

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Arthur McQuillan Sr FAC
Ann Rita Carroll 1944
Francis C. Wellman 1944
Julia Davidson Miller 1945
Muriel Becker Lawry 1946
Jane Muhlbauer Hurley 1946
Joan F. Christensen Nance 1947
Harry H. Brush 1948
Kenneth C. Heuermann 1948
Harold C. Lyons 1948
Harold (Bud) Mahoney 1949
Carol Amari Milhaver 1950
Barbara Hale Vetter 1950
Richard Milhaver 1950
Vito L. Caporusso 1951
Ralph McCormack 1951
Thomas E. Miller 1951
Ronald Pettit 1951
Dolores Dose Gruenewald 1952
Ann Harrell Wesley 1952
Audrey Wanner Frisch 1952
Joel Bickell 1953
Charles E. Gerdes 1953
Elizabeth Goettel Beyer 1953
Clementine Graziano Bianco 1953
Jeannette Paladino Antin 1953
Duane Rappold Weisbecker 1953
Catherine Ann Dina McCabe 1954
Martha Gibbons Traynor 1954
John Klein Landers 1954
Robert J. Meurn 1954
Frederick Quaderer 1954
Barbara Watson Cappisillo 1954
Judy Clark Schmidt 1955
Peter John Gridley 1955
Ralph H. Schmolter 1955
Arlaine Arnott Niclas 1956
Nancy Brown Collins 1957
Edward Diener 1957
Carl Gellis 1957
Michael Gilead 1957
Jeanette Sommer Stelter 1957
Stephen Abbott 1958
David Cornelius 1958
Annette Dutchen Zervoudakes 1958
Robert Ellig 1958
Ruth Lindlaw Leonard 1958
Alice Orenstein Berns 1958
Thomas Priestley 1958
Walter Radwick 1958
Craig Scott 1958
Lynn Weinstein Shyevitch 1958
Roy Dahlen 1959
Judy Danielsen Hoffstatter 1959
William M. Green 1959
Jeffrey Hauptman 1959
Toni Romeo Daab 1959
Joanna Foster von Seydewitz 1960
Eileen Oktavec 1960
Mark S. Piven 1960
Chris Sabetto 1960
Daniel Wasser 1960
Richard Cooper 1961
Janice Davy Oursler 1961
Beatrice Merritt Repetti 1961
Jeffrey Robbins 1961
Steven A. Ruskin 1961
Phyllis Duhaime Abbott 1962
Ruth A. Formont Dahlen 1962
Janet Scala Johnson 1962
Richard Appelbaum 1963
Gary S. Barr 1963
Kenneth Geluso 1963
Michael Goldfinger 1963
Christopher Kopecky 1963
Anne Marie McGarrah Tretler 1963
Maria Buonauro Collins 1964
Sharon Busch Hartmann 1964
Andrew Horn 1964
Stephen Koshers 1964
Maxine Landesman Scheffler 1964
Janet Lessmann Daly 1964
Harry William Nelson 1964
Albert W Puff 1964
Marianne Regina Geluso 1964
Dennis Bressack 1965
Gregory J. Gallacher 1965
Richard Glasser 1965
Robert Termosto 1965
Judy Zemsky Borah 1965
Coette Clowes Gray 1966
Thomas Denicola 1966
Merryl Falk Fittipaldi 1966
Susan Hart Sim 1966
Joseph Heptig 1966
Patricia June 1966
Linda LaPlaca Orlando 1966
Joseph Orlando 1966
Barbara Sieck Heptig 1966
June Slade Hupp 1966
Mitchell Smith 1966
Diane Thomas Puff 1966
Nancy Gengler Perkins 1967
Gail Ann Hochberg 1967
Robert Lapidus 1967
Michael Lyden 1967
Edward J. McSweeney 1967
Carolann Scanlon Husted 1967
Bruce Schwaidelson 1967
Peggy Badlato 1968
Jay Dubner 1968
Steven Stillwagon 1968
Wendy Block 1969
Edward Goldberg 1969
Amy Goldberg Jacobs 1969
Steven Goldner 1969
Trudy F. Husted Lehner 1969
Joel Levine 1969
James O'Brien 1969
Francine Regina O'Brien 1969
Toni Reiss 1969
Donna Tria Lapidus 1969
Larry Blum 1970
Sondra Blum Huggins 1970
William R. Bogatz 1970
William P. Cleary 1970
Elizabeth M. Cramer 1970
Donald Kutner 1970
Gary Orlando 1970
Annette Hubner 1971
Susan Zimmerman Bauer 1971
Donna Boscarino Sutherland 1972
Roland E. Graham 1972
Robyn Maltz Gross 1972
Jayne Meltzer Krompier 1972
Susan Urbano Schmerler 1972

Kathleen Roth Sheehan 1973
Carol Schlein 1973
Peter D. Steinmaker 1973
Cathy A. Taylor Steinmaker 1973
Ricki Yanofsky Sokol 1973
Kathryn MacMillan Miller 1974
Kevin Rogan 1974
Doreen Schrank 1974
Cary Sklar 1974
Debra Urbano-DiSalvo 1974
Joseph Ambrose 1975
Ellen Neamonitis Savitsky 1975
John Gibney 1976
Jodi Goodelman Zagoory 1976
Susan Hayes 1976
Laurie Schneider Suskind 1976
Glenn Hirsh 1977
James A. Tengeler 1977
Lorrie Miller Snyder 1978
Thomas Lisanti 1979
Rosemary Chino Sofia 1980
Lorraine Huhn Romanello 1980
Gerianne Carillo 1981
Geneen Klos Kudler 1981
Evan Kudler 1981
Anne Hillmann Hennessy 1985
Michael Morgan 1986
William Berry 1988
Jonathan E. Goldman 1988
Jeannine Marschall Lang 1993

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William Duncan Steenson 1945
Marilyn R. Hesse Weltz 1946
George F. Ruppenicker Jr 1946
Herbert Kleckner 1948
Ramon Perez 1948
Nancy Blaner Nastasi 1949
Alan F. Graf 1949
Paul Mobius 1949
Joan Berlenbach Jewhurst 1951
Peter Schriever 1951
Doris Warren Russell 1951
Douglas Dennett 1952
Ann Duffy Green 1953
Dorothy Forster Mobius 1953
H. Frederick Koehler 1953
John Probyahn 1953
Carole Seaman Tighe 1953
Ruth Anne Smith 1953
Robert Donohue 1954
Margaret Meurn Broderick 1954
Frances E. Waters Bergmann 1954
Audrey E. Wildner Sears 1954
Diane Kenyon Ryan 1955
Phyllis Rice Fraley 1955
William C. Schack 1955
Patricia White Bock 1955
Gordon W. Bell 1956
Doris Bermudez Eschenbach 1956
Lucretia G. Caporusso Kelleher 1956
Joyce Cornelius Walsleben 1956
Robert Dana 1956
Frederick Dyke 1956
Clifford Froelich 1956
Valerie Priger Skelly 1956
Margaret Sebban Garrison 1956
Virginia Smith Grandazza 1956
Roger Boily 1957
Carolyn T. Collura Meyer 1957
Joanna Desposati Migliore 1957
Patricia Beckmann Unruh 1958
Barry Glunts 1958
Ira W. Gross 1958
Robert Hartford 1958
Martin Kleinwald 1958
Peter A. Masullo 1958
Ruth Rosen Manyin 1958
Francesca Valente Fuchs 1958
Brian F. Costello 1959
Michelle Curcio Jeransky 1959
Helen Gallis Stevens 1959
Arthur Hombach 1959
Robert Mark 1959
Carol Ann Piller Rossi 1959
Marilyn R. Reisberg Shapiro 1959
John "Denny" Ryan 1959
William J. Savoia 1959
Concetta Bruy Coyne 1960
Alberta Dallo Mehr 1960

Ann Fleming Peterson 1960
Victoria Kopecky Pellegrino 1960
Peg Thomson Mann-Calhoun 1960
Timothy Atwell 1961
Arlene Redmond Cammarata 1961
Anita Rubin Kupietz 1961
Robert M. Walther 1961
Frederick W. Lindlaw 1962
Edward D. Westervelt 1962
Robert Anderson 1963
George Erb 1963
Martha Laeske Campanile 1963
Kenneth Larson 1963
Anthony Licausi 1963
Joan Betts 1964
Florence Dyke Pease 1964
Lynne Friedman Goldman 1964
Gerald Levitz 1964
Patricia Melenwick Padula 1964
Bonnie Plostock Fishman 1964
Steven Ratiner 1964
Ruth Ann Schneider Schell 1964
Robert Steinberg 1964
Donald Weghorst 1964
Linda Dove Brookshire 1965
Jack Garnier 1965
Terence Kane Kane 1965
Frank Priebe 1965
William Schaub 1965
Barbara Thomas Kwiatkowski 1965
Sol B. Vidor 1965
Rosemary Azznara Mirabella 1966
Bruce Bingham 1966
Kurt Bos 1966
Edward Collura 1966
Veronica Gallagher Albrecht 1966
Mary Gannon Beene 1966
Jean Goldberg Stein 1966
Glenn Greenberg 1966
Barbara Grosso Guercia 1966
Christina Lusk Burns 1966
Dale Mason Mandel 1966
Kenneth Marblestone 1966
William Munno 1966
George Poppe 1966
Marie Villani Carson 1966
Leonard A. Zwelling 1966
Ron Anderson 1967
Pat Ashworth Hatch 1967
Jonathan Blucher 1967
Mona Friedman Jamison 1967
Richard J. Gurian 1967
Philip Horowitz 1967
Susan Schulman 1967
Dominick Tuccillo 1967
Alexander Chester 1968
Michael J. Cutino 1968
Sharon Rothstein Wisla 1968
Ellen Forrest Mitchell 1969
Lorinda Genna Butler 1969
Ellen Goshman Katz 1969
Joann Rumph Wurzbacher 1969
Laurie Scheffler Salvo 1969
Joan Cennamo Fichtner 1970
Michael B. George 1970
Deborah Lullo 1970
Hal Wayne Mandel 1970
William C. Mulligan 1970
Cathy Jones Powers 1971
Michael Russo 1971
Patricia Uriarte Lee 1971
Elaine Zuewsky 1971
Craig Diamond 1972
Janis Halpern Kritzer 1972
Tony Riccio 1972
Debra Bogatz Klein 1973
Neil Getter 1973
Dennis Greene 1973
Eileen O'Connor Vickery 1973
Christina Scarnato Wrigley 1973
Doreen Dear Klughers 1974
John A. Kobylanski 1974
Carol Lustgarten 1974
Douglas Nelson 1974
James Sannerud 1974
Lawrence Wolff 1974
Sue De Vito Tomlin 1976
Margaret Herzberg 1976
Nancy Papini Lang 1976
Michael S. Winsten Winsten 1976

Gary W. Radovich 1977
Ellen Panzeca 1978
Diane Marie Frisse Hay 1979
Melanie Marcus Pagano 1982
Wendy Kalman 1984
Daniel Camillery 1989
Nancy Saueracker Fukushima 1989
Benjamin F. Jackson 2004
James Gagnon 2007
Aurora Parlagreco 2009
Deanna Parlagreco 2013
Alexa Boscarino 2015
Ashley Boscarino 2015

2023 Donations

Donations of \$100 or more

Warren B. Schneider 1949
Gregory Raimondo 1950
Edward R. Ferraro 1951
Diane Maas Schneider 1952
Carol Ann Robinson Ferraro 1953
Gregory Haase 1957
Michael Schaefer 1957
David Cornelius 1958
Vincent Tobia 1958
Richard D. Erb 1959
Eileen Long Bellaflora 1959
Sandra Rutkoski Frankoski 1959
Robert (Fuzzy) Walsh 1960
Seth R. Poppel 1961
Paulette Lee Smyth 1962
John W. Clukies 1963
Stephen Weiss 1963
Bruce Nieli C.S.P. 1964
Howard Fisher 1965
Marilyn Anne Jaatinen Madden 1965
Pamela Bendix Weiss 1967
Frances Henry Meehan 1967
Joseph Andrews 1970
Ruth Bruning 1970
Michael Levin 1970
Jeanne Kash Barbet 1973
Richard Corde 1977
Ingrid Bloomfield 1984
Joseph Ferreri Jr 2011

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Eileen C. Thorne Fister 1945
Joan F. Christensen Nance 1947
John Hingher 1954
Annette Dutchen Zervoudakes 1958
Craig Scott 1958
Joseph M. Calandrillo 1959
Mark S. Piven 1960
Peg Thomson Mann 1960
Richard Cooper 1961
Jeffrey Robbins 1961
Doris Wiebel Moore 1961
Michael Goldfinger 1963
Judith Nelson Bauer 1963
Susan E. Lewis Fause 1964
Dennis Bressack 1965
Thomas Denicola 1966
Jo Donna DiLieto O'Leary 1966
Joan Goldstein Hain 1966
Gerald D. Hagin 1966
Wendy Coleman Bernard 1969
Edward Goldberg 1969
Bridget Fagan Smith 1970
Richard Grandwilliams 1970
Gary Orlando 1970
Barry John Weingartner 1972
Peter D. Steinmaker 1973
Cathy A. Taylor Steinmaker 1973
Katherine Irving Costello 1975
Robert Schoenberger 1977
Michael VanBuren 1978

\$25-49 (2023)

Stewart Christianson 1947
Albert L. Brown 1948
Dorothy Carlson Christianson 1949
Raymond O'Shaughnessy 1952
Thomas Whiteside 1952
Florence W. Butterweck Campanile 1953
Peter N. Boulukos 1955
Helene Seiden Woolsey 1956
Ronald Stearns 1956
Carol Ann Piller Rossi 1959
Stephanie Seiden Blee 1959

Thomas Clements 1961
Katherine Kruse Grant 1961
William Millard 1961
Marion Schweigsuth Lang 1961
Carol Krinsky Morris 1962
Ellen LaVine Goldwin 1962
William DeSario 1964
Barbara Jacobs Blanco 1965
Terence Kane Kane 1965
Janis Pridans 1965
Richard Baer 1966
Kenneth Marblestone 1966
Ron Anderson 1967
Steven S. Kaufman 1968
Joyce Polokoff Smail 1968
Steven Leffler 1970
Linda Bally Arto 1971
Lorrie Miller Snyder 1978
Frances Merkle Carlino 1979
Grace Ratto 1979
Benjamin Goody 1987
Monica J. DeMicoli Lefkowitz 1996
Jeanne Bonitch Kushner 1997

2024 Donations

Donations of \$100 or more

Margaret Gangel Breen 1948
Frank G. Coons 1949
Robert Kelly 1952
Richard Seidler 1953
Marilyn Siegel Seidler 1953
John Bell 1954
Martin E. Welch 1954
John Gardner 1955
Jay T. Jablow 1955
Carol Kauffinger Bell 1955
June Gangel 1960
Seth R. Poppel 1961
Stephen Crawford 1965
Marilyn Madden Joatinen 1965
Lynne Ferrari Lovell 1968
Eileen Handler Michaels 1968
Ruth Bruning 1970
Maureen McConlogue Hayslip 1974
Kevin Gallagher 1979
Heather Marselli Castellano 2001, FAC

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Margaret Hennessy 1945
James Paladino 1954
Suzanne Gustafson Hennessey 1954
Lynn Weinstein Shyevitch 1958
Laurin Laderoute 1959
Lorraine Zaborowski Hommel 1959
Brian Levy 1960
Peg Thomson Mann (Calhoun 1960)
Patricia Filiberto Brangs 1962
Eleanor Edie Barrett 1963
Michael Goldfinger 1963
Gerald D. Hagin 1966
Kathleen Hayes Koszulinski 1967
David Krinsky 1967
Bruce Schwaigelson 1967
Susan Hayes 1976
Matthew Black 1989

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Dorothy Carlson Christianson 1949
Thomas Erikson 1951
Dolores Dose Gruenewald 1952
Janet Johnston Kostolansky 1953
Duane Rappold Weisbecker 1953
Nicholas Wright 1953
Lillian Donnelly Witte 1957
Carol J. Tennant Connor 1957
Sally Robert Campbell 1958
Lydia Luxenberg Kramer 1959
Mark Ansell 1960
Eileen Oktavec 1960
John Wasiak 1960
Lorraine Zambito Wasiak 1960
Mary Louise Ross Alber 1962
Gary S. Barr 1963
Lewis Zemsky MD 1963
Janet Lessmann Daly 1964
Sol B. Vidor 1965
Veronica Gallagher Albrecht 1966
Peter Occhipinti 1974
Laura House Stein 1984
Christian & Gregory Fillios '06, '09

In Memoriam

CAROL O'KEEFE HOUSE '54

Carol Beverly O'Keefe House, Class of '54, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2023, after a brief illness. Carol received her BA in Education from Adelphi University where she met her husband, Kenneth. She is survived by her daughters, Tara House-Jaffe '80 and Laura House-Stein '84.

Always working tirelessly behind the scenes, Carol House was 'the voice' of the Alumni Association from its inception in 1979. Her skill, talent, and style created *Scuttlebutt*, our "members only," 32-page magazine, published for approximately 20 years; it was sent only to dues-paying members of the association. She also created the *Quarterdeck* newsletter

that you are now reading. It is sent to (currently) over 18,000 known alumni, free of charge, and is also posted on our website, www.MephamAlumni.org.

These publications became the source of funding for the association, enabling us to develop nearly 20 annual scholar awards, gifts for the building, and financial support for educational programs developed by our board and faculty for the benefit of Mepham students.

When she made the decision to step back from those activities in 2002, she switched her focus to the Class of 1954, developing its own



newsletter, and then a website, to keep her classmates up-to-date. With her guidance, the Class of 1954 has made significant donations to enhance Mepham's library, funding supplies, equipment, and other projects when funds were short.

Her passing on July 12, 2023, shocked many of us, even those who kept in regular contact with her. Her influence on the Mepham community is unfathomable and will go on. It can be said that without her, we would not be where we are today.

Rest in peace, Carol! 🕊️
— FRANK SETTEDUCATI



JANE MUHLBAUER HURLEY '46

In August of 2023, we received a note from Jane Muhlbauer Hurley, 1946. Jane included a few articles about her proudest moment.

After teaching in Long Island schools, Jane and her family moved to Brattleboro, Vermont in the 70's and began teaching at Brattleboro Union High School. There, Jane used her experience as a majorette and member of the Mepham Kickline to teach other young women. Volunteering with their marching band, she directed their "Majorettes" and Dance (Kick) Line using the skills she learned at Mepham.

Jane's proudest memory developed in 1981. The School Band along with Jane's Majorettes were invited to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Her Majorettes would be out front!

Unfortunately, Jane passed in October 2023, and we wanted to share with you her great memory. 🕊️ — BRIAN LEVY

VIOLA C. QUINEY YOUNG '56

We regret to inform our Alumni of the passing of our Second Alumni Association President, Viola Quiney Young. Viola followed Richard Wilgenkamp, our Alumni founder, 1980-1981. She ensured that the Alumni remained strong after the initial excitement and lent her strong enthusiasm to keep it going.

Viola was very active at Mepham, with membership in the Coaches Club, Cheerleading, women's sports and Treasure Chest. She was also active as Past President of the Giovanni Caboto Lodge (Merrick, Bellmore, Wantagh, Seaford), Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America, and also served the lodge as a Vice-President, Orator, and Recording Secretary.

Classmate, Roy Probeyahn, remembers Viola as a bright individual, always supportive of Mepham High School. 🕊️

— BRIAN LEVY

Jerry Worthing '41 Celebration of Life

Jerry Worthing '41 was the webmaster and in charge of production for the Alumni Association from 2002 to 2016. His significant work enabled me to be the editor of *Scuttlebutt* and *Quarterdeck* those years.

Jerry was born August 11, 1924, so this August would be his 100th birthday. When he died, October 29, 2019, Covid prevented scheduling a remembrance for him. We hope there will be nothing

to prevent a celebration of his life this, his centennial, year.

My daughters and I invite you to participate, either by coming here to share or by sending in your thoughts by mail or email. Please make any written comments on the brief side so we can include it all. Gathering will be at 75 Weaving Lane, Wantagh, NY 11793, Saturday, August 10, 2024. Arrive anytime, after 1 pm, and we will start

hearing the stories at 1:30 pm, wrapping up around 5 pm. There will be light refreshments.

RSVP to Clare Worthing, 75 Weaving Lane, Wantagh NY 11793, 516-735-2952 or worthing@optonline.net with the number of people who will come so we can adequately prepare. We are looking forward to having a sentimental, loving time. 🕊️

— CLARE EASTWOOD WORTHING '46

Remembering Our Alumni

Names of deceased reported as of June 25, 2024

- Marie Betzig Steinsieck 1939
Ruth Carn Hosley 1939
Stanley Feldstein 1939
Fred Noa 1939
Helga Carlson Curtis 1940
Antoinette Duvelsdorf 1940
Hannigan 1940
Henry Harris 1940
John Lardner 1940
Gilbert L. Pike 1940
Dorothy Platt Kenney 1940
Elizabeth Raffaelli Kaplan 1940
Doris Richter Ketcham 1940
Dorothy Vouaux Heuslein 1940
Marie R. Zingg 1940
Samuel Amato 1941
Albert W. Bahr Rev. 1941
Arthur L. Berger 1941
Margaret Boos 1941
Dorothy Carter Wiggins 1941
Kathleen Clune Gray 1941
Filomena Felicetti 1941
Jean L. Gaffney Rose 1941
Gertrude Gambino Bellafante 1941
Winifred Gawley Pike 1941
Mildred H. Luhrs Datkowsky 1941
John F. Nuding 1941
Ida Emily Oja Torma 1941
Stephen Allan Piller 1941
Walter C. Schulein 1941
Lillian Sjöholm Danielson 1941
Lewis Woest 1941
Harriet Ahrens Garistina 1942
Emil Codignotto 1942
Eileen D. Donahue Morfin 1942
Gerard Fernandez 1942
Concetta Fileti Bourne 1942
Emily Gerlach Bedell 1942
Mary Koemm Jocksberger 1942
Vivian Latargia Chorlton 1942
John F. Mahoney 1942
Joseph Slovak 1942
Virginia Vouaux Occhino 1942
Dorothy Weigl Egloff 1942
Gertrude Zingg Garrett 1942
John J. Alex 1943
Robert Betzig 1943
Emmett S. Brown 1943
Mildred Carey Kampfer 1943
Hyman Datloff 1943
Joseph F. Dugan 1943
Audrey Edgar Carter 1943
Alberta Foster Gordon 1943
Arline Hilpert Boeckman 1943
Gertrude Huxoll Noble 1943
Dorothy Lang Levy 1943
Carl A. Meurn 1943
Joyce Millhagen 1943
Joan Schneider Roseman 1943
Albert T. Shearer 1943
Ralph Stander 1943
Raymond Steventon 1943
Arthur T. Bedell 1944
James Boyrer 1944
Eileen Chase Messina 1944
Pat Christy 1944
Ann Clutterbuck 1944
Eugene Counihan 1944
Francis Duvelsdorf 1944
Robert Fortmeyer 1944
David "Bill" Greene 1944
Eileen Griffen Greene 1944
Elizabeth M. Hartmann Hoehn 1944
Stanley Held 1944
Richard Helf 1944
Jean Krause Busch 1944
Anna Lopez Carpenter 1944
Thomas F. McCormick 1944
Mildred Mullen Kelly 1944
William Plate 1944
Marion Platz Rahman 1944
Hortense Pohle Michelsen 1944
Otto J Postl 1944
Edna Rockelein Allen 1944
Barbara Rubien Davis 1944
Clarence R. Rydberg 1944
Joan M. Sappe Wessman 1944
Harriet Schrier Morgan 1944
Joseph Sens 1944
Fred J. Smith 1944
Nadine Soldner Westermann 1944
Dolores VanKeuren Siegel 1944
Paul A. Vouaux Jr 1944
Lorraine Blackstone Hallaby 1945
Richard C. Burnett 1945
Ruth Fiedler Green 1945
Helga Ketzler Santomena 1945
Peter Mollica 1945
Ronald Moorse 1945
Richard K. Pitler 1945
Edwin M. Schultheis 1945
Violette Seibert Lindbeck 1945
Florence Smith Noll 1945
William Duncan Steenson 1945
John Woodhouse 1945
William W. Baker Jr 1946
Anna Boos Ammarell 1946
Madeline DeValve McAdam 1946
Florence M. Dinkelmeyer Gordon 1946
David Erb (Rev.) 1946
Kathleen Heffernan Held 1946
Jeanne Higbie Pitler 1946
Richard Raymond Johnson 1946
Thomas J. Kelly 1946
Harriet Magnus Steventon 1946
Jean McCormick Silvester 1946
Loretta McKenna Helf 1946
Ruth Meyer Neumann 1946
Jane Muhlbauer Hurley 1946
Carl A. Paladino 1946
Charles Reilly 1946
Edward Ressel 1946
Isabel Rizzo Orlando 1946
Nicholas Slovak 1946
Marie Torio DelGigante 1946
Frieda Zingg Duerr 1946
Irene Ackerman Baade 1947
Edith Baumwald Cohen 1947
Joan F. Christensen Nance 1947
Stewart Christianson 1947
Percival Cobb 1947
Philip Damm 1947
Valentine Damm 1947
Millicent Edghill Erdody 1947
Lester Ellis 1947
Robert G. Erdody 1947
May Kursheedt Walsleben 1947
John Lucek 1947
RoseMarie Martilotta Pultz 1947
Vincent F. Masin DDS 1947
Joan A. O'Connell 1947
Robert Oswald 1947
Ruth Petry 1947
Alan J Reiter 1947
Helen Ross McDermott 1947
Jack E. Solomons 1947
Thurlow Weed 1947
William G. Zeiser 1947
Joan Baker DellaRocco 1948
Dulcy Banks Scoville 1948
John Bausback 1948
Robert Boole 1948
Albert L. Brown 1948
Margaret Cain Mahoney 1948
Richard Castle 1948
Frank Cerreto 1948
Ruth Croonen Masin 1948
Russell E. Damm 1948
Richard P. Dunphy 1948
Ronald J. Engelhardt 1948
Edward C. Essig 1948
Vito Farinola 1948
Harold Richard Fielding 1948
Harvey Hahn 1948
Jean Heffernan Hinzpeter 1948
George A. Hellmer 1948
Grace Heuermann Lichtenberg 1948
Arthur Kaufmann 1948
Christine Lane Kosky 1948
Edgar Lloyd 1948
Richard Miller 1948
Doris Millhagen Schmidt 1948
Dorothy Moessner Carri-Forler 1948
Edith Quagliano Gerdik 1948
James Reimer 1948
Emily Patricia Rider Given 1948
Carolyn Rienzo Seal 1948
Louis Sarmago Jr 1948
Valerie Phyllis Seeger Eulo 1948
David Shannon 1948
John C. VanCura 1948
James Waples 1948
Mary Ann Young Simpson 1948
Arthur R. Anderson 1949
Allen S. Ashdown 1949
Lori Bolt Sherman 1949
Frank G. Coons 1949
Doris Eicher Mulcahy 1949
Harold Greenwood 1949
Jean Gurney Rigler 1949
Madge Gutai Nelson 1949
George J. Happe 1949
Margaret Heesch Layer 1949
John G. Huber 1949
Gerald Jakes 1949
Kathleen Kittredge Zimmer 1949
Gladys S. MacGillivray Bauer 1949
Harold A. Mahoney 1949
James Mahoney 1949
Harold Montague 1949
Mortimer Palmer 1949
John Quitzau Jr 1949
Edward Randazzo 1949
Richard E. Runyon 1949
Barbara Sackett Principle 1949
Warren B. Schneider 1949
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