

2011
NEWSLETTER

Greetings Alumnus:

I was just reading the last newsletter, and the weather was certainly more palatable last year than this year. The snow just keeps coming and coming, today it is raining, and not the hot water we Mainers have been waiting for. I, for one am sick of all this white stuff!!!

We are going to try something different this year for our reunion. We are having the buffet earlier at 1 o'clock. Some of our older alumni suggested it last year, so we are going to try it and see how everyone likes it. Also we have a local family band coming in at 4pm for 2 hours of oldie but goodies. Trust me when Ralph gets the banjo jumping your feet will be tapping. It is almost like having Cecil, Fern and Marvel all over again. Again, this is a trial and error weekend, and we will be glad for your input on the changes and comments on the entertainment.

We voted at the last annual meeting to put a time limit on paying the dues. Beginning with this newsletter there will be a **2 year** time limit, if the dues are not paid on or before 2013, we will omit you from the mailing list. Also, please send in your new addresses and new emails so we can update our lists. Thank you very much.

Last year we received a check for \$10,000 from Sandy Matthews in memory of her dad Don Stiles, Class of 1944. Don was one of the silent Givers, and he was always there when he was needed. He will be missed by his classmates and friends. A huge thank you to Sandy. (I sent a thank you card to her at the time and expressed how much we appreciated her generosity.)

I would like to take a minute and tell you that our Secretary Carol Horne is free of cancer and doing well, in Florida at this time. Our thoughts and prayers for the members that have lost loved ones, and for others that have life threatening illnesses.

The Alumni hall was again closed down for the winter, and it has saved money not only in oil and propane, but electricity. We have a few minor repairs to get done this month, and will also have the inside walls painted this year. It has been too long since the last paint job. Our rentals start the first week in May, and like the last year we have more, and at least to date 7 wedding receptions.

We had to get a new dumpster last year and the town purchased one for us for \$1,000. Since the Legion has the dumpster in the winter, they agreed to pay their share \$500. We now have a lock on the dumpster with 3 keys, the Alumni, Legion and the truck driver. I am sure that with less useage this one should last longer than the other one which was 25 years. The first one we paid \$700 for, also through the town.

TREASURERS REPORT

\$ 4,488.61 Checking Account

\$11,134.95 Savings Account

\$60,298.90 BJHS Alumni Scholarship Account

\$82,377.27 BJHS Margaret Law Account

\$ 814.00 Card Parties

\$ 3,384.00 Donations

\$ 1,780.00 Dues

\$ 1,400.00 Rentals

\$ 780.00 Christmas Craft Fair

\$ 327.00 Bean Supper

\$ 3100.00 Paid out for scholarships

\$ 2054.00 Insurance (\$2 less than last year)

\$ 1645.00 Taxes (\$76.97 more than last year)

\$ 500.00 New dumpster

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1951 George Caron (Babe) 1944 Donald Stiles
1945 Jim Fletcher 1945 Keith Sawyer
1941 Josephine Clark Meloon 1952 Marilyn Parker Hamel
Non-Member 1960 Carlton Bowley

If we have missed anyone, please let Linda know, thanks.

Special thanks to all the people that helped out with the Bean supper last year and also the Christmas Craft Fair. Those are our only money makers now. the past couple of years our bean supper has not brought in the money it use to. Our craft fair is still outstanding with 24 tables last year, just like the old days. Thank you to Enid Harris Kapolka, class of 1955, she sent us 2 beautiful sweaters, and hats for the craft table, and they were a big hit. And a big thank you to all the other members that sew, quilt, knit and cook for us for us!

Thanks, Buffy and Bonnie for taking down the flag last year and sending us a new one for this year. We got it today. (4-14-11)
To our away members, we usually do the newsletter every April, and if there is anything you would like to put in it, please send to Linda. The past couple of years we have had some interesting pages from our very own Anonymous, and they have been great. If there is anyone that would like to challenge he/she (you didn't think I was going to spill the beans did you?) please have at it. It would be great if we could have a "the good old days" challenge, and make our newsletter more interesting.

We hope to see you all this summer.

2010 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Alumni Association currently offers five scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 depending on the criteria set out when the scholarships were initiated. The amount of each scholarship will remain the same as last year's amounts. In 2010 we received 10 completed applications. Scholarship winners for 2010 were as follows:

The **Allen B. Lente** scholarship which is awarded to a high school senior is present to **Nicholas Risser**. Nicholas is the grandson of Pauline Sherwood Snow and is a 2010 graduate of Brewer High School. He had a grade point average of 97.3., this scholarship is in the amount of \$500.

The **Margaret Law** scholarship must be awarded to a student enrolled in the medical area. This \$1,000 scholarship recipient is, again this year, **Sarah Risser** whose alumni connection is also Pauline Snow. Sarah is majoring in pharmacy at Husson University and had a GPA of 3.98.

The **Henry & Annie Graves** scholarship in the amount of \$600 is awarded to **Jordan Petrie**. Jordan is the granddaughter of Patricia Vickers Petrie and is majoring in fashion merchandising at Lasall College in Auburndale, Mass. Jordan's GPA was 4.0. All students submitting an application are eligible for this scholarship.

The **Eleanor Rosebush** scholarship is also open to all students who apply. This \$500 scholarship recipient is **Andrea Green**. Andrea is the granddaughter of Allan McLean and is returning to school to achieve a degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Andrea's undergraduate GPA was 3.95. She is attending the University of Maine, Orono.

And the **Greta Connors** scholarship in the amount of \$500 is presented to **Christina Gerrish**, granddaughter of Earl & Charlotte Gerrish. Christina attends Husson University and had a cumulative GPA 3.94. This scholarship is presented to a student enrolled in a four year college program, Christina was also awarded this scholarship last year.

This year all the recipients had their verification turned in well before the February 1 deadline.

Thank you notes were received from Erin Sailor, Sarah Risser, and Logan Greenlaw for the scholarships awarded them last year.

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