

## 2012 NEWSLETTER

Greetings Alumnus:

What a great winter season we have had here in Brownville, hardly any snow, and most of it is gone all ready. We had a week of beautiful summer weather, and this week it is rainy but a little warmer. We hope everyone had a great winter.

Last year we tried something new having the Buffet at 1 o'clock instead of the later hour, and it was well received, so we again will do the early hours. We also will have the Lovely's again, but we will start them earlier so everyone can enjoy the toe tapping music.

A gentle reminder that all dues are due the first of each year, and again we will remind all that after **2 years** we will remove the names from our address list. Please if you have a new address or email send it in with your dues and reservations. Thank you!

Also we only have one money maker left and that is the Christmas Craft Fair which is November 10th this year. If you have any goodies that we can use on the craft table,( please send them in to PO Box 151) and we appreciate help sent from our away members and also the help from our local members. We are very grateful for the new ideas and new things for the tables. Please don't wait until your asked, call one of the officers and volunteer, we always welcome help. We would like to thank Bev Ellis class of 1962 for the beautiful sweaters sent last year, they were a big hit.

Speaking of the class of 1962 it is their 50th reunion this year. Also the other classes celebrating are 1952 (60 years), 1942 (70 years). To the class of 1962, if you have decorations or want to pick and choice from the trophy room, please let Linda know and she will give your class a key. We also want to thank all the members that help us after the Friday night meeting in setting up the tables for the buffet. We seem to find more time to laugh and joke as we work, and it we couldn't do it without you.

## MEMORIAL LIST 2011 & 2012:

1938 Donald Cobb	1943 Marion Estes Schwarz
1938 James Rosebush	1951 Louise Perkins Brown
1936 Stella Carmichael Giroux	1949 Earl Gerrish, Jr.
1953 Medora Russell Bryant	1955 David Larlee
1936 Hazel Faraday McInnis	1947 Allan McLean
1968 Michael Cail	1946 Donald Swazey
1955 Leona Tanguay Dube	1953 Roland Stubbs
1958 Lorraine Burgoyne Thibault	

Associate Member: June Vickers

Non Members: Franklin Kirby, Leo Gray

If we have missed any names, please let Linda know and she will add it to the list at the reunion.

### 2012 Officers

President: Berton Lockhart  
V. President: June Marsh  
Secretary: Barbara Sickler  
Treasurer: Linda Coburn  
Historian: William Sawtell

### 2012 BOARD MEMBERS:

5year: **Open**  
4year: Carol Horne  
3year: Robert Coburn  
2year: **Open**  
2year: Reginald Early  
1year: Donald Durant  
1year: Michael Coburn

As you can see, we will need two new Board Members for this year, this is giving you all plenty of time to volunteer for the two openings. We welcome Barbie as our new volunteer secretary, welcome aboard and thank you.



## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Again in 2011 the BJHS Alumni awarded five scholarships. The amount of each scholarship remained the same as last year's amounts. All scholarships are awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement. We received twelve completed applications. All applicants are excellent students. The grade point averages ranged from 4.4 to 3.3. The scholarships will be awarded as follows for this year:

Allen B. Lente scholarship which is *awarded to a high school senior* is presented to Holly Wadman. Holly is the granddaughter of Wayne Wadman and a 2011 graduate of Ellsworth High School. She had a grade point average of 100.48. This scholarship is in the amount of \$500.

Margaret Law scholarship *must be awarded to a student enrolled in the medical area*. This \$1000 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 grade point average this year was 4.0. She is attending the University of Maine, Orono.

Henry & Annie Graves scholarship in the amount of \$600 is awarded to Sarah Risser. Sarah's alumni connection is Pauline Snow. She is majoring in pharmacy at Husson University and had a grade point average of 3.98. *All applicants are eligible to receive this award.*

Eleanor Rosebush scholarship is also *open to all students who apply*. This \$500 scholarship recipient is Nicholas Risser (whose alumni connection is also Pauline Snow). Nicholas is pre-pharmacy program at Husson University and had a GPA of 3.95.

Greta Connors scholarship in the amount of \$500 is presented to Jordan Petrie. Jordan is related to Patricia Petrie and is majoring in fashion merchandising at Lasell College in Auburndale Mass. Jordan's GPA was 3.87.

Scholarship applications are available on the Three Rivers News website [www.trcmaine.org](http://www.trcmaine.org) . Just go to the Alumni section and find BJHS. If you don't have access to the web you can obtain a copy by contacting Susan Worcester at 965-8070. Our suggestions for changes will be presented at the Annual Meeting in August.

Respectfully, Susan Worcester, BJHS Alumni Scholarship Chair

## Tribute to David Albert Larlee, Class of 1955

David Albert Larlee, of Hudson, NH passed away August 29, 2011 at the age of 74. He was born December 24, 1936 in Millinocket, Maine and married Marilyn "Jeanie" Towne on September 10, 1959 in Milo, Maine. They had four children: Lisa, Kevin, Jennifer, and Melinda.

David was instrumental in the creation and success of several non-profit organizations in Nashua and Hudson. He founded the "Karen's Climb" Foundation in 1984 and served as President and Board Chairman until recently. This all-volunteer organization was formed to raise funds to support research for cystic fibrosis and to assist local families affected by this disease. He co-founded and served as Vice President of Foxfire Circle. David was Chairman of the Board of the Nashua Center for the Arts for several years. As co-founder of the Merrimack Valley Folk Association, he was responsible for presenting nationally known artists in concert at Holman Stadium and in the Downtown Live Concerts at the Nashua Center for the Arts. He was active in United Way fund-raising and assisted in planning and promoting several other fund-raising efforts. In recent years David was a Trustee for the Norcross Heritage Trust.

David was recognized with several awards for his service to the community including Outstanding Volunteer, Governor of NH Award, 1989; Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary Association, 1991; and Citizen of the Year, Hudson Chamber of Commerce, 1995.

I first met Dave at the start of the school year in 1953. I was a Senior that year and Dave enrolled as a Junior coming from Millinocket. Probably the best way to describe Dave back in those days is "cool". His hair was combed in the fashionable "DA" and his trademark was that brown leather jacket along with a comb stuck out of his back pocket. I don't think I would be challenged by anyone to say that groups of girls would smile and giggle when talking about the new comer and boys would eye him as a potential challenge. As for myself, hey, I was an upper classman and Dave played a decent game of pool and basketball. He soon became accepted at the guy's hangout at the YMCA.

I left the Junction right after graduation to join the Air Force and never returned to live in the area so I only knew Dave for about 9 or 10 months back in those days. Our paths wouldn't cross again until July 1967, thirteen years later, when I joined a company in Nashua, NH only to find that Dave had joined the same company a few months earlier. We ended up as co-workers mostly writing diagnostic software for CRT terminals our company was manufacturing to communicate with

IBM mainframe computers. Back in those days, punched cards was the major way of inputting data to computers so we figured we had leading edge jobs.

Within the year, we had a new Division Director who mandated that there would be no new hires without a college degree. Seeing the writing on the wall, Dave and I decided that we had better get a degree if we were to have any future in the computer field. We both enrolled at night school at Northeastern University, traveling 60 miles or so, two and sometimes three times a week. We were to finish seven years later by augmenting the schedule with some courses on weekends during the summer. Over that time we shared a lot of experiences and had many in-depth conversations.

Usually we were in the same class although at times we did pursue different elective courses. I remember one writing course in particular when the instructor said she rarely gave out A's although she remembered that she did give one out a couple of years ago. We had a two-page paper to write every week and two major papers over the term. I never worked so hard for a B. David was probably the only one in our class that aced it, just as he aced a Public Speaking course. I came to find out that Dave excelled in the written and spoken word.

I could write pages about our work experiences as we progressed through the company ranks but one experience in particular stands out. The company dispatched six computer support persons to a new facility to work as a team helping a large number of employees engaged in various computer applications. These team members were specialists in various computer disciplines like hardware, software, communications, etc. and reported to different managers at company headquarters. A paper was written describing how the support people would work together to meet the needs at the facility. It was the most complex paper I had ever read with each manager lobbying to protect his turf while yet trying to avoid having his people do any work to assist others if it was outside their job description. In truth, the team members had many overlapping skills and often could fill in for one another. After much bickering, Dave took responsibility for writing a new paper. He came back with a simple analogy of a baseball team deciding who should field a bunt: the pitcher, catcher, 3rd baseman or 1st baseman. The correct choice would be too difficult to determine in advance. It depended upon where the bunt was placed, if there were runners on base, who was best positioned to throw, what the score was, etc. In other words, the manager on the sidelines couldn't predetermine who should field the bunt; it was the responsibility of the individual team members to decide to do what was best for the team. And likewise, such was the problem attempting to be solved. Remote managers couldn't comprehend every possible scenario and predetermine which

team member was best able and available to solve the problem. Case closed – the managers sheepishly blessed Dave’s paper. Be it orally or in writing, Dave was extremely persuasive.

I’d like to expound on just one of Dave’s civic accomplishments, establishing the “Karen’s Climb” Foundation. You don’t just suddenly create such an organization. He started off with the idea of holding a concert to raise money in support of cystic fibrosis, a disease which claimed the life of his niece, Karen. He convinced our top company management to assist in supporting the concert. He lined up a venue in which to hold it and persuaded Noel Paul Stookey of “Peter, Paul and Mary” to perform along with some local talent. Somehow he got tickets printed up and then proceeded to convince top management of area companies to sponsor the event through the purchase of tickets for special tables for the concert. He personally arranged where company tables would be placed. He also managed to advertise locally to the general public and handled all the logistics for the venue set up. Although Dave had a few volunteers to help him, make no mistake, he did all the heavy lifting. The event was a huge success and was repeated for years afterward with such artists as Don McLean (American Pie) and Dave Mallett (Garden Song – Inch by Inch, Row by Row). The events also expanded to encompass silent auctions which meant enlisting donations from local merchants and developing a bidding process. Food and beverages were also provided and people were given the opportunity to donate. Eventually, Dave enlisted enough volunteers and legal support to create a formal non-profit foundation. The foundation also assisted local families affected by cystic fibrosis which meant evaluating and deciding which cases to support. If anything, I’ve probably understated all the work involved and this was just one of Dave’s civic endeavors.

Remember when we used to publish the Year Book and have a dedication page for a special deserving person? I wish that were still the case because I would heartily recommend the most deserving person I know: David Albert Larlee, class of 1955. I was fortunate to have known him and proud and so grateful to have been counted as one of his many friends.

By Edwin Graves, class of 1954