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## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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### Katie Welling Memorial Run Inspires Entire Community

It felt like the entire village turned out on November 24, 2007, a chilly late autumn morning, for the first annual Katie Welling Memorial Run/Walk. The event brought the community together in memory of the 2002 Bronxville High School alumna, who died in 2005 in an off-campus fire at Miami University of Ohio. Organizers say 375 people registered for the event - some running the two and a half miles through Bronxville, others walking the route - while many who couldn't attend gave donations. Participants ranged from families with small children and people with their dogs to Bronxville students and recent graduates. Together, they raised more than \$20,000 for the Bronxville School Foundation.

The run/walk was the brainchild of a group of Welling's friends, according to Sherry Doyle, whose daughter Jennifer grew up with Katie. The group had been "struggling to come up with something that everyone could do together to celebrate Katie's life and keep

her memory alive." Since Welling was a captain of the track team, a race through Bronxville seemed like the right way to remember her. The organizers - also including Liz Murphy, Jim Agnello, and Ginny Martin - chose Thanksgiving weekend for a reason, said Doyle: "Our thoughts were that people would be home for the holidays."

The course traversed Bronxville's hills and back roads, and passed in front of the Welling residence. Everyone who walked and ran thought the event was worthwhile.

"We are extremely honored to have been chosen as the recipient of the funds raised by the Katie Welling Memorial Walk/Run," said Pierre de Saint Phalle, chairman of the Foundation. "This event continues to demonstrate Bronxville's strong sense of community. All of the proceeds will be used to make a real difference for the children attending the Bronxville School while also honoring Katie and what she stood for." If you would like to make a donation in Katie's name, just put her name on the enclosed donor card.



Bohn Vergari and Jimmy Fitzgerald hustle towards the finish line.



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November 28, 2008



A large crowd forms before the run begins. For a complete listing of alumni runners and additional photos of the event, please visit the Foundation website at [www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org](http://www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org).

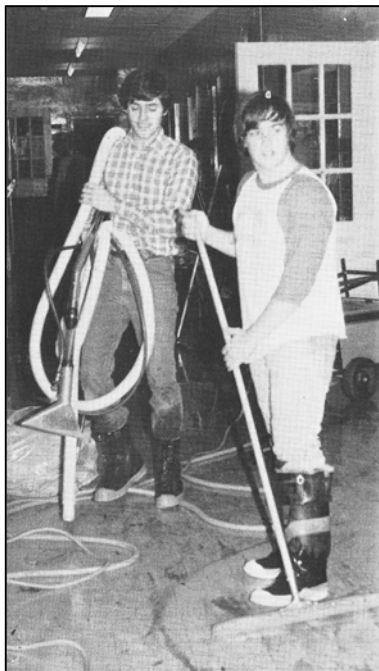
## The Second Coming of the 100 Year Flood – April 2007

For many of us, we remember the 1979 flood like it was yesterday. It was the 100-year flood and our school had not seen anything like it. Two feet of water covered the School. Who can forget getting a whole week off school, the year-book photos of John Knox '80 helping clean up the school (kids helped then!) and Leslie Rawlings '80 and Billie Fitzpatrick '80 in a small inner tube floating around the parking lot on Midland — or finally going back to school and students opening their lockers on the basement floor and having water run out?

Well, the 100-year flood hit again this past April, some 29 years later. This time the students got two weeks off, no one was allowed in the water due to sewer contamination, everything on the first floor was destroyed and basically nothing was recoverable. Déjà vu all over again, Wow.

Here is what happened . . .

### THEN . . . January '79



On April 15, 2007, a storm dumped 8 inches of water on Westchester County, flooding many roads, homes and businesses. The Bronx River completely flooded. At the School, water rose to 3 feet on the ground floor of the Elementary School and the new addition and up to 5 feet or more in the basement of the old building. This was much bigger than 1979. Water moved through the School like a tidal wave, upturning furniture, instructional materials, and equipment in the 5 kindergarten classrooms, the elementary auditorium, the orchestra rooms, the new language/music lab, four gyms, the wrestling room, weight room, and the beloved cafeteria — rendering 109,000 square feet unusable. This was the Big Kahuna.

So where are we now, almost a year later? The School is steadily getting itself back up and running. The two larger gyms, cafeteria and kitchen, the wrestling room and the weight room are back in action. The Elementary School is very close to coming back on line and the Elementary Auditorium will be converted to a multi-purpose space that will allow for additional uses besides assemblies and performances. The basement — which housed Home Ec (now Home and Careers), Shop (now Tech), and Art — is scheduled for the next phase in the summer of 2008, all built with flood resistant materials.

The Bronxville Community's generosity has once again been seen in passing a \$12.2 million bond which will largely be offset by insurance and FEMA reimbursements.

Let's hope for a mild spring this year in Westchester County and for many more years to come!

### NOW . . . April '07



## Farewell to Faculty who have Touched Generations

Bronxville attracts families principally because of the quality of the school and faculty — many of whom have enriched the Bronxville School for decades. This spring twelve veteran teachers are retiring, all whom will be greatly missed. These twelve teachers total 339 years of teaching, an average of 28 years each. We thought alumni would be interested in catching up with them.



Retiring this year are, from left to right: front row Anne Hartmere, Fran Radin, Antonio Manganiello, Janet Gould; back row Ron Schaeffner, Valerie Knutsen, Jim Kavanagh, Stu Bush, Jeff Zuckerman, Dr. Ed Cosgrove, Jeff Schwartz, Tom Rooney.

### Stuart Bush

The Sports section of the 1979 Bronxville High School yearbook was dedicated to Stuart Bush, one of this year's renowned group of retirees. A number of athletes found in that section share something in common, namely their decision to return to Bronxville and send their own children to its schools. If you are looking for the reason, you need look no further than people like Mr. Bush.

Mr. Bush has been teaching Health Education and coaching at Bronxville's schools since 1973. Before that he taught Physical Education at Bedford and spent 4 years in the U.S. Navy (31 months of which stationed in the war zone in Vietnam). Over the years, Mr. Bush has led a number of highly successful wrestling and soccer teams at both the varsity and junior varsity level, and helped produce numerous all county and all league players.

But it is the way Stu generated these successes that stands out, through humor, persistence and a certain quiet authority. With a few choice words or nothing more than a slightly arched eyebrow, and never a raised voice, Mr. Bush gently hinted at the direction we should take, and encouraged us to take ownership of that direction ourselves, and with it pride in our own accomplishments.

As a teacher, Stu will be remembered for his nurturing, low-key style and the ease of his rapport with students. Indeed, it is the "everyday interaction with kids" that Stu says he'll miss the most, and "seeing them mature and develop to become self-confident young men and women." He says that while retiring was not a decision he took lightly, he does look forward to traveling with his wife, including to Europe and the Far East. Would he go back to Vietnam? "In a second. It's a beautiful country."

We vividly recall Mr. Bush, our coach, teacher and friend, and appreciate the lessons he taught us. This is probably because those lessons were not so much about corner kicks, takedowns and fitness, but about life itself. It is hard to imagine a stronger legacy one could leave behind than that.

### Dr. Ed Cosgrove

Add Ed Cosgrove to the impressive list of retiring teachers who would be difficult, if not impossible, to replace. The Larchmont native spent 7 years honing his considerable skills teaching English at Stepinac High School before arriving at Bronxville High School in 1972. He first taught 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade English, and then 9<sup>th</sup> grade English for close to a decade. During this time, Ed earned his doctorate in English and became one of the most valued instructors in the entire school.

In the early 1980s, John Kehoe, who was then the High School's Vice Principal, asked Ed to teach English in the newly created Middle School. At first, he declined the invitation to leave the successful environment he had created for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Several years later, Kehoe gave Ed a second chance at the Middle School assignment, which he then accepted. After teaching 8<sup>th</sup> grade English for one year, he inherited Pat McCormack's 7<sup>th</sup> graders. At this post, Ed has set the standard of excellence in Middle School English instruction ever since.

Ed recalls the days when teaching and learning were undertaken with only rudimentary technological assistance - acetates and reel-to-reel projectors. Much has changed since then, and he was quick to take advantage of computerization and the multi-media advances that brought the curriculum to the students in more inventive and exciting ways. From a cultural perspective, he has seen more working parents in the last 2 decades and a greater awareness at the administration and faculty level of the importance of focusing on children with special instructional needs. Then as now, however, the school has remained the central cultural pillar of the Bronxville community, which has kept his job dynamic and immensely satisfying. Indeed, he is amazed at the one constant that has kept up his enthusiasm over the years - the kids. "The kids in Bronxville have consistently been the

best part of my teaching experience here," he notes. "Their élan is unique to the place."

For now, Dr. Cosgrove has no immediate plans. He believes there will be a period of adjustment, and even a little sadness. But he is also looking forward to taking 6 months off and simply figuring out the next steps. "Looking back, it's been a wonderful experience and I can't think of anything I'd change." Now that is something to envy.

## Janet Gould

In 1969, Janet Gould walked through the doors of the Bronxville School to teach Latin as a "one year" leave replacement. Thirty-six years later, "Magistra" Gould will walk out, retiring from teaching at the Bronxville School. This decision has not come easily for Janet, as she has really enjoyed teaching Latin and has always found teaching Bronxville students fun!

Janet started teaching in the High School and ultimately moved down to the Middle School when it was formed in the early '80s, where she has stayed. She has taught classes in each of the 3 Middle School grades and has even taught a 9<sup>th</sup> grade class on occasion. She really enjoys the challenge of teaching the full spectrum of Middle School students, which allows her to watch her students grow both academically and emotionally while in the Middle School.

A few things have changed over the course of Janet's tenure at Bronxville, beginning with a "dress code" when she first arrived that did not allow women teachers to wear pants. In the mid-'70s, following the change in the Catholic mass from Latin to English, there was a concern that Latin would be dropped from Bronxville's curriculum. Janet even took classes for her teaching certification in English in case Latin was discontinued. But the School stuck by Latin - even as other schools dropped it. The moment passed and she never had to teach English after all. She can even wear pants when she chooses to!

While working, Janet raised three children in Scarsdale, who are now older and have children of their own. Janet plans to spend more time with them in the coming years. And she has many other ideas how to use her time when she retires. From reading to exercising to entertaining and to possibly taking some courses at Manhattanville College, the opportunities are endless!

No doubt, Janet will miss the children and her colleagues a great deal. Janet's warm smile, friendly manner and enthusiasm, however, will be missed by many in the halls of the Bronxville School as she has touched the lives of so many students over the years. "desiderabimus te."

## Anne Hartmere

Anne Hartmere literally introduced the subject of Social Studies to the Bronxville Middle School. In so doing, she showed 25 years-worth of Bronxville students how to use their imaginations to wrest adventure, passion and meaning from the statues and epics of antiquity. Raised on Sturgis Road, Anne graduated from Ursuline High

School and received her Masters in Education from Manhattanville College. After marrying and teaching elementary school for brief stints in such remote outposts as San Francisco and suburban Boston, she returned to Bronxville with her two children and became a teacher-replacement in 1981 for a class of 6<sup>th</sup> graders. She stayed on as a permanent 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and fell in love with the school.

As fate would have it, she connected with John Kehoe, who was then the new Vice Principal of the High School. Kehoe was instrumental in establishing the nascent Bronxville Middle School in the early 1980s and he invited Anne to apply for the newly-created position of Middle School Social Studies teacher. She got the job, and stayed on for a quarter century.

Anne has brought a lifelong love of ancient civilizations to her Social Studies curriculum, particularly the studies of ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt, and she imparted that passion to her students. In addition to helping develop the Middle School Social Studies curriculum, she also helped to champion the development of the Middle School Advisory program, whereby she and her fellow teachers would regularly meet with small groups of students to discuss life in general. She feels this program helped her to really get to know each of her students, and to enable them to reflect both on life's big things and little things.

As Anne looks back over 25 years of teaching, she is grateful that she consistently had such wonderful students. "I never had to discipline or teach manners," she emphasizes. "I was free to teach." She feels that, while the internet has impeded the students' passion for reading, it also has provided a fertile source for learning outside the classroom. After retirement, Ms. Hartmere is looking forward to spending more time visiting her daughter in Los Angeles, and to ministering to her three grandchildren in nearby Pelham. She also wants to visit the Egyptian Pyramids and the ruins of ancient Greece. All in all, she has one suggestion that we can all take to heart: "Find your passion! I am so lucky to have found my passion so early in life - so lucky."

## Jim Kavanagh

There is much Jim Kavanagh has seen. Before coming to the Bronxville School 12 years ago, he spent 4 years in the navy (wounded in the 1967 attack on the U.S.S. Liberty), and then worked on Wall Street for J.P. Morgan Bank. After 20 years of banking, he decided on a change of work environment, took the requisite graduate courses, and became qualified to spend a year as a student-teacher - which he spent at Bronxville. He actually taught a half year of kindergarten and a half year of 6<sup>th</sup> grade science in his training year due to staffing requirements. During his next 11 years at Bronxville, he was a classroom teacher for 10 years in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 1 year in the 5<sup>th</sup>. He was also assistant Varsity boys' track coach, coach of the modified track team for four years, and spent 5 years as Director of the "sports sampler" program. Over the years, he has seen a lot of fac-



ulty, administration and curriculum changes. One of the biggest challenges came with the recent flood and its aftermath. It took a lot of faculty teamwork and cooperation to overcome the problems caused by the damage, but he believes they met the challenge. For Jim, one constant has been the quality of the kids - it has been his favorite thing about the job. He has particularly enjoyed their company as they grow into young men and women.

While Jim is retiring from the Bronxville School, he is not leaving teaching just yet. He and his family are moving to Pawley's Island, South Carolina, where he hopes to find a teaching position. He plans to teach for a few more years, until his children complete school. After that - golf.

## Valerie Knutsen

In June, Valerie Knutsen will hang up her wizard's hat after teaching at the Bronxville Elementary School for 23 years, mostly in the 5th grade. Her reputation as a "master teacher" is well known, and there are scores of students who are grateful for the organizational skills that Valerie helped instill during their 5<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Valerie has had a guiding hand in many changes to Bronxville's educational landscape. She has kept up with the ever-changing world of technology, using it to inspire and develop her students' skill sets. This interest extended beyond her classroom, as she was an influential member of the first Technology Steering Committee at Bronxville that received the first grant awarded by the Bronxville School Foundation 16 years ago. As the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum leader, Valerie helped transform differentiated instruction. She then became the 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum leader, a post she continues to chair today. She is also the energizing force behind the successful evolution of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade trips - first to Mystic, then Plymouth, then Boston and now Philadelphia. Valerie has really enjoyed watching her students grow both academically and socially. She observes that one of the most important benefits of the K thru 12 campus is the continued connection with former students and parents after they have passed through her classroom.

While Valerie will miss her classroom, she is approaching retirement with enthusiasm. She looks forward to spending more time with her 3-year old granddaughter, Maya, while exploring ways to stay connected with education on a part-time basis. She will travel, taking advantage of the lower fares that come from weekday flights. And she will clean out her house of twenty-eight years!

She plans to finish her "to-do" list, but knowing her, the list will just grow. Valerie will be greatly missed by the Bronxville School community, but her wonderful legacy continues in the students she has touched over the years.

## Antonio Manganiello

Tony Manganiello's enthusiasm and energy in his classroom is as strong as ever. In 1969, while studying at Iona College, Tony interviewed with Bob Spenik and then-Superintendent

Dr. Massey for the opportunity to be a student teacher in foreign language, and was bombarded by "authentic" French during the entire interview. Dr. Massey decided to "take a chance" with Tony, who was offered a job as a permanent substitute for a Spanish teacher whose husband was transferred. The rest is history!

Tony has spent his entire teaching career at Bronxville in both the High School and Middle School language departments. He has also coached modified and JV Soccer and served on numerous committees, acted as Department Chair several times and as President of the BTA. Tony feels that the Bronxville School has always been very forward thinking. "We were one of the first secondary schools to have a Foreign Language Lab, and our staff development has always been first rate." Tony believes the collegiality of the school, both inter- and intra-department, is one of the most rewarding take-aways from his experience here. He thinks an example of both this collegiality and the school's progressive thinking can be found in the ingrained sense of cooperation of all of the teachers working together to benefit the students, a spirit that led to the "team teaching" practice in the Middle School.

In addition, to his love of teaching and of soccer, Tony has a passion for cooking, which he has shared with his colleagues by cooking for at least 12 years on Conference Days, and to raise money for Food Patch. This, in turn, has helped reinforce the close relationships amongst the faculty and staff that are so important to Tony. He is not sure what retirement holds for him. He still feels like he is 25 and too busy enjoying his students and time with his peers. He has taught Methodology of teaching Foreign Languages at Manhattanville and at a number of workshops. He would like to continue that, perhaps expanding his role to work with mentoring new teachers. Tony also plans to continue his more than 25-year involvement with Eastchester Youth Soccer.

There are 3 major passions in life for Tony: teaching foreign language, soccer and cooking. He has shared all three of them with us, and more. Buena Suerta! Au Revoir!

## Fran Radin

Fran Radin came to Bronxville in 1992, after teaching Special Education in California and South Orangetown, NY. Fran's 16 years here have been spent working with Elementary School children in both the Resource Room Program and the Skills and Support Program. For the past 8 years, Fran has served as Curriculum Leader for the Elementary Special Education Department, developing teaching skills, curriculum and organizational materials in Occupational Therapy, Speech, and the self-contained classes.

For Fran, the best part of being a teacher is the challenge of helping her students use their own strengths and value their abilities, rather than define themselves by areas that are difficult for them. The best part of being at Bronxville has been the top-notch staff and faculty in the Special Education Department.

Fran will miss all of the wonderful people she has worked with at Bronxville but will not miss waking before 6 a.m. In retirement, she is looking forward to spending time with her husband, Jerry, visiting their daughter in college as well as other family members scattered across the country. Also, Jerry has completed two novels and Fran hopes to help him get them published. Then, with some tutoring in the afternoons, she would like to learn how to play her guitar, which has been neglected these many years. At that rate, Fran will find there are not enough hours in the day and may have to start setting that alarm clock again!

### **Tom Rooney**

Tom Rooney's first teaching position was at Bronxville. A mere 35 years later, he leaves Bronxville School so much better for his being here. For most of his time at Bronxville Tom has taught technology, a/k/a "shop". For several years he taught 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, as well High School students. In the 1980's, when the Middle School was started, Tom became a part of the Middle School Faculty where he has remained ever since. Tom has also served on the Staff Development Board, the BTA Executive Council and as a chaperone for the Williamsburg trip every year since his arrival. The best part of Tom's day is interacting with students and his ability to use his talents to teach students about Technology and Tools in a way that they can understand and use all their lives. From making napkin holders to salt and pepper shakers in the early years to creating candle holders and candy dishes in recent years, the students who pass through Mr. Rooney's tech class learn how to navigate machines and materials and bring them to life. The students over the years have looked forward to Mr. Rooney's tech class because he allows them to work in their own way, all ending with a similar product. Tech has always been one of the favorite exploratory class among the Middle School Students. Tom's classroom was completely destroyed in the flood last spring, which was heartbreaking. But Tom has been successful at pulling together a "temporary" tech program, while the Middle School evaluates what type of technology program should be developed in the years to come. With the loss of his equipment and the future changes that will be made to the technology program, Tom feels ready to retire, but he will miss the Bronxville School a great deal. At the moment, Tom has no special plans, except to spend more time with his new granddaughter. But we know that with his energetic personality, he will not stay idle for long. His familiar face and positive nature will be missed in the hallways of the Bronxville School. We wish him all the best in the years to come.

### **Ron Schaeffner**

After graduating from Iona College with a degree in Business, Ron Schaeffner went to work for Johnson & Johnson. He didn't like the corporate world as much as he thought he would, so he became a teacher, first in a private school in Mamaroneck, then on to White Plains, North Salem and

Scarsdale - and all between 1972 and 1983. That's when he came to Bronxville, where he has been teaching for 25 years. All of his teaching experience has been in the elementary grades at Bronxville. He also coached varsity baseball for 13 years, and girls' softball for 3. Bravely, he was in charge of the lunch area for 23 years, and also served as a curriculum leader.

Ron has seen many changes over his tenure at the Bronxville School. Physically, it has become much larger, in terms of both students and faculty. He also believes that mandatory testing programs have limited the fun inherent in teaching, as "teaching to the test" has muted the creativity in the learning process. But the biggest change has been the quantum leap in technology, which has made classroom teaching more interesting and interactive. It started in the 5th grade arena, where he was centered, and where he helped guide the curriculum through the changes inspired by technology. The kids have been the joy of his teaching career. He thinks the average elementary school student is now much more sophisticated, benefiting from exposure in the "single building" to the other, older kids from the Middle and High Schools. As for retirement, he is looking forward to it. He'll have more time to kayak, hike and travel. He will miss the interaction with the kids, and would like to be involved in teaching in some respect. He will also miss his fellow teachers, with whom he always maintained strong friendships.

### **Jeff Schwartz**

Jeffrey Schwartz came to the Bronxville School in 1975, after teaching in three different New York City schools over the course of seven years. He found the Bronxville School "amazingly different." He liked Bronxville so much he stayed on for thirty-two years.

He has taught 7th grade Math (1 year); High School Physics (15 years); and 8th grade Science for 32 years. Aside from his teaching duties, he has also coached modified football, skiing and baseball. He has also been active on various committees and school organizations, including administration search committees and the BTA.

He has seen many changes while at Bronxville, and feels the vast improvements in technology have been very positive. He also feels that the school seems a lot more crowded than it was just a few years ago. But one constant for him has been the students. While their dress, hair styles, and vernacular have changed, the kids are as bright, well-motivated, and as fun to be with as ever. In fact, the most positive takeaway from his experience at Bronxville is that "the kids have kept it interesting."

He is excited about retirement and spending more time tending his garden, while getting to know his three grandchildren better (with another one due in May). After some time adjusting, he would like to work part-time when he finds the right position. His message to the Bronxville Community on his retirement is: "Thank you for thirty-two wonderful years." And, we thank him as well!!!

## Jeff Zuckerman

Jeff Zuckerman began his teaching career in New York City in the early 1970's. After an 8-year hiatus running his own clothing manufacturing business, he returned to teaching in the city. In 1986, he came to Bronxville.

Jeff's 22 years at Bronxville have been evenly split between the Middle School and the High School. "Standing in front of kids and delivering a lesson has always been the best part of teaching for me. It's like being on stage and I've always loved that. I enjoy public speaking very much so teaching always suited me quite well."

Jeff has served on so many school committees that there isn't enough paper to note them all! He feels his most important contribution over the past 12 years has been serving as Presi-

dent of the Bronxville Teachers Association. In that capacity, Jeff negotiated contracts for teachers, secretaries, nurses, aides and teaching assistants and worked closely with the district's administration to insure that every employee is treated equally and fairly.

Jeff has seen many changes at the school. Most obviously, the school is much larger and has many more teachers than when he arrived in 1986. As a veteran teacher, he feels that many of the teaching staff seem much younger to him than when he started. After teaching for 30 years, he feels it's time to pass the torch to a younger person. His union work, however, is newer and he will miss that the most.

In retirement, Jeff looks forward to a lot of reading, relaxing, exercising, relaxing, golfing, relaxing, volunteering time, relaxing, and seeing friends. Did he mention relaxing?

## Spotlight on Alumni in Journalism

### *Bronxville Alums Publish in Maine . . .*

#### **Jim Bazin & Merrill Williams**

Former classmates Jim Bazin and Merrill Williams (née Merrill Tippet), BHS 1960, have joined forces to create a new magazine, *Maine Food & Lifestyle*. Launched in May 2007, the publication promotes the culinary talent, abundant food resources, and unique lifestyle in this beautiful corner of New England ([www.mainefoodandlifestyle.com](http://www.mainefoodandlifestyle.com)).

Merrill, who recently moved to Maine from California, has an extensive background in public relations and marketing, and worked for many years with chefs who cook with local, seasonal ingredients to create a distinctive regional cuisine for their restaurants. "Maine has a strong commitment to support local farms, fisheries, and Maine-based artisan food producers," she says, "and our magazine is dedicated to connecting people to these resources."

Jim's creative talents in music, film, and fine art photography balance his background in marketing, technology and product development in the corporate world of New York and Boston. "When we were first exploring the idea of publishing a magazine," says Jim, "I told Merrill in no uncertain terms that my photography was fine art, and I absolutely would not photograph people or food! You can see who won that round!"

The quarterly magazine quickly became known for its lavish photos and snappy design. It is now distributed throughout New England, and has subscribers from Maine to Hawaii.

Other former Bronxville residents are key to the magazine's success. Katherine Emory (née Kay Bunker), class of 1959, has lived in the Portland area of Maine with her attorney husband since the early '70s. A former retailer and business promoter, Kay is known and admired by everyone in the state as friendly, well connected, energetic, and oh-so smart. When she spotted Jim Bazin's name in the masthead of the new magazine, she immediately called to find out if this was the same guy she knew in high school. "We sat next to each other in biology class," she said, "and here he was in my backyard putting out this gorgeous magazine about Maine!"

Before long Kay had taken over distribution in the Portland area, and has become a tireless promoter of the magazine. "She's the Energizer Bunny," according to Jim, "and Merrill and I are in awe of what she has done for us." But her talents are even more far-reaching. A former associate editor at *Ladies Home Journal* in New York, Kay now writes a column in each issue of MF&L and will be taking on more editorial assignments in the future.

Former Bronxville resident Lani Temple is also a contributor to *Maine Food & Lifestyle*. Lani, who managed Scarborough Fair, and her husband Dale, who was the tennis pro at Siwanoy Country Club, lived in Bronxville from 1994 to 2002. They now own Megunticook Market in Camden, Maine ([www.megunticookmarket.com](http://www.megunticookmarket.com)). Lani also has a thriving catering business and is a frequent guest chef on Maine's most popular television show. Her column in the magazine, "Easy Entertaining at Home," features her recipes and expert tips for creating memorable parties and events.

"It's so much fun to find Bronxville friends in unexpected places," says Merrill. "And when they join forces with you to create a great product, it's really something special. Both Jim and I are thrilled to be working with these extraordinary people."

An online subscription form to *Maine Food & Lifestyle* magazine is available at [www.mainefoodandlifestyle.com](http://www.mainefoodandlifestyle.com).

**This year, 74 alumni and three classes purchased bricks adding to the 1400 bricks which make up the Alumni Walk at the Pondfield Road entrance to the Bronxville School. Add your brick today by completing the enclosed card or calling the Foundation Office at 914-395-0515. A complete listing of the new additions to the Alumni Walk are posted on the Foundation website at [www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org](http://www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org).**



**"Thank You for Your Support"**

**. . . and in Bronxville**  
**Sarah Thornton-Clifford**

This past fall, Bronxville resident and former student Sarah Thornton-Clifford launched a new local online newspaper called *myhometownBronxville.com*. She did it with the help of her business partner, Marcia Lee, the first female mayor of Bronxville. The online paper is a "weekly," dedicated to covering all the happenings of Bronxville 10708, including politics, community service, sports, personalities, schools, real estate, galas & gatherings, restaurants, weddings, births, the arts, and more. With its network of 15 locally based correspondents, *myhometownBronxville.com* also features helpful information about school options, ideas for day trips and vacations, activities for young children, healthcare providers, movies in town, the train schedule, a community calendar and much more.

Thornton-Clifford attended Bronxville from K-10 (she graduated from The Hotchkiss School). The idea germinated when Sarah moved back to Bronxville in the fall of 2005 with her husband and newborn triplets. "I thought I knew everything about Bronxville but found that I didn't at all. I didn't know very basic things like good pediatricians, activities for babies, good painters and the list goes on." With some networking and research Sarah was able to figure it out quickly but wondered why everybody had to reinvent the wheel. "Wouldn't it be great if all this information resided somewhere and was easily accessible?" So she researched what would be useful and talked to about 50 people in town. "It was a wonderful process. I reconnected with people I grew up with, met many new people and learned about all the great things going on in

town," said Sarah. One of the great people Sarah met along the way was Marcia Lee, who encouraged Sarah to take her idea to the next level. "The resource information is great but what we really need in town is a good newspaper. We lost that somewhere along the way," says Marcia, who offered to join Sarah in her efforts.

So, Marcia and Sarah created *myhometownBronxville.com* to fill the void. Sarah had spent her professional career at Time Inc. (19 years, including 17 at *Sports Illustrated*), so she knew something about the publishing business. Marcia, for her part, was completely plugged into the community; so it was a winning combination. They assembled a great staff, each with terrific ideas and talents, and a wonderful Advisory Board that contributes its ideas and perspective as well.

So far, so good. "We are really excited about how things are going," says Sarah. "People really seem to enjoy our coverage and we are really pleased with our traffic. We are also pleased with the way advertising is going." She feels it's been a good start. "But there is so much more to do. We would love to cover some of the talented people who grew up here and have gone on to achieve great things - - a "Where Are They Now?" column. We would love to have people contact us with their ideas."

Most of all, Sarah talks about the fun she's having. "It's so much fun to be doing something you love and doing it with great people. There is nothing better."

To learn more, log on to *myhometownBronxville.com*. If you would like to be part of *myhometownBronxville.com's* "Weekly Email" or simply want to send along a suggestion, send an email to Sarah at [stc@myhometownBronxville.com](mailto:stc@myhometownBronxville.com).

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**ROTUNDA RECEIVES MUCH  
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Bronxville's rotunda renovation, completed in January, was funded with a grant from the Bronxville School Foundation. Second graders Jeffrey Sargent and Nan Carpenter (children of alums Mike Sargent '77 & Mariellen Sullivan Carpenter '80) admire the school seal installed in the beautiful new floor which greets students, parents, alums and other visitors inside the front entrance to the school.



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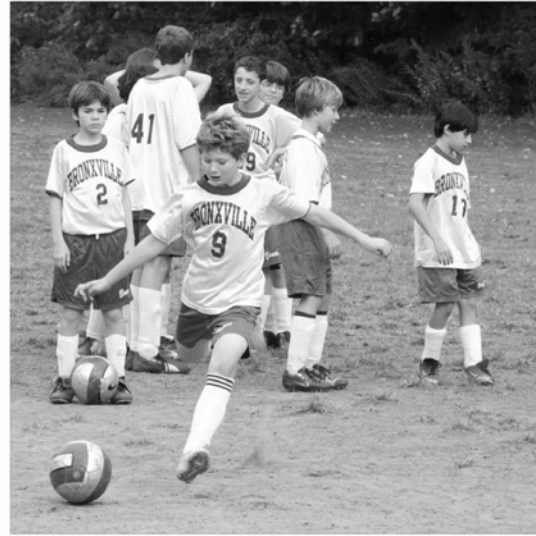


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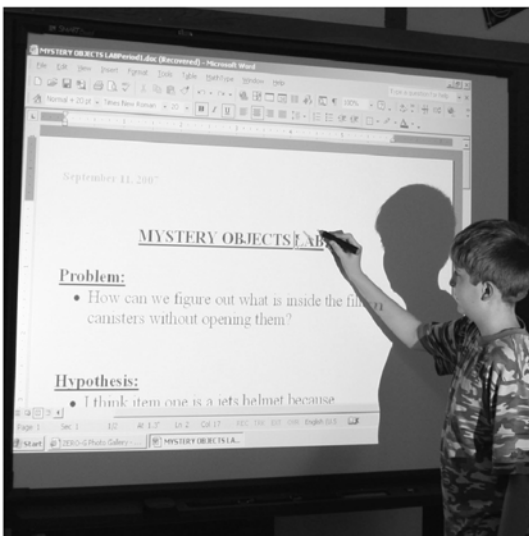
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Read all about the exciting grants the Foundation was able to fund last year thanks to the generosity of the members of the community, school families and alumni.

## Reunions were Plentiful and Fun

### BHS CLASS OF '87 20th REUNION WEEKEND

After a year of preparing, planning and tracking down classmates, the Class of 1987 finally celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> reunion the weekend of October 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.

Roughly 30 class members kicked off the weekend Friday night with a cocktail party at the home of Susan Hawkins and her husband, Tom Moore.

The party continued at the local watering hole, Pete's Tavern, where a few more classmates appeared out of the woodwork.

They reconvened Saturday morning at the High School flag pole for a tour of our (new and improved) old stomping grounds. Walking through the halls of good 'ole BHS brought back many weird and wonderful feelings. After the tour, several classmates wandered down to the elementary playground with spouses and children in tow. It was a beautiful day, and it was so much fun watching each other's kids play together.

Finally, the big night was upon us. Approximately 65 of our classmates and at least 20 spouses attended the gala reunion event at the Bronxville Women's Club, where we enjoyed delicious appetizers and a buffet dinner - and, course, plenty of



cocktails. Classmates from as far away as California, Arizona, Florida, Chicago and even Europe were in attendance. Before the evening was in full swing, we observed a moment of silence for our recently departed classmate, Shane Wallace, who had passed away from brain cancer just days before the reunion.

It was a tremendous shock and a terrible loss for our class. The Class of '87 made a donation in Shane's honor to Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure, and anyone who wishes to make an additional donation should visit [www.abc2.org](http://www.abc2.org) for details. After getting reacquainted with each other, we hit the dance floor, where the DJ was instructed to play only tunes from the '80's. After the "official" party ended, most of the group moved on to another old favorite haunt -- "The Ox," now known as the Station House — and some may have even made it to the Odyssey Diner for some late night fries. Sunday morning, about a dozen of us made it back to the Station House for a tasty brunch. Overall, the reunion was a huge success, and everyone seemed eager for a 25<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2012! Much of our success is attributable to our fantastic website, [www.bronxvillereunions.com/1987](http://www.bronxvillereunions.com/1987), created by fellow Bronxville alum, Roland Rogers, Class of '85. Check out the website to see who attended, and you'll also find a link to many more photos. Our 25<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it!

### Got Classmates? Create a Class Web Site

A few years ago, when planning the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion for the BHS Class of '85, Haeley Paul Mowery contacted several friends who still lived in the Bronxville area about how best to track down classmates who had scattered around the world. They felt, having one of the smallest graduating classes, 79, that it was imperative to get as many people as possible involved in the event. They decided a website would be best as a source where people could go to find out about details and get excited about the reunion weekend.

One classmate, Roland Rogers, graciously donated his time and expertise to design a site specifically for the reunion. The site listed times and dates of the different events for the weekend, classmates still MIA, hotel and travel information, and provided a pay-pal option for purchasing reunion tickets. It even had a media player installed that played all their favorite hits from 1985! (You can imagine the musical genius from back then!)

But, by far, the best part of the website was the blogging that went on between old friends. One thread was titled, "What I have been doing for the last 20 years..." This was where each person gave a brief history of what they had done with their time since leaving Bronxville High School. Their stories were in turn interesting, hilarious, and bittersweet; all of them fascinating. To be able to have an online "pre-reunion" was so much fun, as it gave us all a chance to catch up on the fundamentals and have much deeper and thoughtful conversations once the real reunion started. And for those who could not attend, it provided an opportunity to reconnect with old friends. There was an amazing attendance turnout due in large part to the popularity of the website.

For more information on a custom reunion page, you can contact Roland Rogers at [Roland@Kirkor.com](mailto:Roland@Kirkor.com). Several other classes; '57, '86 & '87 have used the prototype as you can see from the alumni reunion page of the Foundation web site.

## BHS CLASS OF '67 40<sup>TH</sup> REUNION WEEKEND

On Columbus Day weekend 2007, the BHS Class of '67 invited the classes of '65, '66 and '68 to join them in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. The weekend weather was warm and beautiful and about 70 people turned out for the festivities. A meet and greet at Pete's Park Place Tavern on Friday night set the mood for the weekend. Alumni gathered to reminisce and rekindle friendships. Saturday morning started with a gathering at the flagpole, which was followed by a tour of the recently renovated town library and then moved on to a tour of the school. We saw newly renovated areas as well as those areas, which were severely damaged by heavy rains last year. At the end of the tour a great buffet lunch was waiting in the cafeteria, where a representative from the Bronxville School Foundation showed a graphic slide show on the flood damage. Saturday night was a highlight with a delicious dinner and



dancing at the Bronxville Field Club. Somehow we always seem to pick glorious weekends for our celebrations and the BFC did

a fabulous job of decorating and making us feel welcome. It was especially great to see former teacher/coach/assistant principal Bob Spenik appear for a brief visit.

We saved Sunday for goodbyes and a super brunch at the BFC. Several parents of alums came to this part of the party, which made it more meaningful and fun. The only regret was that the weekend was not long enough, but we all left with great memories, both new and old, and an anticipation of our next reunion in 2012. Hopefully we will manage to keep in touch and get together before then.



### Calling all BHS Reunion Classes

#### Class of '48 60th Reunion—June 6-8th, 2008

Plans include a Friday reception, Saturday picnic followed by dinner at the Field Club, and Sunday Brunch.

#### Class of '58 50th Reunion—October 17-19th, 2008

Dinner on Saturday night will be at the Field Club. For more information, contact Linda Young Delaney,

Phone: 860-2435-0441, Email: [lpdelaney@aol.com](mailto:lpdelaney@aol.com)

#### Class of '78 30th Reunion—September 26-28th, 2008

#### Homecoming Weekend! September 26-28th, 2008

For more reunion information, check out the Alumni section on the Foundation website at [www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org](http://www.bronxvilleschoolfoundation.org).

## BHS CLASS OF 1957 50th REUNION

Fifty years ago, the BHS graduating class of 1957 dedicated its yearbook to the then Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Howard (Hap) V. Funk. On the weekend of October 12-14, his son, Peter, traveled across the Atlantic Ocean from the Channel Islands to Bronxville to help celebrate with his classmates their 50th high school reunion. He noted, "This was a very close, tight knit, group and I remember our years at Bronxville with great fondness. This reunion was a unique opportunity to rekindle friendships and fond memories. Besides, we are unlikely to have another 50th Reunion." He was joined by classmates from as far away as St. Lucia, Hawaii, Montana, Oregon, Washington, California, Texas, Florida, and as close as Bronxville itself (Anne Spencer Flannery, Anne Keller Torell).

From a small class of about 70 (12 have died and 5 are "missing"), 36 showed up. With spouses and other guests, attendance was about 56 persons for the two days. The festivities kicked off with an informal cocktail party at Anne

Spencer Flannery's house, a class tradition. Balloons, hats, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a festive camaraderie were highlighted by the showing of the 1956, class produced, short movie "You Wuz Present" arranged by Sam Bryan. It was then on to Roma's and a pizza party and the deft handling of the checks by class treasurer Bill White.

Saturday morning included a tour of the school by Ed O'Toole of the Bronxville School Foundation and a luncheon at Pete's Tavern. On Saturday night, the classmates and guests had cocktails, dinner, and a group photo at Fogarty's. The festivities included short comments by all class members, a special tribute to deceased members of the class by Stu Cook, and an "awards" ceremony. On Sunday, some participants had breakfast together or hung around to talk with one another before they headed home.

It was a magical weekend that allowed us to reunite and rekindle friendship and fond memories." On reflection, Bill Lancaster, class vice president, observed, "This was great, when's the next reunion."

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