

CLASS OF 1960

CELEBRATION OF OUR 60TH REUNION YEAR – 2020

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NOTE:
Our BHS Class of 1960 60th reunion scheduled to be held at the Fire-side Grille in Middle-boro, MA is postponed due to the Covid-19 Pan-demic. More on the next page.

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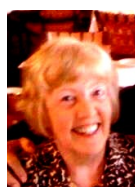
WE STILL WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

YOUR CLASSMATES WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. SEND US A NOTE-AND MAYBE EVEN A PHOTO- VIA EMAIL (JUDITHDONOHUE@GMAIL.COM) OR PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL JUDY HIGGINS DONOHUE, 352-603-3941. ALSO, PLEASE PASS THIS ALONG TO ANY CLASSMATES YOU KNOW WHO DO NOT HAVE EMAIL. WE ARE NO LONGER MAILING "HARD" COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER.

**JUST EMAIL OR CALL
JUDY HIGGINS DONOHUE.**

OUR CLASS WEBSITE: <http://www.bhs1960class.com>

Judith Higgins Donahue, Kerry Harkins, Tom Chew & Sharon Keith Cerci are joining forces as our class celebrates its 60th High School Class Reunion. In the past, you have received our newsletter issues with great enthusiasm, curiosity & pleasure as you read about fellow classmates. Hopefully you will be able to join us.



Judith



Kerry



Tom



Sharon

POSTPONEMENT OF OUR 60th

Hello Classmates,
We have all heard the phrase "out of an abundance of caution" frequently over the past few months, relative to the COVID-19 virus. With those words in mind, your Reunion Committee has decided to postpone our 60th BHS reunion (scheduled for August 29) until late Spring or early Summer



2021. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, we may explore the possibility of a mini-gathering in the late fall, depending on the status of the virus. Your Reunion Committee

As with previous reunions, our class will be raising funds for another scholarship for Brockton High School students. This time we have set an ambitious goal of \$20,200. You may be surprised to hear that we have already passed the halfway point. (See related article by Tom Chew on Page-6)



We will be communicating with you in the months ahead with more details. In the meantime, we are hoping to collect and publish current photos from everyone in the class. Our goal is to have "then" and "now" photos from as many people as possible—even if you don't plan to attend. You will see a few classmates in this newsletter. It is wonderful to see how our classmates are aging gracefully, showing the same face they had in 1960, enriched and enhanced by experience and wisdom.

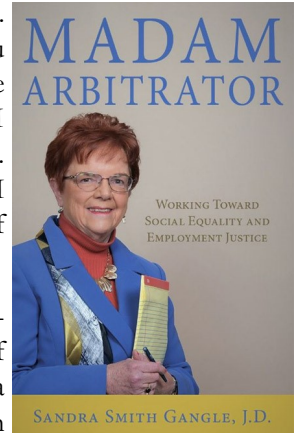
Sandra Smith Gangle

Arbitration: What does that mean?

Sandra Smith Gangle, J.D., Author of "Madam Arbitrator" (now available on Amazon)

Often, when I tell people I am an arbitrator, they bombard me with questions. "What does that mean?" "Are you a counselor? A mediator?" I have even been asked whether I "meditate in a particular religion". And once, I was asked if I "prescribe medication" as part of my work.

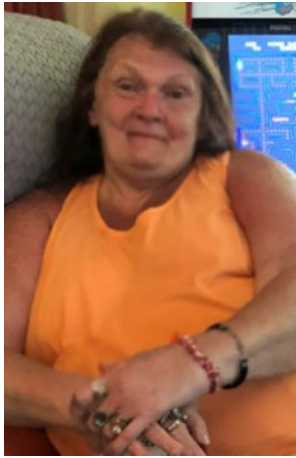
The short answer is that an arbitrator is more like a judge than any of those other professionals. I am a *labor arbitrator*, which means I am neutral and impartial in labor relations matters. I am not biased in favor of either unions or management and I am knowledgeable in collective bargaining law. I apply labor contract language, like *just cause*, to resolving workplace disputes. I have been approved to conduct contested hearings in private industries and in the federal government, through FMCS, and in cases involving public employees like teachers, police officers and government workers though the states of Oregon, Washington and Alaska.



Read the entire article in our 'News' section of our Class website at <http://www.bhs1960class.com>



Barbara McGuire Root



After a long career raising five daughters and two sons, our classmate **Barbara McGuire** Root, is now being cared for by her children. She is currently living with one of her five daughters in Manchester, NH. Barbara raised her children in Brockton before moving to Quincy, MA. She has spent the last 20 years in New Hampshire. Prior to her retirement, Barbara worked as a respiratory

therapist, first at the VA hospital in Brockton and later at Quincy Hospital. In addition to being Mom to seven, Barbara is Grandma to 24 and Great-Grandma to 10, which surely means she has had plenty of interesting and enriching experiences these past 60 years since graduation. These days she enjoys listening to “Oldies,” especially enjoying one of our high school icons, Elvis Presley. You can send a message to Barbara via her son Michael at rootfamily6@yahoo.com



Brenda Murray and Duke Monsini started their lives together while at BHS, dating throughout their high school years, and marrying two years after graduation. Today they are enjoying retirement at their home on Sumner Street in Brockton. They have



Brenda (Murray) Monsini and Harold "Duke" Monsini at their grandson's wedding

been married for 58 years and are fortunate to have their four children, 11 grandchildren and 5 grandchildren nearby. Though Duke is dealing with some medical issues, they are enjoying a full life- coronavirus notwithstanding. Duke worked at his construction company well into his 70s, and Brenda helped out as needed. She also helped care for grandkids for a few years. Brenda has the same best friend she has had since first grade - our classmate Dianne Cary Dahlberg. You can reach Brenda and Duke at BRMonsini@gmail.com



We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere. - Tim McGraw

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Beverly Lang Baran



Beverly (Lang) Baran is living in Coconut Creek, FL with her long-time companion, Barry Cowan. After graduating from Brockton High School, she attended University of Massachusetts in Amherst. She married after college and moved to Florida, where she raised her three daughters. She subsequently divorced and married a rabbi, who has since died.

After graduating and moving to Florida, Beverly followed a new career path and went to nursing school in Fort Lauderdale. She has also worked as a medical technician.

The oldest of three daughters, Beverly had three daughters, who had three daughters. "Not a single male anywhere in the family," she jokes.



Beverly's roots in Brockton go back a long way. In the early 1900s, her grandparents owned a "dry goods" store on School Street.



She grew up on Maxim Street on the West Side and attended West Junior High. Beverly says she has wonderful memories of BHS. "I recall working in the library, checking out books with my good friend, Harriet Ginsberg (RIP). Those were good years. We had fun and we learned well."

Don't be dismayed by good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends. - Richard Bach

George Conefrey

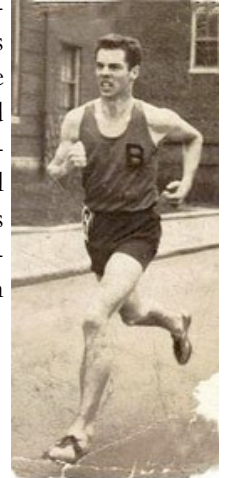


George Conefrey is living in Ormond Beach, Florida. An outstanding runner in high school, George ran both cross country and track and is still a long-distance runner. He attended Northeastern University and Central

Connecticut State College. He spent his career in the fields of vocational education and engineering. You can reach



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Roberta Geer Payton Roys

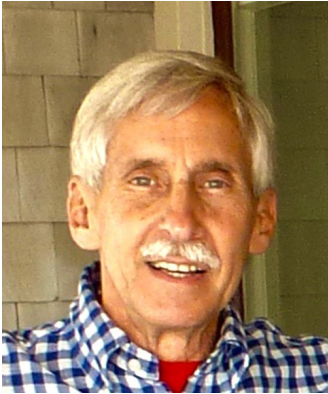
Roberta Geer Payton Roys is living in Zephyrhills, Florida, happy to have her three children, 6 grandkids and 8 great-grandkids all within visiting distance. She has been in Florida for 60 years, having married a Florida resident immediately after high school graduation and moving south. Roberta grew up on West Chestnut Street in Campello and has fond memories of life in Brockton.



Like many of us, she remembers shopping at London Clothing. Roberta, now a widow, worked in the banking industry for 23 years before retiring. She is active in her local church and still enjoys dancing and spending time with the family. You can reach Roberta at (813)778-8463 or by email at: robertaroys1942@gmail.com.

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Lennie Miele



It is a beautiful eighty-degree day on Cape Cod as I reminisce about my life after leaving BHS. I am sitting on the dock I share with my neighbors, a perfect place for social distancing as I write about my adventures during the past sixty years. Unlike most college-bound students, I was a late bloomer and did not go to college until I was twenty-three years old.

Having worked at Christy's Market in my Montello neighborhood since I was fourteen, I soon realized I had to get a college education and experience life beyond the city limits of Brockton. Thus, the first great adventure of my life was to travel 2,000 miles to attend the University of New Mexico and major in English literature. To this day, I visit old friends in Albuquerque and Santa Fe where the scenery, food, and customs are so different from those I know so well in Massachusetts.

In 1970, I was hired to teach English at BHS, a new school at the time with 5,000 students and sixty English teachers. I had a gratifying thirty-year career, serving as the faculty advisor of the school newspaper and coaching the boys' varsity tennis team for seven years. I was fortunate to teach a variety of courses to a wide range of students at different ability levels. It was exciting to teach AP English, Mythology, and Creative Writing to the upper level students and challenging to teach basic remediation skills in reading and writing to the lower level students. These classes inspired me to continue my own education for two years, receiving a Masters degree in Learning Disabilities-Emotional Disturbance from Northeastern University in 1976.



During my second year of teaching, I met and married Stephanie Block, a music teacher at West Junior High who graduated from the "Fame" high school in New York City. Today, Stephanie is a piano technician and a professional singer who performs at various Cape Cod venues. We have lived in Falmouth for twenty-four years and spend part of our summers in Fryeburg, Maine where we own a small lakeside cottage. We love to travel and have

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When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.
- Marcus Aurelius

When I retired in 2001, I began writing articles about Cape Cod history in local newspapers and journals and gave historical walks and lectures for the Falmouth Historical Society and other regional organizations. In 2009, Spinner Publications published my book Voice of the Tide: the Cape Cod Years of Katharine Lee Bates, the author of "America the Beautiful" and Falmouth's most famous native-born resident. To date, I have given 20 lectures on Katharine's life and writings. Presently, I am vice president of the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library, the co-editor of the Spritsail, Falmouth's historical journal, and a member of the Woods Hole Historical Museum's steering committee.

Jerilynn Woodman Bonney



Jerilynn Woodman Bonney is still living in the same house on Crescent Street she grew up in, an extraordinary situation in this day and age. Their daughter and granddaughter live upstairs in the same home, a scenario that was once common in Brockton, but, sadly, somewhat unusual now.

Another daughter and grandson live in Norton, as well as a new great-granddaughter born during the pandemic. Jeri and her husband Stan (BHS' 62) were unable to hold this newest family member until recently, and were overjoyed when the rules were relaxed enough for a visit.



Jeri and Stan enjoy traveling. They have taken a few cruises and have logged many miles in their 21-foot travel trailer over the years. Their favorite destinations are campgrounds in Plymouth and on Cape Cod, where they often camped alongside our classmate, Jim Fowler. In her free time Jeri enjoys reading and working on her ancestry. You may reach Jeri at: jbonney700@hotmail.com.



Class of 1960 Gives Back (Update)- by Tom Chew

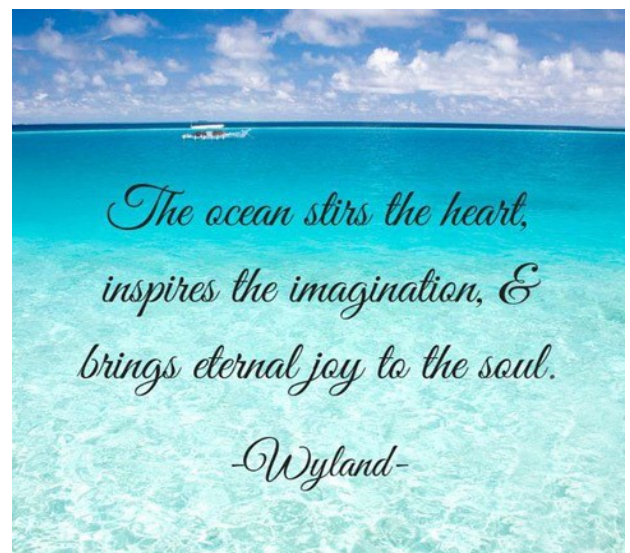
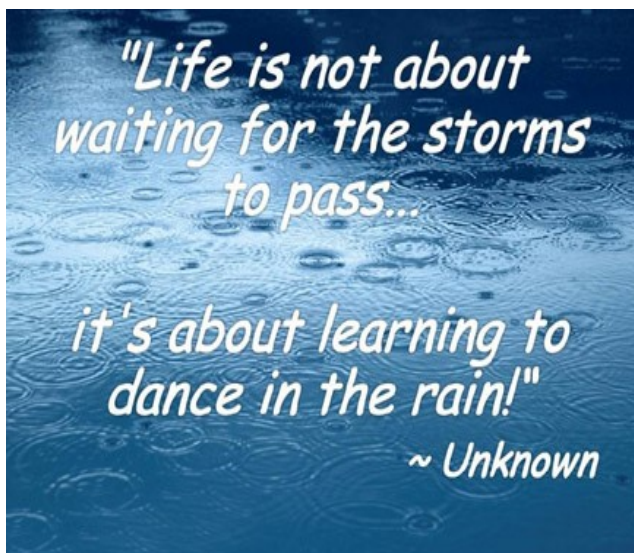


When the Class of 1960 Reunion Committee was discussing what contribution our class might make to Brockton High School to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of our graduation, a suggestion was made to offer a scholarship. Through the generosity of many of our classmates, the initial goal was surpassed almost immediately and finally amounted to over \$11,000 resulting in two scholarships of \$5,500 each, one of the largest awarded at Brockton High.

It was no surprise, five years later, when the 55th Reunion planning group came together that they again wanted to provide a scholarship for the graduating class of Brockton High. Once again, the generosity of our classmates was overwhelming and two scholarships of \$5,000 each were awarded.

So here we are now, looking forward to our 60th Anniversary. Because we had already established a track record of awarding scholarships, several classmates have continued to send in checks in anticipation of the class once again making a scholarship gift to the BHS graduating class. I am pleased to report that we have over \$11,000 towards the scholarship, mostly from one extremely generous classmate. Given that starting base and that our 60th anniversary is in 2020, it seemed almost too easy to make our goal this time to be \$20,200. The math is easy. We now need \$8,850 more to reach that goal. We already have proven we can do it twice before. Think we can do it one more time?

If you agree, please send your check payable to BHS Class of 1960 Scholarship, to Tom Chew, Treasurer, 21 Freedom Cir, Pembroke, MA 02359. Individual donation amounts are always kept confidential. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.



Alan Duke & His Wife Nancy

Our classmate Arthur "Allan" Duke and his wife Nancy are living in Manchester, CT. The Dukes have been breeding and showing miniature Pinschers and Papillons for the past 25 years. Their prize-winning dogs have achieved both Champion and International Champion status.



Prior to his retirement, Allan spent most of his life working in the heating, air conditioning and maintenance field. Though he was recently diagnosed as legally blind, he is still able to play chess and use a computer with the aid of magnifying tools. The Dukes, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July, have three children, eight grandchildren and are expecting their third great-grandchild shortly.



Dick Govoni in Vienna

Here are a few thoughts from Dick Govoni, now enjoying retirement in South Yarmouth on Cape Cod.



After BHS I ended up in a very unlikely career field - the Army. I never entertained military life for a permanent living and only joined in 1965 to avoid the draft, thinking I would stay

two years and then move on. Well two years stretched into 27 and I finally retired in 1993. Overseas assignments included South Korea, Japan, India, and finally Hawaii, where I retired in 1993 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

I married a lovely Canadian lady in 1987, who was a banker and quickly found work in banking management. It was a great opportunity for her so we decided to stay there and let her flourish. She eventually left the bank as a senior vice-president. In 2015 I lost her to ALS.



After Hawaii we went to Europe for three months before settling down on Cape Cod, which I very much enjoyed. My major activities include golf and volunteer work at a local family pantry, which helps to feed and clothe 10,000 families a year.

*Next time you're stressed,
take a step back, inhale
and laugh. Remember who
you are and why you're
here. You're never given
anything in this world that
you can't handle. Be
strong, be flexible, love
yourself, and love others.
Always remember, just
keep moving forward.*



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