

B.H.S. Alumni NEWS



Plymouth, here we come!

By Nick Camillone 50th Reunion Committee



We hope you are all doing well and are eager to get the party started. How fitting that the class of 1960 is having its 50th class reunion in Plymouth where our nation began. Both the setting and the season are ideal. Late September is beautiful in Plymouth. The days are still warm and the foliage is just beginning to change color.

It is fitting that our gathering comes just before what I call "The Thankful Season." I am sure that you, like me, are

thankful to have the opportunity to renew friendships and socialize with "old" friends. I am thankful that we are able to gather together to share 50 years of memories.

There will be plenty to keep you busy in Plymouth. You can walk down the street to Plymouth Rock and the replica of the Mayflower. Or you might prefer just sit outside with a few friends and watch the ships in the harbor, while talking about the "good ole days."

As you walk out the front door of the Radisson, there is a small shopping area right across the parking lot with nice gift shops that sell clothing, jewelry, trinkets and souvenirs. There are a several other nice shops within walking distance.

Dining is great in this area. We recommend two places that will not disappoint: One is the **East Bay Grille** at 173 Water St., right across the street from our hotel. The restaurant offers a casual atmosphere, a large bar, and an outdoor patio on the waterfront. The specialty, of course, is fresh seafood. It is very busy fall weekends. The phone # is 508-746-9751.

Then you have **Isaac's** at 114 Water Street, on the same side of the street as the Radisson. This restaurant is on the upper deck with a great view of the harbor. They too have fresh seafood. Their phone # 508-830-0001. I assure you that you will not be disappointed in either place to dine.

The Harbor Grille in the hotel is also a good choice for those who do not

Not Coming to the Reunion?

The BHS Class of 1960 Reunion Committee has established a fund to help those who are not planning to attend the 50th Class Reunion at the Plymouth Radisson Hotel on September 25th because of the cost of the dinner. If you or anyone you know is in need of financial support, please contact our treasurer Tom Chew by email or phone.

thomaschew@hinghamsavings.com 781-749-2200. He will arrange for the dinner selection and record the reservation as "paid."

Gifts will be totally confidential. No one but Tom will know the name of those getting help or the amount donated. The goal is to make it possible for everyone who wants to attend the reunion to be able to do so. (Unfortunately, the fund is not able to pay transportation or hotel room costs.)

If you are interested in donating to the fund, please contact Tom at the email address above or send him a check, payable to BHS Class of 1960, to our class post office box: BHS Class of 1960, PO Box 567, Hingham, MA 02043. Please indicate *Benevolent Fund* on the check notation.

want to go out. They also offer a great breakfast, as well as lunch and dinner. The food is good and reasonably priced.

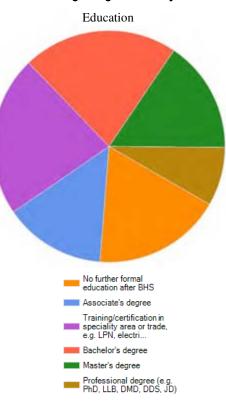
There are many more eateries on the strip, all within walking distance.

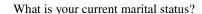
We know you'll be happy to learn that there is a **Dunkin Donuts** within walking distance. If **Starbucks** is your choice, you'll have to travel 1.2 miles to the Stop & Shop at 127 Samoset St. It could be a nice morning walk.

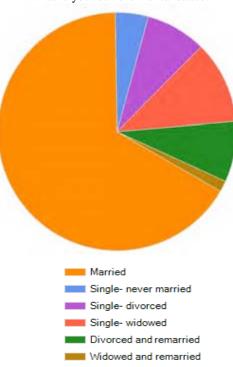
Brochures are available at the front desk or in your hotel rooms, but here are a few highlights of the tourist attractions. The **Pilgrim Hall** http://pilgrimhall.org at 75 Court St. is the oldest continuously operated museum in the United States. It is open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 for seniors. (There are advantages to being old.) Here you can learn about the history of the pilgrims and see some 17th century artifacts, including actual possessions of the pilgrims who came here on the Mayflower.

A few doors down at 85 Court St. you will find **Memorial Hall**. They have music, plays and other performances, throughout the year. Then there is the **Hedge House Museum** at 1809 Water St., a home owned by a merchant ship owner back in the day. This Federal style home is now headquarters of the **Plymouth Antiquarian Society**. http://www.plymouthantiquariansociety.org.

Cl;ass of 1960 Survey results we thought might interest you!







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Where Are They Now?

Dan George and Linda Castano Berg



Dan George: From Lawyer to Pickler



Dan George has a passion for pickles—not your mother's canned cucumbers, but all kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables prepared according to flavors and techniques from around the world. He is considered an expert on the transformative power of pickles and relishes, and his recipes have been featured in Yankee Magazine's "Best New England Cooks," as well as the Boston Globe, Gourmet, and Martha Stewart Living. Today he and his wife have a thriving catering business that specializes in pairing wood fired foods with pickled ones. (http://smokeandpickles.com) How did Dan make the leap from lawyer to pickler?

After high school, he went to Colby College in Waterville, Maine and then earned a law degree from Boston University Law School. After law school, he served with Volunteers In Service to America (VISTA), where he met his wife Chris Ash, also a Vista volunteer.

Dan practiced law in New Bedford for several years and in the late 70s, he and Chris moved to Westport, MA. It was here that he met renowned chef, grill master and cookbook author Chris Schlesinger Chef Chris Schlesinger's Home Page on StarChefs. "I had eaten at his East Coast Grill in Cambridge and thought the food was amazing," Dan said.

"I asked him for a job in the kitchen of *The Back Eddy*, a second restaurant he was about to launch here in Westport, and he very kindly suggested that I focus on one small area—pickling. (I think he realized that I would get trampled working 'the line' in what was about to become a very busy kitchen.) Under his guidance, I learned to pickle everything in sight from the local harvest, start to finish—from rhubarb in the spring to Macomber turnips in the fall," Dan said.

As a result of this experience, Dan and Schlesinger co-authored a book, Quick Pickles-Easy Recipes with Big Flavor.

Armed with a new appreciation of combining tangy and savory dishes, Dan decided to open a catering business that would specialize in this approach to dining. "I learned how much a good meal depends on contrasting flavors --textures, temperatures and colors, too," he said. "Savory foods taste better next to tangy ones. Good cooks have long known, but rarely bother to state this simple fact. Some familiar examples are the vinegar or citrus we splash on salad greens, the vinegar-based mustards, ketchups and relishes that go on dogs and burgers or that 'bread and butter' pickled slice of cuke that accompanies just about any sandwich you can think of. I got so excited riffing on it I modeled a catering business on it."

Smoke and Pickles is thriving. Chris and Dan are booked most weekends from mid- spring through late fall, catering events and weddings. Dan works on composing menus that pair grilled, barbecued, wood-roasted or smoked meat and fish with tangy pickles, salsas and relishes. The menus have regional themes, with offerings from the New England Coast, the South, Latin America and, bowing to Dan's Lebanese heritage, the Middle East. "We offer over 30 different kinds of pickled things. Whenever possible, we use ingredients from local farms and fishing boats," he says. It is clear that Dan is savoring his life in the kitchen. "Lots of room for creative expression," he says. "And I enjoy being hands-on. Lots of 'chop chop chop,' as seen on TV," he says. Chris' specialties are wood-fired flatbreads and fruit and berry cobblers. An accomplished fiddler and a member of the Magnolia Cajun band (http://magnoliacajunband.homestead.com), she performs at events throughout New England and sometimes plays for events catered by Smoke and Pickles. She and Dan share a love of the Cajun culture, where food and music are closely intertwined. They make frequent trips to Louisiana in search of culinary and musical inspiration. During the winter months, Chris and Dan escape to the west coast of Mexico where they enjoy "recreational cooking," fishing and relaxing on the beach. You can reach Dan at Dang856@yahoo.com.

Linda Castano Berg



Those who knew Linda Castano at Brockton High School will not be surprised to learn that she has devoted an entire career to music and theater. She recently retired as director of the Island Theatre Workshop's Children's Theatre on Martha's Vineyard. Over the years Linda has written and directed dozens of plays and musicals, and several of the students she coached have gone on to careers in the theater.

Prior to moving to Martha's Vineyard 22 years ago, Linda lived in Kentucky, Colorado and Minnesota. Her busy life included attending college, developing her musical skills and raising three sons. Although she has a degree in sociology, music has always been her passion. A gifted singer, pianist, harpsichordist and organist, Linda studied voice and piano privately for many years with renowned music teachers.

She came to the island when her husband, an Episcopal priest, accepted a position at a local church. Sadly, he died just a year after they moved there. Linda decided to stay on the Vineyard and has created a full life around music and theater.

Linda is Director of Music at the First Congregational Church in West Tisbury. In that role she serves as organist and choir director. She has written and performed many works for piano and organ, including a complete mass. She continues to direct ITW productions and serves on the board of Island Theatre Workshop.

Linda says she is particularly proud of two recent projects, writing the score for the film documentary "House of Bones" YouTube - HOUSE OF BONES TRAILER and writing the music for "Beanstalk The Musical!" recently published by Baker's Plays, a major New York play publisher.

Now that she is retired, she is exploring the possibility of leaving the island and pursuing other interests on the mainland. One benefit of retirement will be spending more time with her three sons, who live in Minneapolis, Chicago and Westerly, Rhode Island, as well as her six grand-sons and one granddaughter. You can reach Linda at msdaberg@hotmail.com.

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Where Are They Now? Dick Smith



Richard (Dick) Smith



After graduating from BHS, Dick Smith joined the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in Valdosta, Georgia as a jet aircraft mechanic for most of his four years of duty. Dick, who grew up on N. Leyden Street and attended South Junior High, married Barbara Heigham (BHS '61) in 1962. The two met in the late 1950s when both were members of the First Parish Church Youth Fellowship.

When his Air Force tour was over, Dick and Barbara returned to Brockton and Dick went to work for Cumberland Farms. He spent 10 years in the company's dairy division and 24 years in the gasoline division before retiring in 2004. That same year, Barbara retired after 32 years as a teacher in Brockton's Public School system. (Following in Mom's footsteps, the Smith's daughter Pam is also a Brockton teacher, currently assigned to North Junior High.)

Dick and Barbara, who will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary in January, wasted no time before beginning their retirement journey. They hit the road in their Excel 5th Wheel Trailer and now spend four or five months of every year "on the road." They have traveled to all 50 states, though not all in the trailer. The Smiths usually spend most of the winter in Florida, and especially enjoying camping in Disney's Fort Wilderness and in Ft. Myers.

During the spring and summer, the Smiths return to home base in East Bridgewater where Dick works on about a dozen projects at a time. An avid do-it-yourselfer, he built a 44-foot ranch house in North Conway, NH and recently built a three-car garage with the help of his son-in-law. He enjoys yard maintenance, gardening, building rock walls and splitting fire wood, both for sale and for their own household use.

Another hobby is building wood strip canoes. Dick has built three so far, spending up to 200 hours on each one. Dick also enjoys photography, a hobby that goes back to his high school days when he worked with renowned Brockton Enterprise photographer Stanley Bauman. A former member of the Brockton Photography Club, Dick focuses on landscape photography and lighthouses. The Smiths enjoy cycling along the Cape Cod Canal bike path and have hiked the Appalachian Trail through five states. They also hiked down into the Mt. Haleakala crater in Maui, Hl. On higher ground, Dick ran the Falmouth Road Race for 20 years, but gave that up four years ago.

Perhaps Dick will organize a hike through Plymouth as part of our 50th reunion weekend. You can reach Dick at rsteabag@comcast.net.

Scholarship Update

Thanks to the generosity of our classmates, the BHS Class of 1960 Scholarship fund has exceeded \$11,500, more than double our Winners have been selected and awards will be presented later this month. We will announce the names of the two BHS seniors who were selected and tell their stories in the next issue of *Brocktonia*. Thanks to Tom Chew who coordinated the entire scholarship effort and to the panel of our classmates, all educators, who spent many hours reviewing applications and making the final selections. The selection committee consisted of Jane Anderson Taylor, who served as coordinator, Pat Harris Giannakoulis, Len Miele and Ron Holmgren.

Golf anyone?

Our classmate Ralph Oriola has offered to put together a coed golf outing for classmates who are interested in playing in Plymouth on Friday, Sept. 24. It will probably be a "best ball" format. If you are interested in playing, please contact Ralph at: ralphoriola@sbcglobal.net.

Ralph will contact you with details.



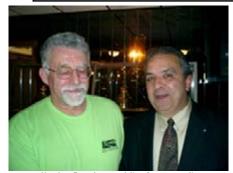
Caring and Sharing

Joe Barbour had heart valve replacement surgery at Boston Medical Center on Monday, May 24. He is expected to be hospitalized for several weeks. If you wish to send Joe a card, please mail it c/o Diane Barbour at 10 Tarkin Lane, Bridgewater, MA, 02324 and she will deliver it to Joe.



Photo Moments from the April -2010 Mini at George's

Big thank you to our own Nick Camillone, photographer...Great Job Nick!



Charles Droukas and Jim Sarantopolis



Tom Chew, Nancy Thomas and Diane Abruzzese



Gene Gilmore and Gail Fulginiti



Deanna Tarantino, Michael Puopolo, Hugh Ellis and Gerry Saba



Dick Adams, Mary Lee Hunter and Joyce Conefrey Adams



Beverly Curley Jenson and husband Tom



Judy Stockwell, guest and Marilyn Leck



Joyce Yuskevicz, Muriel Berger and Anne Hoffman



Frank Stoddard with Tom Chew



Lois Sullivan, our classmate Roger Sullivan and Dick Smith



Don Brown and Pat Harris



Bernie Carney and Richard Manning



Peggy Celeste and Viola Marrese



Kathleen Hurley-Bolinder and Pat Iervolino



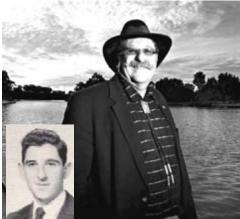
Roland Adams, Jane Moynihan and Diane Abruzzese



Where Are They Now? Marvin Geller



Mary Geller: Math Nerd to NASA medal winner



"I was a math nerd then and I'm a math nerd now," jokes Marv Geller. Currently Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences of Stony Brook University, Marv is widely regarded as a leading expert in the field of atmospheric science. He is also a visiting scientist at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space at Columbia, which interestingly, is located right above Tom's restaurant, the TV coffee-shop hangout used by Jerry Seinfeld and his friends.

Over the years Marv has earned many awards and accolades for his work, including NASA's Distinguished Public Service Medal in 2006 and the COSPAR International Cooperation Medal in 2008. He has also been honored by being designated a Fellow of both the American Meteorological Society and the American Geophysical Union. He has testified before the Senate Commerce Committee on the human impacts on climate.

A prolific author in the area of atmospheric sciences, Marv has published more than 100 papers in books and scholarly journals. He has also edited two books.

Commenting on his work in the area of stratospheric ozone and global warming, Marv said, "I had been teaching and doing research in the atmospheric sciences for several years. Then, in the 1970s, my work suddenly became relevant to the problems of stratospheric ozone depletion and climate change, two high profile fields."

Marv, who grew up on Winnifred Road and attended West Junior High School, says that Brockton schools prepared him well for his further studies, which led to a career in the vanguard of atmospheric science. He credits Mr. Kelly at Brockton High School for giving him the skills he needed to begin his foray into mathematics and science. "Because of the good background he gave us in calculus, I was able to get a head start in the math program at MIT," said Marv, who earned both a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics and a PhD in meteorology from MIT.

Before joining the faculty at Stony Brook, he taught meteorology, oceanography and electrical engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and University of Miami in Florida. From 1980 to 1989, he worked as a space scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland and was Chief of their Laboratory for Atmospheres for five years.

He joined the Stony Brook faculty in 1989 as Professor and Director of their Institute for Terrestrial and Planetary Atmospheres. In 1998 he was named Dean and Director of Stony Brook's Marine Sciences Research Center (which later became the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences), a position he held until 2003. He is currently Professor of Atmospheric Science, which involves teaching, research and mentoring of graduate students. His work takes him all over the globe, as evidenced by his having to have extra pages sewn into his passport.

In addition to his university work, Marv has served on several advisory panels and committees for NASA, the National Science Foundation, and the National Research Council. He often uses his expertise to help public and private organizations, ranging from NASA to the Chemical Manufacturers Association. He has served on, and chaired, several advisory panels of the National Research Council. His work for the NRC has included assessing research in such areas as atmospheric effects of supersonic aircraft and solar-terrestrial research.

Marv said he has no immediate plans to retire, since he has several research projects in the works; is focusing on training the next generation of atmospheric scientists; and generally is still having fun at work.

He and his wife Lynda, a clinical psychologist who is an expert in the area of Asperger Syndrome http://aspergercenter.com/aboutus.html, have been married for 42 years. They live in New York City where they enjoy the rich cultural life that the city offers, especially the opera, concerts, and theater. The Gellers, who have two adult children and a four year-old granddaughter, escape to their condo in Hawaii about twice a year to relax, where Marv enjoys playing golf, albeit badly, he says. Marv and Lynda have already made travel plans to be at the 50th reunion in September. In the meantime, you can reach him at meantime, you can reach him at meantime. The meantime, you can reach him at meantime. The meantime, you can reach him at meantime. The meantime is a meantime of the meantime.

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speakers on please!

FOR A <u>SEPTEMBER MOMENT</u> go to:

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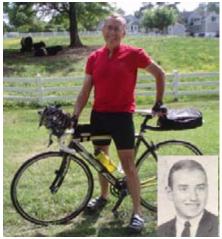
Coming soon: Watch the mail for your reunion invitation.



Where Are They Now? Fran DiGiano



Fran DiGiano



You have heard of the "Tour de France," but you're probably not familiar with the Tour de Fran www.tourdefran.com. It's a cross country bicycling event featuring none other than our classmate Fran DiGiano. With the help of his son and daughter, Fran created the website so that friends and family could follow his progress as he pedals 3,847 miles from San Francisco to Portsmouth, NH. The 52-day journey organized by America by Bicycle, (http://abbike.com) began June 6 and, if all goes as planned, will end on July 27, one day after his 68th birthday.

In answer to the obvious question "why?" Fran said, "First, I wanted to experience our country from a unique perspective, traveling at what I hope will be an average of about 15 mph to view our natural and built environs.

"Second, I wanted to challenge myself both physically and mentally in a way that I had never done before. As I started to ramp up my weekly mileage in March to 200 miles per week, there were times when I wondered if I would be up to the challenge. Completing a century ride (100 miles) with average of 16.2 mph in early April helped me to gain more confidence, but I still had lingering doubts. However, these doubts were eased a bit after a chance encounter with a 73- year-old South African who was hiking the full Appalachian Trail for the fourth time since 1997! He really inspired me," Fran said.

Hiking the entire Appalachian Trail is also one of Fran's goals. He has logged 560 miles so far. (The *Appalachian Trail* is a continuous marked footpath that goes from Katahdin in Maine to Springer Mountain in Georgia, a

distance of about 2160 miles.)

Commenting on his late-blooming passion for cycling and hiking, Fran says, "Growing up, I always loved sports but was too small and/or too awkward to excel at any of them. You know, the kid who always gets picked last in pickup hockey on a pond or at a baseball game on an abandoned field in those days. But perhaps that was a blessing in disguise, because I never accumulated sports injuries that now can haunt those former athletes and prevent them from doing what I now can do, which requires only endurance and not particular athletic skills. At the time, however, it was not a blessing in my eyes!"

Fran has more time for hiking and biking since he retired in 2007 from his position as Professor in the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering at University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. After graduating from BHS, Fran earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at University of Massachusetts/Amherst, where he met his wife Ann. After UMass, he went on to earn an MS in Civil Engineering at Tufts University and a PhD in Sanitary and Water Resources Engineering at University of Michigan.

After completing his doctoral degree, Fran returned to his alma mater, UMass, and spent the next 12 years teaching in the Department of Civil Engineering. He joined the UNC faculty in 1981. Fran was recently honored by Tufts for his lifetime achievement in the field of environmental engineering research.

The DiGianos, who have been married for 45 years, now live in Fearrington Village just south of Chapel Hill. Their busy lives include cycling, kayaking, skiing, working out at the gym together and doing volunteer work. Both Fran and Ann are involved in their community—Ann with their church and with elderly support programs and Fran with environmental and litter removal programs and with formation of a new non-profit called Clean Jordan Lake, http://www.cleanjordanlake.org.

They also enjoy spending time at their condo in Lafayette, Colorado where Fran rides with the group called *The SOB's* (Seniors on Bikes). The DiGianos have three adult children and are expecting their fifth grandchild. They have already made plans to attend the BHS 50th Reunion in Plymouth. Be sure to check out Fran's blog during his journey via the link above. You can reach Fran at fran digiano@unc.edu.

More photos from the George's Mini in April



Hugh Ellis, Tom Chew and Larry Siskind



Jerilynn Woodman and Lorraine Mandeville

Did you know....

- The BHS Class of 1960 now has an official address? BHS Class of 1960, PO Box 567, Hingham, MA 02043.
- We have pages on Facebook and Linked in? (Just type in Brockton High School Class of 1960. Need to choose **groups** on LinkedIn.) Join the conversation! Ask questions.
- You can read the Brockton Enterprise every day for free online? Go to http://www.Enterprisenews.com



Where Are They Now? June Pribash Thompson



June Pribash Thompson



June Pribash Thompson stayed in Brockton for 13 years after graduation. For the first four years she worked at Prudential Insurance Company in Boston during the day and studied accounting at Bentley College at night.

After completing her studies at Bentley, she accepted a position at Footloy in Brockton and eventually worked her way up to Chief Accountant for the company. (Footloy closed its doors last year, ending a tradition of history of shoe-making that pre-dates the Civil War and earned Brockton its title as Shoe City of the World.)

At age 31, June met and married Carlos Thompson, a student at MIT. The day after their wedding, the Thompsons moved to Cali, Colombia in South America where Carlos was offered a job as production manager at Merck, Sharp & Dohme, a pharmaceutical company. During their five years in Colombia, June gave birth to two sons, Carlos and Luis.

After five years in Colombia, the Thompsons moved to Quito, Ecuador where they spent two years. In addition to raising two sons, June, who was bilingual by then, worked as an accountant and secretary at Philips Corporation. She also taught English as a Second Language (ESL) at Centro Colombo Americano while in South America.

June and her family returned to the U.S. in 1980 and settled in Greenville, North Carolina where her husband joined pharmaceutical giant Burroughs Wellcome Co. The 80s were a difficult decade for the family, as Carlos struggled with cancer, heart disease and kidney failure. Despite a kidney transplant and open heart surgery, Carlos died in 1990, leaving June a widow with two young sons to raise. They are now age 31 and 33.

June decided to stay in North Carolina. "I have been here for 29 years now, and I love living in Greenville," she says. She returns to Massachusetts from time to time to visit old friends and family. She has two sisters and a brother in Massachusetts. June's mother died when she was in high school, and her father, who operated an appliance store at the corner of Center and Adams Street near Brockton Hospital for many years—the site of Dunkin' Donuts—died in 1990, the same year as her husband.

June owned and operated the Winterville Flea Market in North Carolina for five years and also worked in the retail industry in North Carolina for five years.

In 1995 June was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent treatment for several years. She is now celebrating five years of being cancer free. She enjoys yard sales, gardening, playing word games like Scrabble and Upwords, and keeping in close touch with family and friends. June hopes to come north for our 50th reunion to re-connect with BHS classmates. You can reach June at 252-756-1876.

Plymouth, here we come! Continued from page 1

The Plymouth Antiquarian Society, founded in 1919, is Plymouth's largest organization dedicated to preserving historic houses and landmarks. In addition to the Hedge House mentioned above, the Society owns and maintains two historic houses from different centuries: the 1677 Harlow House, the 1749 Spooner House, as well as ancient Native American site, Sacrifice Rock. Call 508-746-0012 for more details. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

For the golfers, we have the **Atlantic Country Club** on 450 Sandy Pond Rd. in Plymouth, Phone # 508-759-6644. Book your tee times by phone. Fall prices for a weekend are \$42 for walkers and \$60 for golf carts. Some classmates are organizing a golf outing on Friday (see page 3).

If you've often thought about visiting **Plimoth Plantation**, this might be the weekend to do that. This landmark which draws tourists from all over the globe, is located three miles from the hotel and is open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Admission is \$26 for seniors. For information about other local attractions, a good website is http://www.visit-plymouth.com.

For those of us who just want to hang out and do nothing but relax, there will be a hospitality suite operating all day Friday and Saturday. (Just ask for the room number at the front desk.) Complimentary soft drinks and munchies will be available. (You're on your own for "adult" beverages.) It will be a great gathering place to have some liquid libations and group conversations, and maybe some laughs about how it used to be and who did what to whom. So there is no excuse for not having a good time.

Blast from the past!

