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# Alumni Newsletter

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## COVID-19 AGAIN CANCELS REUNION 2 YEARS IN A ROW....BUT REUNIONS WILL RETURN

Sadly to say it appears the All-School Reunion will not be happening for the 2nd year in a row. Governor Mills, at press time, is not allowing the State to be at full capacity thus putting a squish on groups of our size and the ability to social distance safely. The Alumni Association hopes you and your family are safe and we are so looking forward to things 'opening up' so everyone's lives can get back to normal. We have listed REUNIONS on page 2. As we go to print only the Class of '70 is currently moving forward with their reunion. Should anything change we will be updating events in the summer newsletter scheduled in August and updates on the website. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 Savor the Flavor, 2 Alumni Classic basketball games, a Spring and Fall Dance (possibly 2) and 2 Reunions.....your Alumni Association needs your \$5 dues NOW more than ever to carry the cost of the newsletter and keeping the organization afloat. Page 5 allows you to make your donation and we certainly appreciate your continued support. Our website ([www.oobeachalumni.com](http://www.oobeachalumni.com)) will keep you informed with up to the minute changes. It's been a very long year with frustrations setting in with everyone, however, it is of utmost importance for everyone to remain safe and healthy during this pandemic. As of now, the classes ending in 0 & 5, 1 & 6, and 2 & 7 will be celebrating their anniversary years when we hope to resume at Duffy's September 17th, 2022. Looks like cabin fever could make this one a HUGE one and be SOLD OUT!



### 2nd OPERATION SEAGULL PRIDE SAVING A WYLAND MASTERPIECE CLOSE TO HOME

23 years ago in November 1999, the theme "Operation Seagull Pride" was used to establish the OOB Alumni Association. We are taking that theme out of the "mothballs" to face another major restoration of the Wyland mural project.

On October 1, 1998, the famous artist Wyland painted a mural on the outside of the John Regan Gymnasium. Mr. Wyland came back some years later and did a touch up job. He is not able to do that now but we have permission to do so. The mural faces the sun and has faded over the years. So to show our "Seagull Pride", the alumni has taken on this project along with the RSU#23 School Dept (formerly OOB Schools). We need your "Seagull Pride" again to restore the Wyland mural. Please see the fundraiser page and send in your chance(s) by June 1, 2021. Sandy does need advice and help from artists and contractors as to possible amounts of paint, supplies needed, type of equipment to use like lifts, etc. to complete the project. Liability insurance will be provided for the project. Please contact Sandy Lord at [sandyseagull@gmail.com](mailto:sandyseagull@gmail.com) or call 207-284-6726 (machine comes on after 6 rings). The mural will be restored when it is safe to do so. No date has been chosen at this time and more information will be available later. Feel free to stop by the high school to see the mural before contacting Sandy. We appreciate any of your help.

**Research Shows:** "1998 Wyland U.S. Migration 50 states in 50 days" selected the Town of Old Orchard Beach & OOBHS as his 25th painting. On Oct. 1st Wyland and his crew arrived with the theme of 'Linking Kids, Teachers, and Parents Around the World with Science and Art equalling Public Awareness to Save our Oceans.' The mural was Dedicated in memory of John Denver 1943-1947. Alumnus Rusty Whitten helped finish the project due to Wyland's time schedule. The workers loved the lobster rolls served by Sandy in Home Ec.

ALL NEW!

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A huge thank you to all of the members that were able to send in dues and donations. It is heartwarming to see as we all face this world at this crazy time. We are able to get this 2021 Newsletter out to you. I know that some people have mentioned sending it to people who have e-mail addresses, but when we tried that earlier, many would get returned because of people changing e-mail addresses. We also get that problem with members not notifying the Association as snail mail address changes and that costs us money for all returned. Since March of 2020, I have been working on trying to update each class list with deceased members since Pam and Cady are working. In the July 2020 Newsletter, there was an article asking for help for/from class agents. Since our first reunion back in November 1999, we didn't start putting obituary information in the reunion booklet until 2001. I am sure there were members of classes who passed away before 2001. A booklet (White Book) was compiled by Jerome LePelletier, E. Emerson Cummings, and secretaries for members from the very beginning of OOBHS and went up to 1968. Using that information and our mailing list, I went through the yearbooks from 1940 to the graduating class of 2020. There were some pictures of students not on the lists in the "WHITE BOOK" and some pics missing of people that are on the lists. Members do not need to have graduated but just have been in certain classes to belong. The senior section of the yearbook is the first thing that has to be in to the printer by October 31 so some pictures are there and a person might not complete their senior year. The Association has been unable to have any of our usual fund-raisers (dances, Savor the Flavor, basketball games etc.) so we are trying to gain some extra money to cover expenses to take on the project of the Wyland mural (see pages 1 and 3) and printing of the newsletter. We are hoping that members will take part in the 2nd Operation Seagull Pride fundraiser. I hope this finds you safe and well so we will be able to get together soon.



The Class of 1970 AS OF NOW IS HAVING its 50th Reunion to October 23rd, 2021, at Joseph's by the Sea in Old Orchard Beach. It's now a 51st Reunion! Spread the word and look for further details in the future newsletters. If you haven't already done so, please send your name, current snail mail address, email address, and phone number to Karen Fortier Waxler: [kwaxler@maine.rr.com](mailto:kwaxler@maine.rr.com). If you know how to locate the following people :John Bedell, Raymond Bouchard, or Sharon Pottle please let them know this information. Hope to see you at our delayed 50th !



Judy Andrews Caras says Covid 19 has postponed the 45th until the fall of 2022. The class of 75 will be celebrating Alumni Weekend Sept 16-18 2022. More details in future newsletters. We are currently looking for the following classmates : Linda Benoit, Diane Berberat, Annette Ducharme Seay, Michael Duhamel, Lynn Farrington, Bruce Gagnon, Annette Gregoire, Kevin Marcotte, Kristine Masterman, Terrance Mullen, Roger Parker, and Michael Sprague. Know where they are?? Email me at [jcaras1@maine.rr.com](mailto:jcaras1@maine.rr.com). Hope to see you at #45, or should we say #46 !



2021 Reunion being cancelled will mean the 2022 get together will be huge ! We will celebrate classes ending in 0 & 5 as well as years ending in 1 & 6 AND 2 & 7. We will start reservations in the winter newsletter coming out in February 2022. Hope you are all staying safe during these troubling times and appreciate your support of YOUR Alumni Association



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### Editor's Note: (Mark Andrews, Class of '74)

Life goes on. Sadly we have lost so many fundraising events and get-togethers because of the pandemic. With the vaccine and social distancing, I so look forward to seeing everyone when things 'open up'. HOPE we can get the Fall Dance in and resume our Alumni Activities in the Spring of '22. Thank you & We need your DUES !





# 2ND OPERATION SEAGULL PRIDE

## RESTORATION OF A WYLAND MASTERPIECE

Purchase an "OPERATION SEAGULL PRIDE" ticket for \$10. You will be entered in the drawing to win a gift certificate worth 1<sup>st</sup> prize-\$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize-\$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize-\$100. Your chance(s) will be assigned a ticket number. This fundraiser is to help defray the cost of restoring the Wyland mural on the OOBHS gym wall after purchasing the gift certificates. All entrees must be received by 6/1/ 2021.

Chances must be purchased by 18 years old or older person(s) because of Maine State laws.  
 ALUMNI MEMBERS-If you take a chance and also send in money for dues or donation to the postage or scholarship fund, your chance money may be put on the same check. PLEASE make out BOTH the reservation form as well as the "Operation Seagull Pride" form and return in the same envelope. We are working towards selling at least 200 chances. Make copies of this form and share it with your relatives, friends, co-workers, etc. Thank you!

RSU#23 STAFF-If you take a chance, you may send in the form with check made out to OOB Alumni Association in interschool mail or place in the mailbox on the wall marked LORD at the high school to save postage. Thank you!

COMMUNITY MEMBERS-Take a chance to help a great cause. Just fill out this form and make the check out to OOB Alumni Association and mail to the address given below. Thank you!

FMI-Please contact Sandy Lord at [sandyseagull@gmail.com](mailto:sandyseagull@gmail.com) or 207-284-6726 machine comes on after 6 rings. The mural will be restored when it is safe to do so.



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~~CUT HERE AND RETURN FORM TO ADDRESS ABOVE~~

PLEASE PRINT 2<sup>nd</sup> OPERATION SEAGULL PRIDE FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ #OF CHANCES \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

For Alumni Co-treasurer use only:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ #of Chances taken \_\_\_\_\_

Amount sent \_\_\_\_\_ # Given \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE IS 6/1/ 2021



## In Memoriam

from 6/1/20 to 3/10/21

Clyde MacDonald '47

Charles Scontras '47

Herb Farmer '48

Richard "Dick" Marshall '50

George Wells '50

Mary Mullen Miller '52

Clayton Harding '57

Janice Boynton Flint '57

Marion Sullivan Ahearn '58

Les Eastman '59

Carol Ann "Candy" Curit Jensen '59

Danny Guarino '60

David Presby '61

Darrell Gamash '61

John Bragdon '64

John Gordon '65

Pam Martin Mullen '67

Sandra Blow Brown '68

Gloria Schmit '68

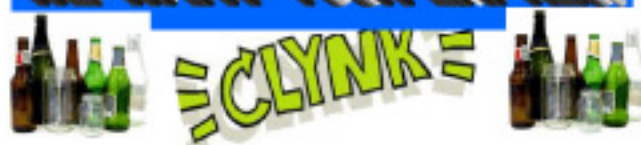
George Skinsacos '74

Helen Ladakakos Smith '78

Priscilla Harvev Faulkinham '86

*Thank you to those who have made donations on behalf of our departed Alumni to The Old Orchard Beach Alumni Scholarship Fund !*

### WE WANT YOUR EMPTIES!



Call Janet Doherty at 934-2228 for your Hannaford Clynk bags and donate YOUR returnable bottles and cans to The Old Orchard Beach Alumni Association

# Alumni Profiles

## Tom Lacasse '76



Tom Lacasse '76 has been a pillar in the OOB community for decades as owner of The Brunswick on West Grand Avenue. It houses Old Orchard's largest beach front patio (and one of the largest on the east coast. )

Tom was a leader in 'making things work' during the pandemic with his commitment to the safety of his clientele and employees. Tom has given back to the community many times over and annually hosts the "LOBSTER DIP" raising thousands for Special Olympics. Tom employs his whole family and his employees are the most loyal any employer could ever want showing Tom's treating his employees as he would want to be treated. If ANYONE comes to Old Orchard Beach 'The Swick' is a must see destination. One of Old Orchard's own.....making memories on the sands of OOB. Thank you Tom Lacasse for all you do with the Alumni and all of your countless generous contributions. The Alumni Association is proud of you.

## WHO AM I ?



Welcome to Old Orchard Beach. This blast from the past was the first family fun thing to do when entering Old Orchard Beach. At one time it had the CLOWN'S MOUTH (that ended up at the Ton Of Fun Funhouse at Palace Playland) adorning it's entrance. What road was it on ? All roads lead to OOB.....your answer is ?

Email your answer to [mandrew1@maine.rr.com](mailto:mandrew1@maine.rr.com) or text 207-423-2975 with your name & year of graduation. Maybe YOUR name will be drawn and win a golf shirt! Good luck !!

Last newsletter we featured The Beach Boys, appearing at The Palace in OOB. Joey McCullum '93 was the lucky winner drawn and wins the alumni golf shirt ! Congratulations!

**PLEASE INCLUDE YEAR OF GRADUATION OR IF YOU ARE A STAFF MEMBER**



# Now, more than ever, WE NEED YOUR DUES



Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2011- 2021 dues at \$5 = \_\_\_\_\_

Prior dues @\$3 - \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Postage Fund = \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Scholarship Donation = \_\_\_\_\_

Joel Barnes Scholarship donation= \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK : \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO : OOBAA

Mail to : OOBAA  
 P.O. Box 337  
 Old Orchard Beach, ME. 04064

**IF NOT PAID BEFORE 2019 FALL DINNER...YOUR DUES ARE DUE NOW FOR 2020 AND 2021**

## Class Notes

**Class notes is a regular feature announcing former classmates' happenings ! Births, engagements, weddings, promotions, etc. Let us know what's happening in YOUR life today !! email us.....see page 6 for e-mail addresses !**

**Gillian Foss '11** earned her Ph.D from LSU in Educational Leadership and Research. **Marlene Angelosante Day '73** is retiring in June 2021 after 44 years of service to the OOB school system. She was also selected as "Maine State Teacher of the Year 1983" and "Teacher of the Year 1982" for the Old Orchard Beach school system. In 2020 **Jack Newton '66** was featured on the local TV channels for volunteering for "Meals on Wheels" and driving people to appointments. **Mike Aaskov, former staff,** retired in 2019 from teaching at Biddeford Regional Center of Technology. **Charlie Davis '56** and **Ann Shepard 'Staff** got married Sept. 17, 2020. **Mark Andrews '74** and wife Cathy moved from their Ross Road location 'upta camp' at their log home on Kennebunk Pond while his son, **Nicholas Andrews '02,** purchased the Ross Rd. homestead and will tie the knot in July this year. **Ashley MacDonald Peterson '07** gave birth to a bouncing baby boy in August 2020 and grandmother **Sandy McSweeny MacDonald '70** loves babysitting while Ashley works at Jameson School.

Cheryl Cameron, daughter of **George Zeller, former PE teacher and coach** in the 1940's, has sent pictures of her dad from being football, basketball, and track coach. **Bob Fowler '55** is retired and living in Beverly Hills, FL. Bob is busy as a volunteer at Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park providing narrations for 3-5 wildlife programs on manatees, vultures, panthers, alligators, and hippos injured or rescued and not returning to the wild. **Reginald E. Larson '51** ( known as Bud) is living in Bonifay, FL. After 53 years of marriage Bud's wife, Ann, passed away on October 13, 2019. Ann's brother Bill passed on December 14, 2019, Ann's identical twin sister fell that December and went into assisted living. Bud, in the meantime, is organizing a get together for the **Class of 1951** prior to the All School Reunion and needs to know if anyone from **1950, 1951, 1952** would like to get together before the next reunion. His address is : Reginald E. Larson, 118 W. Holmes Rd. Bonifay, FL . 32425 **Jamie Mitchell '96** is now the Town Clerk in Kennebunkport.

## When the pandemic ends.....



Your **Alumni Association** will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month in The Sandy Lord Conference Room at OOBHS. Come share your thoughts with us ! We ALWAYS welcome new ideas. 6:30 is when we begin and rarely it goes more than 2 hours. Come see us !



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Fall Dance**

Music from All YEARS !  
 Sat. Nov. 13th 7-10 pm  
 Duffy's Tavern and Grill  
 Raising money for scholarships !



**ALUMNI BASKETBALL CLASSIC**

Fri. Mar. 18th, 2022 6pm  
*Seagulls of today vs. Stars of yesteryear !*



**SAVOR THE FLAVOR**

Dine at Old Orchard's Best Kept Secrets  
 BIG Spring Fund Raiser  
 see [oobeachalumni.com](http://oobeachalumni.com) for details



**All-School Reunion Weekend**

Sept. 16, 17, 18, 2022  
*Honoring years ending in 0 & 5, 1 & 6, 2 & 7*

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