

NHS ALUMNI NEWS

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CALENDAR

- **March 3 - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., NHS Library**
- **March 7 - Teacher Honor Roll, 3:00 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church**
- **April 7 - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., NHS Library**
- **May 5 - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., NHS Library**
- **June 2 - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., NHS Library**



On January 22nd Matthew Doran (Hour Staff Writer) wrote of the loss of Tom Corbo, affecting scores, not the least of which is the Norwalk High School Alumni Association. Tom was one of the founders of NHSAA and served as treasurer for the Association for many years.

A loving father, our great friend and dedicated volunteer, Thomas R. Corbo, passed away, but not before affecting many who were privileged to share the company of this affable, gentle man. Tom was born in Norwalk on September 26, 1931. He was a graduate of Norwalk High School (Class of 1950) and

had served his country during the Korean War in the U.S. Army. He was the husband of the late Harriet Skinner Corbo.

Along with his brother, Bob, Tom helped mold local sports and in particular Cranbury Baseball and Norwalk Biddy Basketball leagues. He was also the founder of the Kinlock Memorial Baseball tourney whose influence on untold numbers of youth lives on.

Corbo had many long-time involvements; among them the Norwalk High School Alumni Association, Cranbury Community Athletic Association, Senior Babe Ruth League, Ridgefield Italian-American Club, Rotary, Laurel Athletic Club, Norwalk Old Timers Association, South Norwalk Boat Club, and St. Philip Church, all of which he served faithfully throughout his life, but more fervently following his retirement from the local banking industry. Tom's many activities led to his being honored by a season-ending youth baseball tournament in his name.

Proof of his engaging personality was evident in his presence at so many NHS sports events, where he and those he encountered enjoyed the exchange. The accolades are far too numerous to list, but the most recent were the naming of the Cranbury League field as Tom Corbo/Larry Anastasia Field and in November 2009, together with his brother, Bob, being honored with a scholarship for Biddy Basketball Leagues in their names.

Tom is survived by four sons, Thomas R. Corbo and his wife Patty of Monroe, Timothy R. Corbo of Hollywood, CA, Todd R. Corbo and his wife Linda of Fairfield and Mark R. Corbo of Norwalk; two daughters, Susan Corbo Ameer and her husband Charlie of Weston, and Sara Jane Corbo Veno and her husband Steven of Ridgefield, his sister Gloria Stone of Lewisboro, NY, brother Robert Corbo of Norwalk, 12 grandchildren, Stevie, Stephanie, Brendan, Michael, Adam, Kyle, T.J., Charles, Christopher, Kevin, Anna and Madison, and several nieces and nephews. We extend our deepest condolences to the entire family.

A Special Thank You

In May 2009, Norwalk High School sent the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund a check for \$1,025. School officials acknowledged they had no record of the source of the funds, other than it was a donation designated for Kevin's Fund. As best as can be determined, it is believed the funds were a gift from the Norwalk High School Class of '97.

Kevin's Fund would like to acknowledge the members of the class of 1997 for their generosity in remembering a friend and companion especially since Kevin was a graduate of the class of 1996. We are sincerely apologetic this acknowledgement has taken over twelve years to be communicated but we were unaware of the gift until only recently.

Because so many people have remembered, since Kevin's passing in 1997, Kevin's Fund has been able to award over \$900,000 in scholarships to over 70 exceptional young men and women now in college, business, government, and education.

With kindest regards and sincere appreciation to the class of 1997.

*The Kevin M. Eidt Memorial
Scholarship Fund*

NHS Alumni Association

President...Matthew Scully, '93
Vice-President...Patricia A. Maiatico, '71
Secretary...Heidi S. Godleski, '61
Treasurer...Carol Hamilton, '70
Membership...Barbara O'Connor, '71
Newsletter...Sharon Cadden, Barbara O'Connor
Public Relations, Jeffrey Clarke, '93
Scholarship...Patrick D. Spinola, '57
Teacher Honor Roll...Catherine Vigilante, '48
Wall of Honor Dinner...Heidi S. Godleski, '61
Wall of Honor Tickets...Barbara O'Connor, '71
Wall of Honor Selection...Matthew Scully, '93

The President's Message...

It is with great honor that I introduce myself to you as the eighth President of the Norwalk High School Alumni Association. For the past six years, this position has been held by Glenn Iannaccone, but as Glenn increases his responsibilities on the Board of Education, on behalf of the NHSAA, I want to thank Glenn for his hard work and dedication to this Association and thank him for giving us a solid platform to build upon over the years to come.

As page one sadly indicates, we lost a great one with the passing of Tom Corbo. Tom made a huge bear print in Norwalk's youth sports serving in every volunteer capacity. His dedication created many recreational sports leagues and his community involvement spans well over five decades. Tom was also an original member of the NHSAA and up until last year, he was our treasurer...Tom, you will be missed and the Norwalk High School Alumni Association joins the City of Norwalk in thanking you for everything you did to our betterment, as well as future generations who will continue to benefit from your inspiration.

As the new decade begins, so does the new era with the Norwalk High School Alumni Association, and we are excited with what we have in store for the Norwalk High family. This year we are strategically focusing our efforts in three areas that we feel are going to grow the Association, strengthen our foundation for decades to come, and most importantly, serve a social and educational resource to kids in school and to adults that have graduated.

The three focused areas are:

1. Create a professional resource pipeline and establish a rapport between today's students and alumni.
2. Increase the information flow from the Association and Norwalk High School to all alumni.
3. Take a more active role in community volunteer efforts.

These areas are seeds that are going to require a lot of gardening and cultivation. They are also initiatives too heavy for the Alumni Association Board to bear. Here is where I ask you for your help: join one of our committees, refresh us with one of your ideas, support current student activities/sports or even flip a burger at the summer picnic. Ask yourself how you can give back to a community that has provided you with lifelong friends and an education.

I thank the board for their confidence in me to lead this organization into this new era and I thank you for your continued support in our events, membership dues, and your goal of providing a better tomorrow to everyone who has walked the halls at Norwalk High School.

Stay Tuned,
Matt Scully

Upcoming Class Reunions

(Note: Check the Reunion Link on our website for any changes to these reunions: www.norwalkhs.org)

Class of 1937: Feb/June A date in June 2010—TBD; contact Ellen Kirtland at 203-847-3468.

Class of 1938: Mike Errico's class will gather on July 10, 2010; contact Mike at 203-441-8204.

Class of 1940: 70th reunion luncheon on Thursday, May 20 at Shore & Country Club. For more information contact Eleanor Paulovich Wargo (203-852-8128), Doris Gale Mason (203-846-9734) or Nancy Lenihan (203-853-0530 or email nancylenihan@msn.com). They are welcoming previous class members as well as family members.

Class of 1950: Save the date: Sunday, October 17, 2010 for our 60th reunion brunch at the Shore and Country Club. Contact Dr. Donald D. Yanell, 83 East Avenue #202, Norwalk, CT 06851, (203) 838-2203 or email donalddyanelldds@aol.com

Class of 1952: Sunday, September 26, 2010 is your 58th reunion at the Shore and Country Club. There will be a champagne brunch. For information please call Elaine Yanell in Westport at (203) 227-0773 or call Thurley Burns in Newtown, CT at (203) 270-6977 or email thurleyo@charter.net.

Class of 1955: Friday, September 10, 2010 at the Norwalk Inn and Conference Center and a Clambake on Sunday, September 11, 2010 at the Penfield Pavilion in Fairfield For further information email dkatakacs@prodigy.net.

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The 2010 Norwalk High School Spring Musical—Les Misérables

The Norwalk High School Music Department and the Norwalk High School Fathers Club are pleased to present “Les Misérables® School Edition” for the 2010 Spring Musical. Performances will take place on April 30, May 1, May 7, May 8, and May 14 and 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the Norwalk High School Auditorium. There will also be a special matinee performance on Sunday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets go on sale to the public on March 15. Please note that all ticket orders are filled on a first come, first served basis and all seating is reserved so place your order early.

Both Mr. Smith, Orchestra Director and Producer, and Ms. Cutuli-Block, Choreographer, are retiring this year and this will be their last show together. We are anticipating a sold out weekend on May 14 & 15. Be sure to order early and specify any special seating requests.

Happy 90th Birthday

A Happy Belated Birthday wish goes out to Mike Errico, class of '38. Mike celebrated his birthday with a giant card sent by his brother Joe and signed by nearly 70 of his friends from Norwalk. This is his first birthday in years that he hasn't been working to finish up the NHSAA newsletter. We hope you are enjoying your retirement as NHSAA newsletter editor, just one of your many past NHSAA volunteer positions.



Norwalk High School 2010 SPRING MUSICAL - "LES MISÉRABLES"

TICKET ORDER FORM

Received: _____
 Confirmed: _____
 Circle: called, left message, by email
 Mailed: _____

Tickets for “Les Misérables” are only available by using this order form or buying them at the door. Return this order form with your payment as soon as possible to ensure the best seating. All seats are reserved, no general admission. Seats are assigned on a “first come, first served” basis. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$10 for students/senior citizens. Student rates apply to students in grade 12 and under; senior citizen rates apply to age 65 and older. Check at the front office for additional copies of the ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORMS. Regular ticket order forms are available at www.norwalkhighmusical.com.

To Purchase Tickets:

- ❖ Mail order form (with full payment) to: Fathers Club, P.O. Box 755 – Belden Station, Norwalk, CT 06852-0755.
- ❖ If you choose, bring your order to Maryann Dimeglio at the Norwalk High School main office, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please put your order form and full payment in a sealed envelope with the words “M. Dimeglio, Spring Musical” on the front.
- ❖ The Fathers Club will phone/email you to confirm receipt of each ticket order.
- ❖ All ticket sales are final - NO returns, refunds or exchanges.
- ❖ Tickets can also be purchased on the night of each performance (for that performance only) in the Norwalk High School lobby starting at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Tickets orders are not accepted by phone or email.

If you need your tickets before the night of the performance, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your order. The postage is 44¢ for up to 4 tickets. Otherwise, tickets will be held for you at the door on the night of the performance. Include your telephone number/email address for confirmation of your order.

Ticket Costs	\$12.00	\$10.00	Total \$	for office use only
	# of Adult Tickets	# of Student/Senior Tickets		
April 30 (Fri) – 8:00 p.m.				
May 1 (Sat) – 8:00 p.m.				
May 2 (Sun) – 3:00 p.m. matinee				
May 7 (Fri) – 8:00 p.m.				
May 8 (Sat) – 8:00 p.m.				
May 14 (Fri) – 8:00 p.m.				
May 15 (Sat) – 8:00 p.m.				
***MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “NHS FATHERS CLUB”			TOTAL \$	
(A \$20 Returned Check Fee will be charged for each returned check)				

Paid by: Check # _____ Cash _____ Money Order _____

Purchaser's Name and Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Special Needs: _____

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS (WHEELCHAIR, VISION, HEARING, WALKER), PLEASE INDICATE THIS ON THE ORDER FORM AND EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL BE DONE TO ACCOMMODATE YOU.

Please call Angela Ararajo (203) 855-0203 with any questions about ticket orders.
www.NorwalkHighMusical.com, tickets@NorwalkHighMusical.com, P. O. Box 755 - Belden Station, Norwalk, CT 06852-0755

PLEASE NOTE:
 Tickets will not be processed until after March 15th





**Norwalk High School
Scholarship Foundation
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All members owe special thanks to the dedicated threesome who decorated the City Hall Community Room with our tree this past holiday (Glenn Iannaccone, Matt Scully and Catherine Vigilante). An additional shout out to Ellen Wink, who single-handedly took the tree down! With everyone's holiday schedules far too overloaded, we are indebted to all of Santa's helpers!

While I am reminded of do-gooders, Brian Muro '91 is one of the smiling faces that will greet you at New York Bakery where his family has offered delicious baked goods for more than 50 years! They have generously donated to many of our functions which helps defer expenses. Kindly support those who support us and stop by the bakery in its long standing location on Main Avenue.

This is yet another urgent appeal to members whose help is required if we are to continue our socials. The usual handful continue to perform ALL of the work. Since we have at least 500 able bodied members, we implore and challenge you to make a New Year's resolution: serve NHSAA with 15 minutes...just enough time to pick up an item en route to a social or to make a few phone calls. Speaking for those who have continually performed these tasks, we will gladly skip a turn! The next social is the Teacher Honor Roll so please call Catherine Vigilante to ask how you might help (203-866-3504).

Kudos to NHS Guidance Counselor, Dan Sullivan! He was recently recognized with a Service Award at Norwalk Public Schools' Dr. Martin Luther King Day ceremonies for his exemplary service to Norwalk students. NHSAA works closely with him throughout the year in pursuit of scholarship recipients we award annually (in excess of \$250K since inception by the late Alan Burr). Thanks again to Dan for his work for us and NHS students as we continue to recognize graduating seniors. See the web site for donation forms: www.norwalkhs.org.

In the month of December 2009, long-time NHSAA member, Emily Pease Haas '45, passed away, as did veteran, John M. Ingersoll, '66. Emily was the head librarian at Cranbury for many years and very active at Norwalk United Methodist where she married in '54. Our sympathies to the Pease, Hass and Ingersoll families.

In his final year as NHS Marching Bears director, Jeff Smith's students took gold at MAC Class V championships in November. At the end of the school year, Smith steps down after 33 years of leading the highly competitive group. Chris Rivera, who studied under Smith at NHS, will succeed him as head of the NHS Music Department. The very best to Jeff and his family as he enters a well-deserved retirement.

More Reunion News (continued from page 2)

Class of 1960: THE BIG ONE IS HERE! The 50th reunion is Friday, October 15, 2010 at City Hall (OUR high school) and Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Birchwood Country Club. For information call Ginny DeMarco at 203-853-1363 or email Diane Langlois Hyzy at LadyDi62842@aol.com.

Class of 1975: Summer 2010 TBA; send email to nhsclassof75@aol.com, attention Reunion Committee, c/o Marie Strolin or call 203-459-8472.

Class of 1990: Fall 2010, date, time and location to be determined. For more information contact Jennifer Zinsser-Wilson, via email at jenniferzinsser@yahoo.com.

Class of 2000: November 2010! Class 2000 – November 27, 2010, Cocktail Party at Sono Brewhouse. Contact Stephanie DiScala Fitzgerald via email at steph.fitzgerald@gmail.com or Jill Ireland at j.ireland@hotmail.com.

Have news to share? Please send your contributions to info@norwalkhs.org.

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