BEVERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1958

Issue 9

We are pleased to announce the addition of Neil Flewelling to the Reunion Committee. Neil volunteered his services some time ago and we added him initially to provide a second signature on our bank account – just in case – but we'll be hoping for some fresh ideas from Neil's extensive background with events for our next gathering in August of 2020.

Seems like that still a ways off, but not really as booking the site in only a couple of months gets it started.

Shortly after the last issue appeared I received a suggestion/request that we publish the names of class members who had passed away between printings.

Generally, it had not been my intention to do this as I had in mind to just not go there. Negativity and all that, and also the six-month interval seemed too long to provide the information in a timely manner. But it was a request, and it would remain news to some readers, so I agreed to go with it.

Of necessity we do keep track of passing of class members in order to maintain a reasonably accurate contact list. The information is always available to anyone who inquires, and is archived on Dick Page's web site, Penbayonline.com.

To that end, we list the following departed classmates since last August: Michael Larrivee, Roland D'Entremont, Frank Quinn, Robert Woodbury, and Eugene Normand.

By request, the obituary notice for Gene Normand is included below.

There is also a technical issue involved in that some names are not discovered until long after the fact raising questions I have no answers for; we usually have no details, particularly as to when.

A case in point would be that of Raymond Arsenault. We recently learned from an older brother Roger, that Ray had died a "long time ago," and we believe in New Hampshire – somewhere. We have nothing further to confirm, but the statement of a family member seems sufficient to move him from the list of "missing" to the Memorial List. Bookkeeping. This case also might beg the question, "Who is Raymond Arsenault and why is he even involved here." The only answer I have for that is that he's in the "Directory," so take any arguments to them. I can attest to his being in the "Class beginning 1946" but have no recollection of when he was last seen in a Beverly school.

There are still about 70 names in the missing category and I personally remember enough of them to say that most are properly there.

Buzz Brooks sends this message from out west: (1/2/19)

Thanks for the Newsletter. I was great hearing about the reunion and reading the various contributed stories.

Live is good here in Tucson. I'm sitting in my office looking out over the mountains that are covered by snow and expecting 60 degree "Winter" temperatures today – forecasted to be in the 70's next week. Tucson is a nice balance of a smaller city, with a big university, lots of activities, low cost of living, etc. The only downside is that our kids (3 boys, 8 grandchildren) are all back east (Worcester, Boxford and Summit, NJ) – they visit a few times a year and we normally get back east once.

Happy New Year!

… and Tony Bonjorno, records a recent visit to that part of the country:

October 2018. Wanting to meet our first great grand daughter plus to visit places on our "bucket list", and to see family, we headed West. We flew into LA and after a harrowing bus ride through the taxi ways with planes moving everywhere, we caught our flight to Fresno. There we rented the Subaru Legacy that we drove for almost a month, a comfortable car that handled very well. We headed for Yosemite View Hotel, just outside the western entrance to the park. Nightfall and rain occurred before we reached our destination. This required driving along a very winding road through the mountains. No lights on the road....thank God for reflectors. Signs warning us of falling rocks added to the tension, especially when a rock the size of a softball bounced just in front of the car.

Yosemite is a fantastic park....so diverse. Giant Sequoia, the valley, and the vast mountain back country. After days at Yosemite, we headed south and stopped for a few days at Death Valley on the way to Santa Ana to visit my sister Merinda. I don't know much about Death Valley. I knew about the heat (90's) but did not expect sand dunes and volcanic cinder cones. We had planned to go out to Catalina Island but rough sea conditions prevented that, so instead we drove up to beautiful Pasadena to visit the Huntington Estate Museum. Huntington was a founder of the Trans American Railroad.....big bucks. The place was beautiful.

We then drove south to Ramona CA. To visit Joan's brother before heading east to Phoenix to meet our great granddaughter, then to Tuscon,(grandson), back to Phoenix for a few days, before going to Sedona. We were in no hurry, so we took the back route through the mountains and valleys. Stopped for lunch at the old mining town of Jerome. It is built on a series of one house and street wide terraces on the side of a mountain.

Sedona one of our favorite places.....so beautiful. Every way you look is a scene for a post card photo. After a few days in Sedona we drove back west through the boonies of desert and mountains to Golden Valley(just west of Kingman AZ.) Joan had another brother who passed away in the heat of the summer, so they were having a celebration of life in his honor. We stayed at a high rise hotel/ casino in Laughlin NV. on the banks of the Colorado River....very nice. Next morning we drove again through the desert,to Las Vegas for the flight back to Boston. Great time.

Peg (Renwick) Tutone, also traveling …

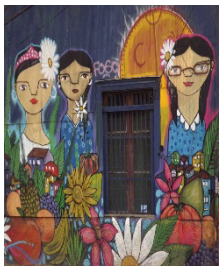
Quite an August 2018—TWO big trips for me: a very enjoyable "walk down memory lane" week at my 60th (gasp!) high school reunion in Beverly, MA, and an incredible trip to South America with Andrea.

Beverly was fun—seeing family and friends for the first time in 10 years. Not enough time (never is!), but so easy to pick up where we left off. At the class reunion were some folks I hadn't seen since high school. Sunday brunch at the Danversport Yacht Club was open to all BHS grads, another chance to catch up. Fun to hear how our lives had diverged.

Both events were too short but very enjoyable. Also had time that week to check out my old local landmarks, many of which were no more and others that had vastly changed (e.g., my alma mater, Endicott College).

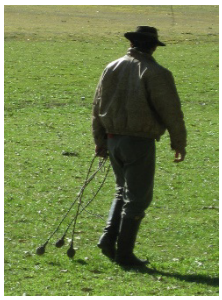
South America was amazing...a beautiful part of the world! Almost two weeks at gorgeous hotels with great amenities, wonderful food, and a diverse and interesting itinerary.

CHILE… 11-hour flight to Santiago to join our very congenial group of 25. Had wonderful massages at our Singular Lastarria hotel. In neighborhood park (Parque Forestal) found mellow, well-cared-for stray dogs provided with food, colorful painted dog houses, and coats! Sampled the national drink: pisco sour.



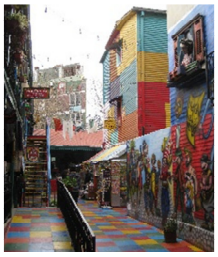
Walked around colonial Plaza de Armas city center, including the Presidential Palace (with armed guards) and Cathedral Metropolitana, seat of the Archdiocese. Stopped at llama farm and interacted with very friendly llamas. Toured the seaport of Valparaiso, UNESCO World Heritage Site of quasi-medieval streets. Rode a funky funicular (cable car) down a hill among buildings of all hues. Enjoyed wine with cheese and artisanal chocolates at 100-year-old Kingston Family Winery overlooking the vast Casablanca Valley.

ARGENTINA… Flew 2 hours to Buenos Aires, with its elegant, passionate, refined, fun-loving people. Emphasis on appearance; plastic surgery center. Dinner at 10 p.m. Clubs open at 2:00 a.m. 20-lane streets. Checked in at the exquisite Alvear Palace in upscale Recoleta. Colonial style. Dinner at Piegari Carnes was our first taste of Argentine beef. Enjoyed dulce de leche specialties, local delicious coffee and regional cookies. Sampled country's national drink--mate (Ma-TAY) tea--as essential to South Americans as coffee is to Americans (the taste is similar to green tea).



Andrea went horseback riding at sprawling, rustic La Bamba de Areco Estancia in the Pampas. Thrilling gauchos' show of acrobatic riding, herding, racing, horse dancing. Incredible outdoor feast at long table, like in the movies! Home to an international polo team.

Toured Palermo (largest, trendy neighborhood in Buenos Aires), San Telmo (picturesque barrio with cobblestone streets, cafes, street musicians and tango dancers), and ornate Recoleta Cemetery where Eva Peron is buried in her family's mausoleum. Watched Changing of the Guard inside the Metropolitan Cathedral at the tomb of Argentina's founding father. This was the church of Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio before he became Pope Francis in 2013, the first pope from the Southern Hemisphere.

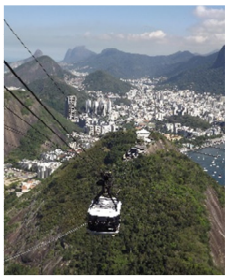


Strolled La Boca, a working-class neighborhood where tango was born and home to the successful football (soccer) club, Boca Juniors. Brightly colored buildings. European flavor. Toured the luxurious Teatro Colon, a world-class Opera house with 2,500 seats and standing room for 1,000 more. Excellent acoustics. Watched part of a rehearsal for a French opera. After dinner, experienced a history-of-tango live show at Rojo Tango.

IGUASSU FALLS… 2-hour flight to Puerto Iguazu. Inside Iguassu National Park, stayed at its only hotel--the Belmond das Cataratas. Elevated walkways allowed us to explore the Argentine side of the Falls, containing 80% of the falls in the park. Site of 1986's "The Mission," starring Robert DeNiro. The single most powerful waterfall in the park is "Devil's Throat" (Garganta del Diablo). Pretty darn impressive! On the Brazilian side, felt the spray in our faces in our close-up views. Watched tiny swifts dart to their nests under the massive falls. Lots of rainbows on both sides. **My favorite event: an exhilarating helicopter ride over the entire panorama!**

Visited a bird park (Parque das Aves), a 12-acre sanctuary for rescued exotic birds (e.g., the cassowary--the world's most dangerous and aggressive bird--and harpy eagles--the most powerful bird of prey). Enjoyed Kingdom of Butterflies section where butterflies feasted on fruit platters. Had picnic lunch overlooking the Falls, mindful of wild coatis—racoon-like critters with long snouts and claws--that steal food from tourists! **Andrea's highlight: Lunar Rainbow Tour** where, only during a Full Moon, silver rainbows emerge from a wall of white water. "Magical!"

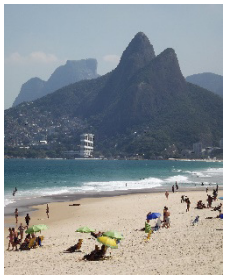
BRAZIL…Flew 2 hours to Rio de Janeiro (population: 7 million descendants of Portuguese settlers and African slaves); only S.A. country with Portuguese as its official language. Saw Christ the Redeemer statue from our fabulous room at Belmond Copacabana Palace. Sampled Rio's national drink--caipirinha. Sumptuous dinner at Fogo de Chao, traditional Brazilian steakhouse, followed by Ginga Tropical Show of flamboyant samba dancers.



Cable car ride up/down 1,300' high Sugarloaf Mountain; featured in the James Bond film "Moonraker." Opened in 1912, it was the third cableway to be built in the world and has transported 37 million people since. Next was a city tour that ended at Copacabana Beach, site of the 2016 Olympic Volleyball events. Rio's beaches are an important part of Brazilian life. Sidewalk wave patterns identify different beaches, and sprinklers create a cool path into the hot sand. Buffet lunch at 1894 Confeitaria Columbo, known for its elaborate stained-glass murals and decadent pastries.

Over a million people in Rio live in favelas, shantytowns on the city's steep hillsides with, ironically, the best views. Visited Tavares Bastos, where "Incredible Hulk" movie was filmed. Labyrinth of cobblestone streets, tiny apartments, intricate passageways and blind alleys. Our host, British expat Bob Nadkarni created a unique jazz club ("The Maze") in his home, where volunteer artists from all over the world come to create mosaics on walls and floors. Breathtaking terrace views of Sugarloaf Mountain, Corcovado Mountain, Christ the Redeemer and Guanabara Bay.

Rode narrow-gauge train through Tijuca Forest to the top of Corcovado (Hunchback Mountain), where we saw two pigmy marmosets, the world's smallest monkeys, and a sloth inching up a tree. Atop Corcovado is the famous Christ the Redeemer statue, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Worldwide symbol for peace; made of concrete and soapstone. Statue is 98' tall, with outstretched arms measuring 92'—massive! Small chapel in base.



Stopped at iconic Ipanema Beach, made famous by Antonio Carlos Jobim in his song "Girl from Ipanema." Spent the afternoon at the Belmond's private section of Copacabana Beach, complete with amenities. Carlos, a handsome masseur, gave Peg an amazing foot massage there! Serenaded by local musicians. Lots of colorful vendors. Splashed in the turquoise-blue waters of the Atlantic. Farewell Dinner at Michelin-rated restaurant "Mee."

On our final day, enjoyed our last great breakfast buffet at Pergula Restaurant, and took a dip in the hotel's rooftop black-bottom pool overlooking Rio. Thanks, South America, for an INCREDIBLE adventure!

May we all have happy days in the coming year and the good health to enjoy every one.
With gratitude for our wonderful lives and the opportunity to see so many parts of our amazing world…
Much love from Peg and Andrea (and Buddy the cat)

… and just because I have a perverse faculty of noticing things like this:

… as mentioned:

Eugene "Gene" Normand, 78
September 27, 1940 - January 15, 2019

KINGSTON - Eugene "Gene" Vincent Normand died peacefully with his his family by his side on January 15th after a long and hard fought battle with cancer. Gene is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Jean Normand of Kingston, NH and his four children, Eric Normand of Pegram, TN, Diana Robinson of Nottingham, NH, Josh Normand of Exeter, NH and Sarah Richards of Springfield, VA, as well as 7 adoring grandchildren who lovingly called him "Pops".

Born in Salem, MA in 1940, he attended Beverly High School where he graduated in 1958.
Gene was a veteran of the US Army and was stationed in both France and Germany post WWII. He proudly wore his Army hat and volunteered his time with groups such as the Pease Greeters, welcoming deployed troops home from foreign wars.

Gene reinvented himself multiple times throughout his professional life having started his career in Banking and was the proud owner of multiple Porsches during those years. He worked for many years in auto sales/finance and found just about any way to support his family which he loved. He was a great father and mentor helping all four of his children to be the first generation in his family to attend college. He went back to college himself in the 90's for CAD to obtain the degree he started during his younger years.

He played bass guitar for over 6 decades in his folk music group Windspirit alongside his wife, and both played regularly for the LaSalette Faith Community both in Ipswich and Topsfield, MA. He was a member of St. Joseph Church in Epping, NH where he was involved with the choir. He and his wife also added their music talents to the group Rockin' Rockers. His devotion to making people happy with his music showed in his commitment to playing at the Rockingham County Nursing Home until very recently.

He enjoyed taking his kids and their friends on vacation at Lake Winnipesaukee during summers when they were young. He was known as Dad or Pops to many more children than his own 4 kids, guiding them all with love and humor. His favorite food was the elusive Cantonese Chow Mein and he was a respectable self-taught cook most of this life. In the spirit of constantly reinventing himself he became an active Yogi for past few years of his life.

Regrets:

I have to announce that his will have to be the last of these newsletters due to a lack of copy. My thanks to those who have contributed material – in several instances, repeatedly – but the initial hope that more class members would submit material didn't work out: it rarely does.

It will not escape notice that even with a page devoted to the Alumni Breakfast this issue comes in at only about half of those previous.

In the event of a sudden deluge of copy, I will consider another issue, but it will have to be on Indian time (oh, crap, that's probably racist or something).

We will of course continue to maintain the records for Reunion purposes and will send out any appropriate bulletins as needed. So, until August of 2020,

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Announcement of the Annual BHS 50+ Breakfast

As for the past couple of years we are providing the registration material for the Alumni Breakfast to members of the class of 1958 in order to reach the largest number possible. With the exceptions of those without access to email (who will receive a mailed form) **this will be your only notice**.

We are not directly involved in this event but will attempt to answer any questions although recommend contacting Nancy Cavanaugh as noted.

B.H.S. Alumni Breakfast
Sunday, August 11, 2019

Dear Classmates,

The 24th Annual Alumni Breakfast will be held this year on August 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Danversport Waterfront (Formerly Danversport Yacht Club).

We will be honoring the Class of 1969 as they celebrate their 50th Class Reunion.

This form must be completed and mailed by July 27, 2019 for a reservation and inclusion in the program. The return date must be FIRM in order to allow ample time for the seating plan to be completed.

The cost of the seated breakfast will be $27.00 per person. Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door.

Tables will be reserved for all classes.

If you have questions, please notify your class representative or contact Nancy Cavanaugh at: 508-954-1553, or, nancycavanaugh@comcast.net

We look forward to seeing everyone to share fond memories and create new ones.

Sincerely, (your class representative)

ALL ALUMNI, PLEASE FILL OUT INDIVIDUAL FORMS. THANK YOU.

WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CONVERSATION DURING THE PROGRAM. THANK YOU!

Please print clearly and include your maiden name, if applicable. Detach this portion and send with a check payable to "BHS Alumni Breakfast". **Please be sure to enclose a SELF ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE.**

Mail to: Nancy Cavanaugh
16 Yankee Way
Beverly, MA 01915

Name of Alumni: _____ Class of _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ Class of _____

No. of Tickets:_____Check Total (# of tickets x $27.00)_____Dollars

Check Number: _____ Class year with which to be seated_____

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