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★ 30TH REUNION

Letter from the Prez



Hello Class of 1980,

During the planning of this reunion, I have had many opportunities to reflect on our high school years. Sometimes memories have reached back as far as elementary school. I have gone through our yearbooks many times, I have been able to communicate with a lot of classmates, and I have viewed many old photos of us. **Neptune High School Class of 1980 was the Best!!!** We were ambitious, we achieved, we were scholars, we were superb athletes, we set new records, and we won championships. We dressed up for school and took pride in looking good. We helped to set the foundation for the outstanding school Neptune High has become today. That is our past and our legacy.

I've never felt so much love for any group of people as the love that I feel for you, my classmates. I don't know how many of you remember the fact that I served as your Class President for all three years of high school. I was in a car accident and you, my fellow classmates, voted for me to be Senior Class President without my even being there. My heart swells with joy because of the love and support that you all showed me when I needed it the most. I am forever grateful. Thank you. Neptune High gave me the impetus to go off and do great things. In moving forward, my message to you is that your success should be measured by the love in your heart, the family and friends by your side, and the peace within your soul. Strive for those things and you will find true happiness. As we age, our bodies get older and maybe even a little weaker, but our minds and maturity level should be stronger.

Through the years we have all been through trials and tribulations that could have broken us down; but we persevered, we faced challenges head on, and we made it. By virtue of the fact that we are here today sharing in this glorious occasion – our 30th Class Reunion – means that we made it! Planning this reunion has been tough and I want to thank each and every one of you for showing up. You showed up for the Class of 1980 to share, laugh, reminisce, and just see each other “one more time”. At this stage in our lives, there is a lot going on that could have kept you from being here. In traversing the pathways of life toward those all elusive things called happiness and success, you could have easily taken a road that was headed away from here and away from us. Thank you for attending and making this reunion a priority. You should all be proud of yourselves. I am proud of you.

Speaking of planning this fabulous event — much thanks to my reunion committee!!! Without them, this event would not be as wonderful as it is. A special shout out goes to **Valerie Carr** and **Ellen DeSarno**, both of these classmates put out **EXCEPTIONAL** effort and shouldered a lot of responsibility. Let's build some special memories over this weekend. Don't judge each other with false measuring sticks. Love each other for the strong foundation that we built together as the Great Class of 1980. Remember that we ushered in a new decade. Reach into your hearts for that spirit that we had as teenagers. It is still in us and it will be with us for the rest of our lives. Use it to keep on keeping on. **I love you all. Be happy. Be strong. Be blessed.**

Love and Friends Always,
Kathy Alston, Class President

CONGRATULATIONS

Neptune High School
Class of 1980

This our 30th Class Reunion

We made it!!!

Always Remember the Good Times We Shared



Live, Love, Laugh

‘Cause the Beat Goes On and On,
Just Like My Love Everlasting

Your Prez Kathy



Neptune High School Class of 1980 memories...

Hanging out at **VICS**, Neptune Carvel, Pebble Beach, **STONE PONY**, **KELLY'S**, Avon Beach, Ocean Grove Beach, **AVON-BY-THE-SEA**, Headliner, Montego Bay, Jimmy Byrne's, Steve Gepp's, **GINO'S**, Dairy Queen, Mickey D's after every game, taking the SAT's (once, and without practice), night soccer and football games, homecomings, building floats, the smoking area, the band room, the cafeterias, hanging out at the Monmouth Mall and Spencer's Gift Store, life before cell phones, 8-track tapes, buying records at Two Guys, proms, contest nights, sleepovers, the Science Post, the Yearbook, The Blazer, Scatter Chatter, Proteus, school plays in the "condemned" Ocean Grove school, the Ocean Grove gates closing at midnight, band trips, concerts at Convention Hall in Asbury Park, Glenn Fitch, Tracy Dunbar and Dwayne Allen's USA High School National Record Hurdle Relay Team, Beating Asbury Park on Thanksgiving, Boy and Girls Championship Basketball Teams, Swim Team practice at the Asbury Park YMCA, Scott "Bam Bam" Bigelow, The "RAT PATROL", "CRAZY WHITE PEOPLE".

Pranks & Poems

Every class probably thinks this about itself, but we believe that the Class of 1980 was a particularly funny, bold, and creative lot. Irreverent, perhaps, but in an innocent way! We recorded examples of things we did without getting caught, and some of the stuff that would feature us on a "60 Minutes" episode today!

Abandoning sophomores on Essex Road at night...smoking in the cemetery while we were supposed to be running Agony Hill for soccer practice...baking Mr. Whitson cookies with Tender Vittles in them instead of chocolate chips...Festooning toilet paper all over Mr. Herbert's yard...soaping car windows...spray painting...who cut school on Senior Cut Day, got water balloons and machine guns and started the water fight after last period lunch...who used to take the bank drive-through containers from the bank across the street from the school...wine and cookies at Mr. Tilton's

house (after we got caught sneaking around his property)...forging hall passes to meet in the girl's room at 1:20 every day...jumping out the window during detention when Mr. Beltle's back was turned...hiding Mr. Herbert's grade book in the girl's locker room bathroom...braving the "Albino Driveway"...parking in the teacher's parking lot...changing seats in the movie theater when KB went for popcorn...distributing prunes and toilet paper on mischief nite...drawing cartoons of our teachers on the blackboard before they came in...showing up as the "Unknown Comic" for Mr. Tilton's class...

What I Did:

Below is a sampling of poems from the 1980 editon of our high school's favorite poetry publication, "Proteus".

Holiday

A Valentine present,
Is automatic pleasure,
It's such a warm thought.
by Joanne O'Shea



Bedroom

Four walls and a bed,
Solitude silently sets,
Life slips away slowly.
by Debbie Johnson

Love

A hug or a kiss,
Many ways to express it,
Everyone needs it.
by Debbie Johnson



To My Classmates From NHS Class of 1980:

May the Good Things in Life
be Yours In Abundance!



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History Lesson

The history of King Neptune and the Scarlet Fliers is steeped in tradition that dates back to the creation of Neptune High School in the 1800's.

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rations spend millions of dollars developing logos, designs and catchphrases. On the Jersey Shore, King Neptune is a natural.

The moniker "Scarlet Flyers" was coined in 1928 or 29 by James Lawrence Ogle, NHS '29. As a sports writer for the student newspaper, Ogle reported that the basketball team came out on the court wearing all red and was always the fastest team on the court. Thus Scarlet for red and Flyers because the team literally flew up and down the court. The nickname quickly caught on and was used to describe all the Neptune High School sports



teams whose uniforms were also red and whose athletes equally speedy. Flyers morphed into the more modern spelling Fliers over the years.

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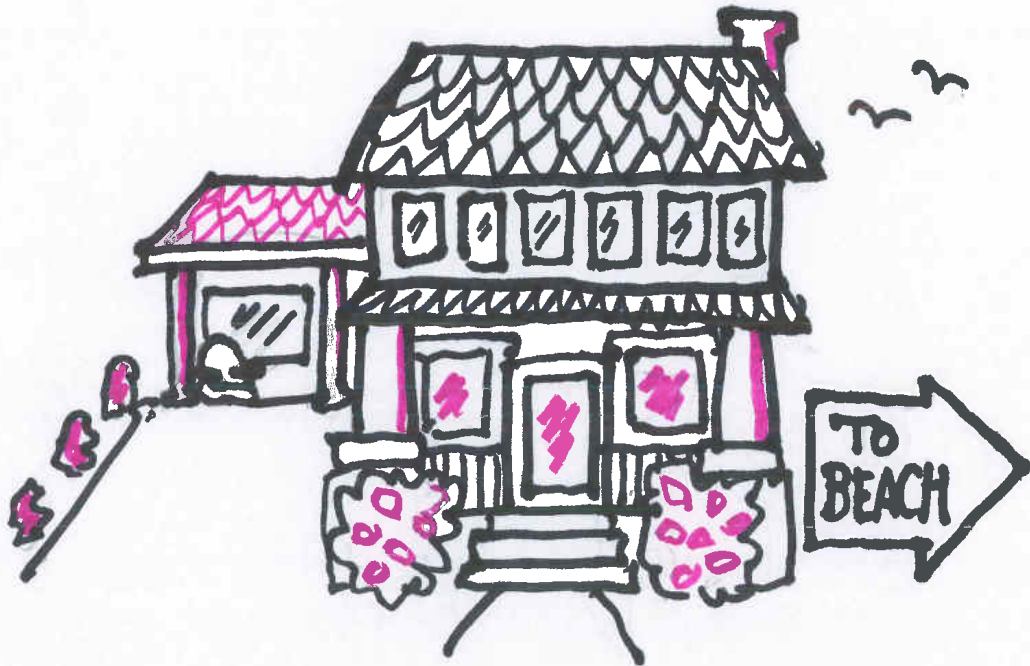
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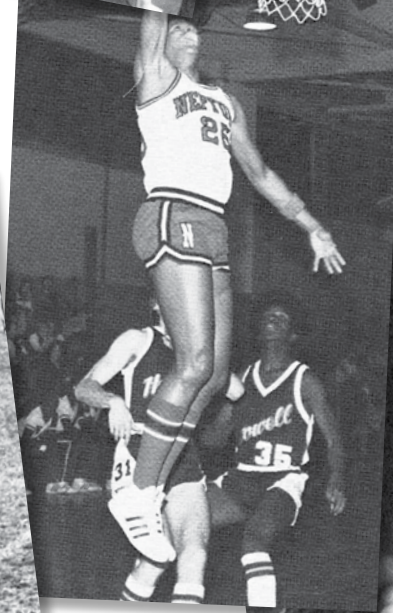
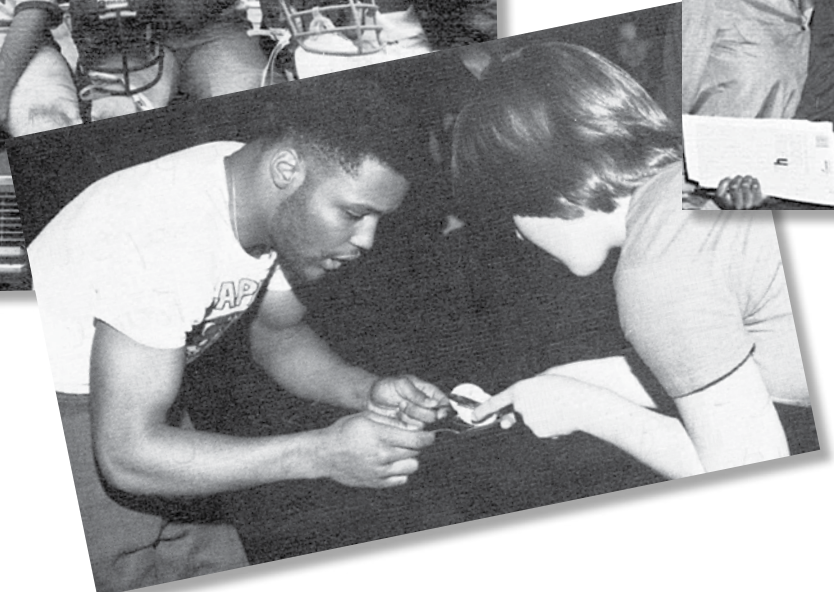
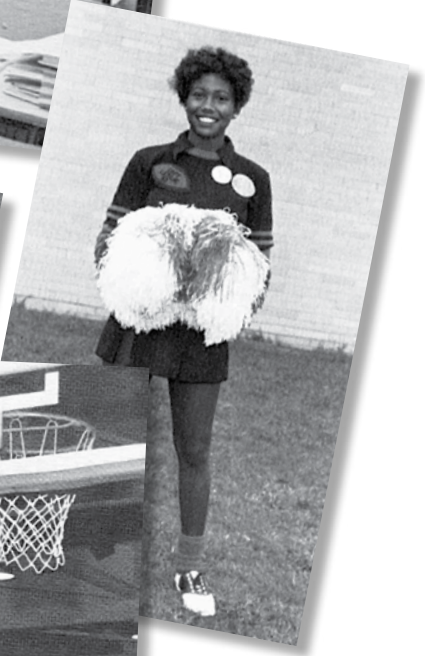
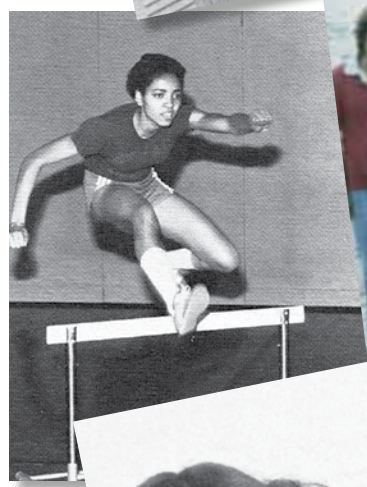
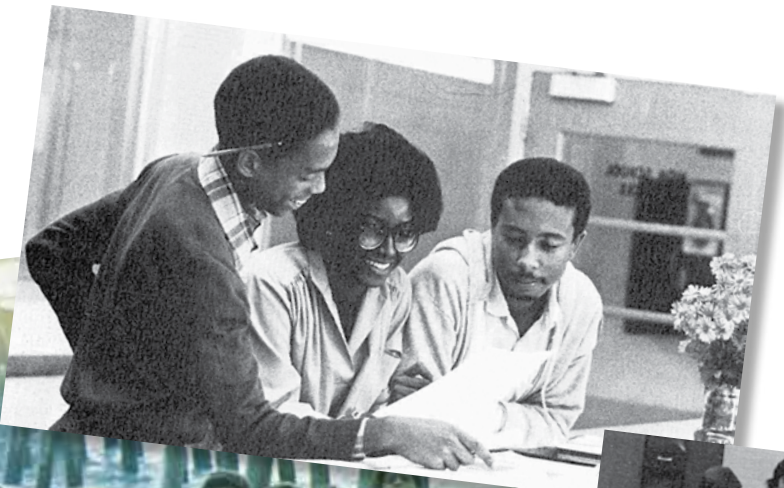
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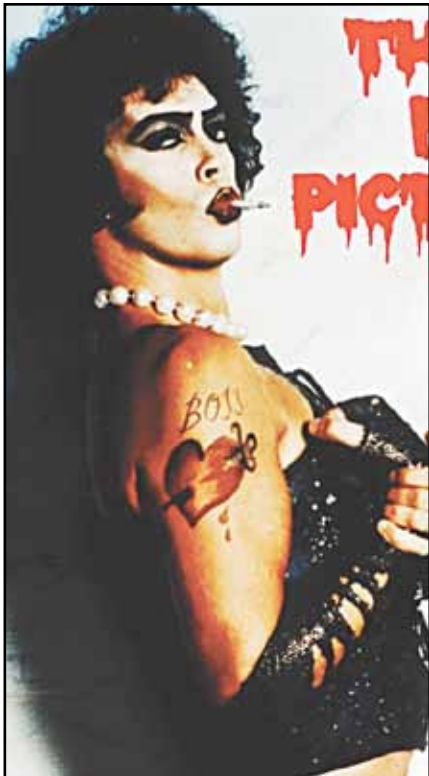
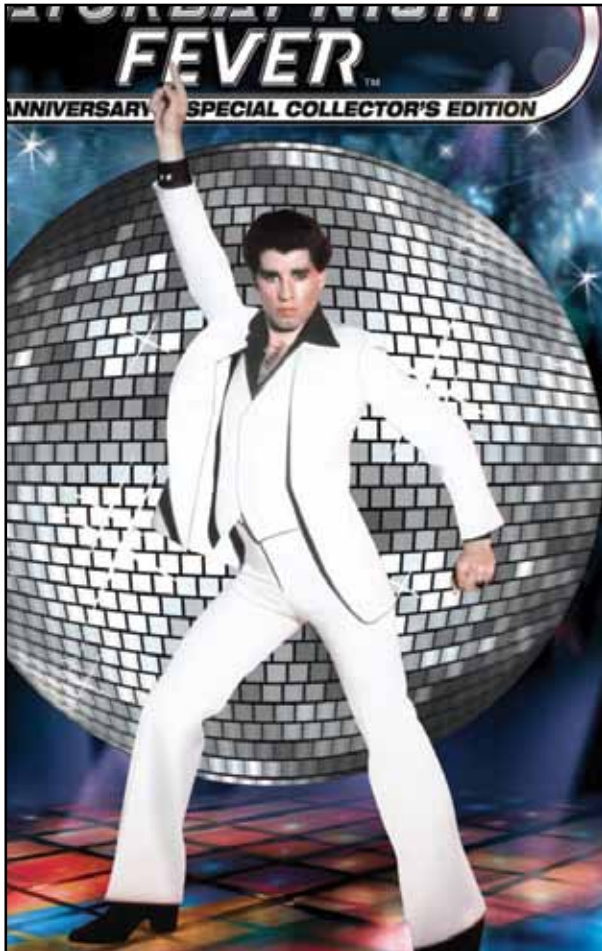


The money comes, the money goes ...
We know it's all a passing phase.
We light our lamps for chandeliers.
And hang our hopes on chandeliers.
We're going wrong, we're going late.
We're sleeping long and far to late.
And so it's time to change our ways ...
But I've loved these days.
Now as we indulge in things refined.
We hide our hearts from harder times.
A string of pearls, a foreign car ...
Oh, we can only go so far ... on caviar and
Cabernet ...

We'll drink a toast to how it's been ...
A few more hours to be complete.
A few more nights on satin sheets.
A few more times that I can say ...
I've loved these days.
- Billy Joel



Trends & Pop Culture

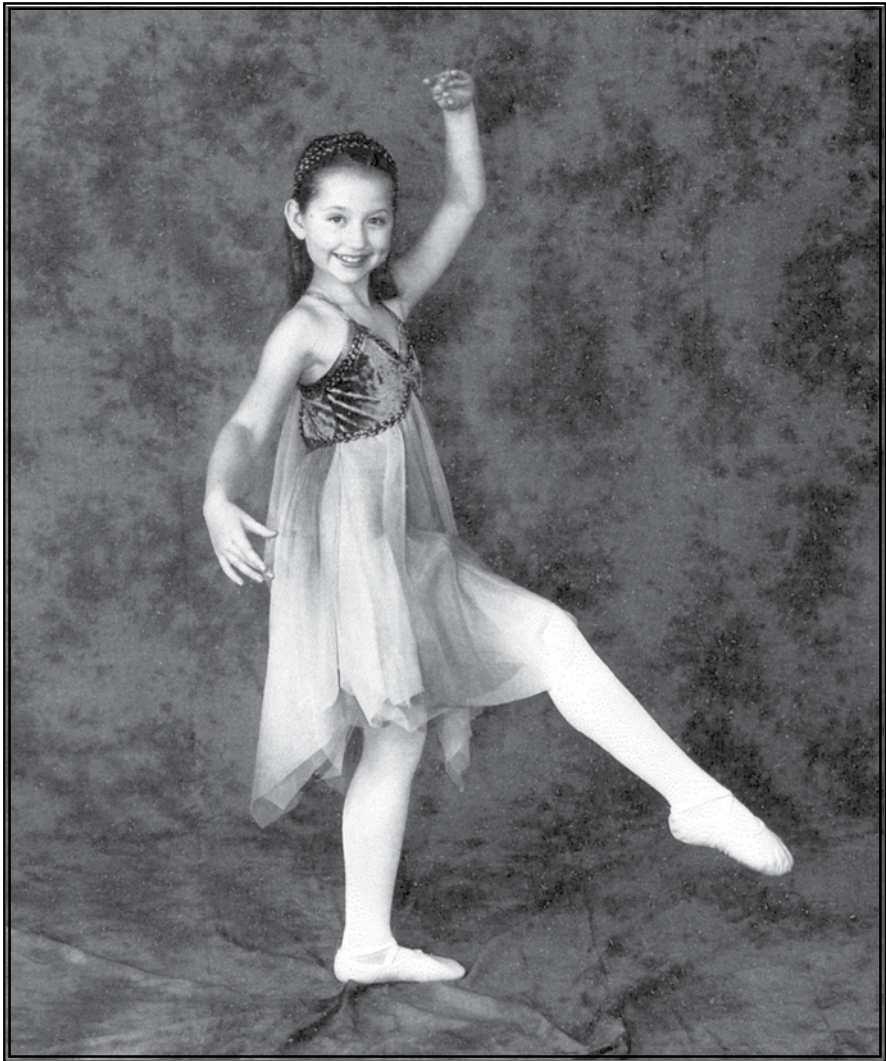


A brief list on fashion and pop culture...

The Style: Leisure suits • neatly coifed afros • platform shoes • Farrah Fawcett hair • perms • jeans at Mac's Army and Navy Store in Asbury Park • wearing earth shoes, Candies, clogs and moccasins • peasant skirts • concert t-shirts • maxi skirts • puka shells • mood rings • tube & halter tops • toe socks • tie die • terry cloth • plaid • polyester pants • suspenders • overalls • flannel shirts **At the Movies:** Saturday Night Fever • Annie Hall • Star Wars • Rocky • A Star is Born • Rocky Horror Picture Show **On TV:** Three's Company • Taxi • Good Times • Saturday Night Live • The Jeffersons **On the Radio:** Donna Summer • The Commodores • Abba • Bee Gees • Pink Floyd • Blondie • The Knack • Meatloaf • Boston • The Cars • KC and the Sunshine Band • ELO • Rod Stewart • Village People • Gloria Gaynor



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Kathy Alston Los Angeles, CA Mechanical Engineer/Project Manager Married, 2 children	Val Carr Gary, In Non Profit Committed Relationship	Frederita Durant (Blue) Neptune, NJ Medical Transcriptionist Married, 6 children	Tiana Jones (Gordon) Baltimore, MD Sr. Program Manager/ Real Estate Investor-PT Divorced, 1 child
Susan Anderson (Potter) MOM Cream Ridge, NJ Married, 2 children	Tom Cassan Nuclear Plant worker Single	Glenn Fitch New Orleans, LA Single, 6 children	Tori Jones (Brown) Neptune, NJ Teacher Married, 3 children
Valarie Baity Neptune, NJ Single Again, 2 children	Matthew Casper Neptune, NJ Sales Committed Relationship, 4 children	John Granato Wilton Manors, FL Bus Driver Committed Relationship, 2 children	Julie Knickerbocker (Gammon) Bristol, TN Housewife Married, 2 children
Ginger Barnes(Gero) Point Pleasant, NJ Paralegal Divorced, 1 child	Linda Chan-Harran, NJ Married, 3 children	Tom Grant Succasunna, NJ Miracle Worker Married, 2 children	Janet Leech (Murphy) Voorhees, NJ Office/Operations Manager Married, 3 children
Sandra Basket (Davis) Asbury Park, NJ Childcare provider Single, 4 children	Keith Coleman Neptune, NJ Detective Divorced, 2 children	Kim Grier Asbury Park, NJ Single, 2 children	Denise Lemmon Bradley Beach, NJ Single, 1 child
Robin Beam Neptune, NJ Director of Education, A.C.Moore Single	Caroline Conover-Brown Howell, NJ Cardiac Tech/Clinical Coordinator Married, 2 children	Deborah Hagerman (Ramsey) Tinton Falls, NJ Logistics Management Specialist Married, 1 child	Melissa Mack (Howe) Jackson, NJ Teacher Married, 3 children
Fred Beck, Madison, AL Human Capital Management Specialist Single	Marie Coons Brooklyn, USA Graphic Designer Married, 1 dog, 3 cats	James Henderson, Jr. US Army, Retired Married, 2 children	Sondra Mangogna (Attridge) Point Pleasant Boro, NJ Dance Instructor/Business owner Married, 1 child
Rochelle Becker (Van Mater) Neptune, NJ Hospital Pharmacy buyer Married, 2 children	Karen Corbin-Henderson Phlebotomist/cosmetologist Married, 2 children	Theresa Hicks Red Bank, NJ Married, 3 children	Jonathan Matthews Atlanta, GA Business Owner Single
Michael Bevel Allenhurst, NJ Creative Editorial & Design Married, 1 child	Marvin Daye Avenel, NJ Freelance TV Producer/Developer Divorced, 2	Lisa Horner Shady Hills, FL Student Committed Relationship, 1 child	Linda Moore (Cannon) Conyers, GA Homemaker Married, 2 children
Sandra Blue-Hollins Customer Accounting Married, 2 children	April Dayton MA Married, 2 children	Holly Howard (Heron Shropshire) Special Education Teacher Married, 1 child	Laura Moore (Schembri) Neptune, NJ Consultant/Marketing & Special Events Married, 2 children
Margaret Bristow Ocean, NJ Operations Supervisor Single	Ellen De Sarno Livingston, NJ Certified Financial Planner Committed Relationship	Andre Johnson APO, CA Pastor/ Drug Demand Program Director Married, 4 children	Patti Moore Toms River, NJ Merchandise Manager Married, 2 children
Kathy Britton Brick, NJ Nurse/Clinical Oncology Specialist Engaged!	Al Dixon Clinton, MD Facilities Manager Married, 3 children	Cherie Jones Brick, NJ Committed Relationship	Annette Morgan (James) Georgia Business Office Manager Married, 1 child
	Karen Dixon Philadelphia, PA Overseer/Senior Pastor/ CEO-Founder Committed Relationship, 2 children	Kevin Jones Cary, NC IBM/Software Briefing consultant Married, 1 child	

Classmates (continued)

Pat Morrisey Louisville, KY Football Coach Married, 1 child	Rafer Riller (Sr.) Mitchellville, MD Account Manager, NBC Local Media Married, 4 children	Ruth Wilder (Gardener) Smyrna, GA Hemodialysis Nurse Married, 2 children
Margo Pierce (Wright) Teacher Married, 2 children	Lori Sauer (Flicstein) Toms River, NJ Service Writer Married, 2 children	Felicia Witcher New Brunswick, NJ Collection Rep/Waterford Crystal Single
Gerry Piserchia Mahwah, NJ Director of Education Married, 2 children	Laura Schmidt (Dibenedetto) Mineral Bluff, GA Postal Clerk/Property Manager Married, 7 Children	Terri Wright (Davis) Goose Creek, SC Registered Nurse
Alisa Reeves (Langhorn) Montclair, NJ Married, 1 child	Marion Taylor (Key), PA Director of Development Married, 3 children	
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Kathy Alston, President
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