



ALMONTE AND DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Dear Alumni,

Greetings from your Alumni Association. The purpose of your Alumni Association is three-fold:

- we want to raise funds for extra-curricular events at our beloved Almonte and District High School,
- we want to generate a list of everyone who ever went to ADHS, and
- we want to provide opportunities for Alumni to socialize. Your Alumni has been working steadily on your behalf and has several projects in the works.

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And many thanks to Linda (Mathie)Tait, Ronnie McGrath, Wayne Giardino, Nancy Scott and Bill Tuffin as well as many others who have lent a hand from time to time.

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As well, an alumni group has been created on Facebook

We hope you will find this and future newsletters of interest.



ACTIVITIES:

Homecoming Dances

Over the last two years the Alumni Association has held two Homecoming Dances in the gym at the High School on Thanksgiving Saturday evening.

The 2006 dance was a big success with music by Buntline and a crowd of nearly one hundred and fifty. The 2007 dance was well supported, we sold nearly two hundred tickets, but only fifty people came to the actual event, a major disappointment for the people who worked so hard to put the event on.

Even so, it raised over a thousand dollars for ADHS activities. These dances gave grads a chance to meet old friends and also gave many a first look at the enlarged gymnasium and its elegant decoration with banners displaying Almonte athletic achievement over the decades.

"Tear up the Turf"

Our focus for the immediate future, besides finding new ways to get together and have fun, will be fund-raising for the "Tear up the Turf" project on the Comba School site across Martin St. from Almonte High. The aim of the project is to build a full-sized Canadian football field on the site. Preliminary surveys indicate that the area is large enough. The construction of a field adjacent to the school will eliminate the dangerous and inconvenient practice of transporting students across Almonte to Naismith Field for practices and games. This situation has been a nightmare of potential liability for the coaches and school. The shape of the Comba property will require major excavation to make a level field and will result in a field with sloping terraces running along the north sidelines where we will be able to put bleachers, so that fans will finally be able to watch an Almonte game sitting down.

Puppets Up

The Alumni Association had their booth at Puppets Up on Saturday August 9th. This event has become a major arts event in the Valley and if you have yet to attend it, we strongly recommend that you take a few hours to drop around Mill St and see the goings-on – it's like a street fair with mannequins, fire eaters, jugglers and what all, including your Alumni Association.



FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Homecoming Dances

While there will not be a homecoming Dance this year, plans are underway for Thanksgiving Saturday of 2009 when we will have the Homecoming Dance as a major event with a catered meal and a live band for entertainment. As well, there will be a silent auction and ongoing displays of ADHS gone by.

2010 Reunion

Our big project for the immediate future will be the 2010 Reunion of students who attended Almonte District High School and any time up to 1969. The Arena has been booked for the 31st of July, 2010 and we are booking a live band in preparation for this major event.

The Almonte Fair July 2009

Unfortunately, we were unable to be present at the Almonte Fair. You can be assured that we will be out in July 2009 to sell memberships (\$10 per person) as well as other merchandise (e.g. T-shirts, mugs, caps etc) to raise funds for the association in support of its projects.

Puppets Up 2009

Once again, your Alumni Association will be on Mill Street – talking about the Tear up the Turf Project and selling merchandise.



OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

"TEAR UP THE TURF FUND-RAISING"

Almonte and District High School will be running a series of fund-raising activities towards the cost of the Comba Site Renovation. The next big one will be the sale of wooden Calendar holders in the Fall Term.

THUNDERBOLT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Dan Hickey's Thunderbolt Alumni Golf Tournament virtually sold out this year and was much enjoyed by the participants. Every year a few more Old Bolts have found the tournament and joined in so it is now a must-do event for the duffers among the grads. Monies raised by the tournament have been vital in enabling the 'Bolts to purchase top of the line equipment and to participate in the Ontario High School Football Championships in Toronto and Hamilton over the last six years. The tournament is well-organized and features a great post-game meal with lots of visiting among the participants.