

## **Mount View Class of 1982 sets sights on 25<sup>th</sup> reunion gift**

### ***Fund drive to raise \$25,000***

UNITY – When the Class of 1982 graduated from Mount View in Thorndike, a first-class postage stamp cost 20 cents. A gallon of gas was \$1.30. The Dow-Jones had clawed its way to 1,000. How times have changed. Next month, the Class of 1982 will gather to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> reunion, and as alumni make plans to return and renew old acquaintances on July 6 and 7, a group of classmates has set their sights on raising \$25,000 for a class gift to the new Mount View Performing Arts Center.

The idea for the class gift began with a challenge from Mount View '82 alumnus Rob Nielsen, who resides in Tennessee, when Rob invited his classmates to join him in supporting the Mount View Performing Arts Center campaign. Nielsen had already contributed \$10,000 to the campaign at the end of 2006.

“Rob said if the Class of 1982 can raise \$10,000, he would match it with another \$10,000 gift,” according to Alicia Nichols, FUTURE MSAD 3 Campaign Director. As fundraising plans began to take shape, the idea of raising \$15,000 as a class was proposed, which together with Nielsen’s gift would mean the class could present a \$25,000 gift to Mount View in honor of their 25th reunion.

FUTURE MSAD 3 launched the \$575,000 campaign to support the Mount View Performing Arts Center last year with the announcement of a \$250,000 challenge grant from the Unity Foundation in honor of their founders, Bert G. and Coral B. Clifford. FUTURE MSAD 3 is just \$53,000 shy of the goal. Gifts to the performing arts center campaign are matched dollar-for-dollar by the Unity Foundation, which combined with Rob Nielsen’s match, means that each dollar contributed by members of the Class of 1982 will actually be \$3.

Assisting with the fund drive from his home in Pennsylvania, Mount View Class of 1982 graduate Tim Fallon said, “There is nothing more important than our kids – and providing them an appropriate facility to dance, act and sing is the least we can do for them.”

The fundraising effort has already raised \$4,000, and a letter going out to 115 classmates asks them to “please consider a gift of at least \$100 to help make the Mount View Performing Arts Center a reality.” According to class treasurer Deb Piper, 47 of the 115 members of the class live in SAD 3, so over 40 percent of classmates should be fairly knowledgeable about the new school construction project and the capital campaign for the performing arts center, and as Fallon points out, the children and grandchildren of the Class of 1982 will be able to grace that very stage, when the new Mount View opens in fall 2009.

Officers of the Class of 1982 include, President Laura (Knowlton) Eldridge; Vice President Greg Day; Secretary Deb (Rothwell) Blattstein; and Treasurer Deb Piper.

Eileen Ellis of Brooks is collecting gifts from classmates. Checks for the Class of 1982 - 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift should be made out to FUTURE MSAD 3. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Ellis can be reached at 207 – 722 – 3122 or eaellis14@yahoo.com.

## **Mount View Class of 1982 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Events**

### **July 6 & 7**

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**Friday Golf Outing: Northport Golf Course**, 581 Bluff Road in Northport. Tee times start at 3:00 p.m. 9 holes for \$20-25, golf cart rental/\$18, club rentals/\$12

**Friday Happy Hour: Foxy’s**, 93 Searsport Ave., Belfast. Appetizers and cash bar starting at 7:00 p.m.

#### **July 7**

**Saturday Picnic: Lake St. George State Park** Route 3, Liberty. Pack a picnic lunch and beverages and join us at noon! Meet in the day-use area where picnic tables and grills are available. Laura and Jeff Eldridge are providing canoes/kayaks. There is a swimming area with lifeguard and a bathhouse. The park admission fee is payable at the main gate - \$4 per person ages 12 and up; \$1 for kids 5-11; kids under 5 are free.

**Saturday Dinner & Dance: The Maine Chowder House**, 139 Searsport Ave., Belfast.

Happy hour at 6:00 p.m., cash bar. Dinner at 7:00 p.m., choice of four entrees/\$28 per person.

Advanced reservations required. “Smoked Salmon,” a 60’s-70’s classic rock band plays downstairs in the Scallywag Tavern from 9:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. There is no cover for reunion attendees.

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