



*Waltham Public Schools*  
*Retirees' Newsletter*  
*Summer 2019*



**Congratulations to the new retirees**



The Retirees' Corner wishes to welcome this year's retirees.

Debra Auld (Sept. 2019)	Whittemore, Kindergarten
Djalai Babazadeh (Oct. 2019)	Music (strings)
James Buell	Whittemore, Physical Education
Barbara Carderelli	Kennedy, Social Studies
David Class	Kennedy, Custodian
Jeanne Curry	Business Office, Payroll and Benefits
Barbara Doucette	Kennedy, Science
Roger Dupuis	Maintenance, all schools
Jane Gately	MacArthur, Principal
Deborah Guelli	Waltham High School, Library Paraprofessional
Denise Hernandez	MacArthur, paraprofessional
Kathleen Horrigan	Special Education Dept. Administrative Aide
Christopher Keene	Waltham High School, CTE, Metal Fabrication
Joyce Kidd	Pre-K evaluation team leader
Howard Levine	Waltham High School, Special Ed.
Katherine May	Kennedy Middle, Library
Pauline McCready	Waltham High School, Early Childhood
Joseph McCusker	Whittemore, Custodian
Kelly Navarro	Fitzgerald, Paraprofessional
James O'Connor	Kennedy Middle, Tech Ed
Lucy Oliveri-O'Hearn	MacArthur, Art
Deborah Riggott	Waltham High School, Athletic Trainer
Marianne Murkidjan	Kennedy, Physical Education
Amy Rubin-Sowsy	Stanley, Pre-K Teacher
Gayle Sullivan	Waltham High School, Family and Consumer Science
Catherine Viera	Fitzgerald, Health Services
Linda Yerardi	MacArthur, Speech
Arlene Young	McDevitt, paraprofessional

## A Family Tradition

Below is a list of more parents and their adult children who have worked in the Waltham Public Schools. As stated in the February newsletter, our apologies to anyone we missed and their names are listed below.

\*currently employed

Parent(s)	Sons and Daughters
Jeanne Curry	Dannielle Kissane*
Annmarie DeMeo	Amy DeMeo Neal*
Dorothy Doherty	Margaret "Peg" Keohane*
Jacque Foley, William Foley	Ryan Foley*
Mary Keenan	Fay Norris
Henry O'Brien	Mary O'Brien*
Jack Pinzone, Jean Pinzone	John Pinzone*
Kelly Navarro	Alyssa Navarro Cincotta



The Annual City Health Fair and Open Enrollment was held on May 2. This was the one time each year when retirees may change their Health Insurance and meet with representatives from Blue Cross, Tufts, Harvard Health, Social Security, and Delta Dental, as well as City Retirement. We received this information between newsletter dates, so, unfortunately, it is well passed. Fortunately, the City holds this Health Fair every year, and usually in May. So... mark your calendar for April 2020 to check with Patty Keefe in the City Payroll Office. You don't have to wait until then if you have any questions about coverage regarding the best plan if you should move out of state or if you wonder if specific medical conditions are covered under your current plan. Patty will be happy to help you. She can be contacted at (781) 314-3272.



On a sad note, over the past few months, we have lost more former friends and colleagues –

John Clifford	Guidance counselor at Waltham High School
Antonio “Tony” Damian	Guidance counselor at Vocational and Waltham High School English teacher at Vocational High
Robert Ditri	Social Studies Teacher at Waltham High School
Roger Labbe	French teacher at the Kennedy Junior High School Guidance counselor at Kennedy, Vocational, and South Junior High School
Violet Finamore	Food Services at WHS, Kennedy, and MacArthur
Carol Wallace Generoso	English teacher at Waltham High School
Mary Martin	Food Services at Waltham High School
Robert McGurrin	Waltham School Committee Member
William “Bill” McIvor	Assistant Principal at Central Middle School Grade 6 teacher at Fitch, Robbins, and Bright Husband of Johanna McIvor and hugely involved with her in the beginnings and growth of Show Choir Brother of Suzanne McIvor
Judi Paradis	Library Teacher at Plympton Former president of Massachusetts School Librarians Association Recipient Massachusetts School Librarians Association Service Award (2016) (Judi had not retired but lost her battle with cancer in late April.)
Sandra Gullicksen Roby	Director of Library Media/Educational Technology Librarian/Library Teacher at School Street Elementary, Lawrence, & Northeast Recipient of Lifetime achievement award from Massachusetts School Librarians Association (2016)
Nancy Slovin	SPED teacher at junior high level
Elaine Marie Hearn	Teacher at Bright Elementary for 39 years

## *Sharing Fond Memories*

*(No new names have been added for this newsletter as few memories have been shared to date for those listed below whose names have appeared in previous newsletters. Special thanks, though, to Pat Davis, who has been so good about sharing her fond memories of treasured colleagues who have passed!)*

### Elementary

Eileen Long (NE)  
Helen Flynn (PLY)  
Jack Pinzone (Fitch and Robbins)  
Joe Sentance (Banks)  
Carol Manganaro (Whit.)  
Mary McCue (Plympton and FitzGerald)  
Mary Sheridan (Banks and Stanley)  
Frank Fandel (School Street, Newhall, and Fitzgerald)

<p><b>Joe Sentance</b> was the principal of the Banks School. He was a very conservative, soft spoken man. He hired me as a 21 year old who finished my student teaching at the Hardy School in Dec. 1970. The students liked and respected him. He loved to play cribbage on Wednesday at lunch time when we had half days on Wed. and the staff had 1 1/2 hours for lunch. Pat Davis</p>
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<p><b>Mary Sheridan</b> was a teacher at the Hardy School when I did my student teaching there. She was kind and supportive of my teaching efforts. When Hardy School closed Mary came to the Banks School. She was well liked by her students. Pat Davis</p>
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<p>I first met a <b>Mary Mc Cue</b> when we both taught at School Street Elementary. Mary was always upbeat and happy. We had many lively discussions in the teachers' room. After School St. closed, I always looked forward to seeing a Mary at Professional Development courses. Everyone loved Mary. Pat Davis</p>
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<p>I taught with <b>Frank Fandel</b> at School Street Elementary. Frank was kind and considerate to everyone. He was a true gentleman. When it snowed he would go out and clean the snow off of all the female teachers' cars. Everyone loved Frank. Pat Davis</p>
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### Middle/Junior High

Paul Bolduc (South)  
Lucille Hanna (Central)  
Al Garnache (South and Kennedy)  
Peg Martin (Kennedy and HS)  
Henry O'Brien (HS and South)  
Bill Patterson (South)  
Joseph Linehan (Central and Ken. )  
Jerry Peterson (South)

### *High School/Vocational*

Frank Strazzullo (HS)  
Sarah Giacalone (HS)  
Dick Collins (HS)  
Marlyn Miller (HS)  
Judy Baginsky (South and HS)  
Pat Hurley (South and HS)  
Jack MacDonald (Voc. and HS)  
John Gallagher (Voc.)  
Ann Bennett (Central and HS)

I first met **John "Jack" McDonald** in the 1970's when I came to work at Waltham High School. The man I met was unbelievably dedicated to helping students who learned best by doing and using their hands.

After years in the private sector, where he was intimately involved in the development of Honeywell's first computer, he turned to education. His teaching career began at the Vocational School in the Electronics Shop. He eventually transferred to the High School. Jack had the ability to inspire young people by allowing them to exhibit their skills. An example occurred when his students transformed the student cafeteria using their own lighting designs into a beautiful function hall for the first Senior Luncheon. Jack also volunteered for many years teaching Special Olympic youngsters swimming skills giving them a reason to be proud of their accomplishments. He also coached the High School swim team for many years.

Jack was ahead of his time in realizing all students did not learn in the same way. He taught subject matter, skills and a sense of pride. They were proud to proclaim, "We did that." Jack understood differentiated instruction and PRACTICED it. Jack was a proud member of the Waltham community; a man happy in his home and his career.

*Norman J. MacDonald*

## ***A few random facts about the namesakes of our schools' auditoriums***

James Cannon (lecture hall on first floor at Waltham High School)

- Grade 6 teacher at Banks
- Assistant principal at Plympton (1963-1965)
- Principal of Lawrence School (1965-1968)
- Principal of Warrendale (Fitzgerald) Elementary (1968-1970)
- Assistant to Superintendent (1970-1971)
- Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education (1971-1972)
- Assistant Superintendent (1972-1978)
- Deputy Superintendent
- Auditorium dedicated on June 15, 1988

Verner Robinson (main auditorium at Waltham High School)

- Born in Pembroke Maine on December 16, 1899
- Army veteran on World War I
- Principal and "Submaster" of South Junior High School (1926-1960)
- Worked in Waltham Public Schools for 44 years
- Assistant Superintendent (1961-1970)
- Died August 8, 1987 in Machias, Maine

Raymond Crawford (auditorium at Kennedy)

- Supervisor of Music (1926-1962)
- Founder of the first instrumental high school band in Massachusetts
- Died December 1961
- Auditorium dedicated on June 5, 1962 and rededicated on April 13, 2006

William Gallagher (auditorium at McDevitt)

- Born August 2, 1913
- Student teacher in Latin at Waltham High (1935-1936)
- History teacher at Waltham High (1936-1942)
- Military leave of absence (1942-1945)
- Social Studies teacher at South Junior and Waltham High (1945-1947)
- Assistant Principal and Civics teacher at North Junior High (1955-1959)
- Principal of Waltham High School (1959-1966)
- Died August 20, 1997



The Waltham Historical Society will be showing an exhibit highlighting the history of education in Waltham beginning in late August. This exhibit can be viewed at the former Bright School at 260 Grove Street by appointment or on Saturday mornings.

Contact the Society at 781-891-5815 or email [waltham.historical.society@gmail.com](mailto:waltham.historical.society@gmail.com) or at [www.walthamhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.walthamhistoricalsociety.org)

## *Waltham Public Schools Updates*

**George Frost** will be the Interim Superintendent of Schools until June 30, 2020. This position is in place due to the resignation of Dr. Drew Echelson, who will be taking a position at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Mr. Frost has been serving, part-time, as the Administrator in the Human Resources Office for the past few years. Prior to working in Waltham, he had retired, in 2007, having held several Central Office level administrative positions in the Acton Schools. He was also the interim Superintendent in Ayer from July 2007 to June 2011.

**Kevin Gildea**, who had been the Interim Principal of Kennedy Middle School, due to the untimely death of the John “Jack” Cawley in the winter of 2018, has been selected at the permanent principal.

**Kevin Kmiec**, who has been the Assistant Principal at the Fitzgerald Elementary school since 2014, has been named Principal of MacArthur Elementary.

**Paul Maiorano**, who had been the Assistant Superintendent prior to September 2018, will continue in his role as Interim Principal of Waltham High School for the next two academic years.