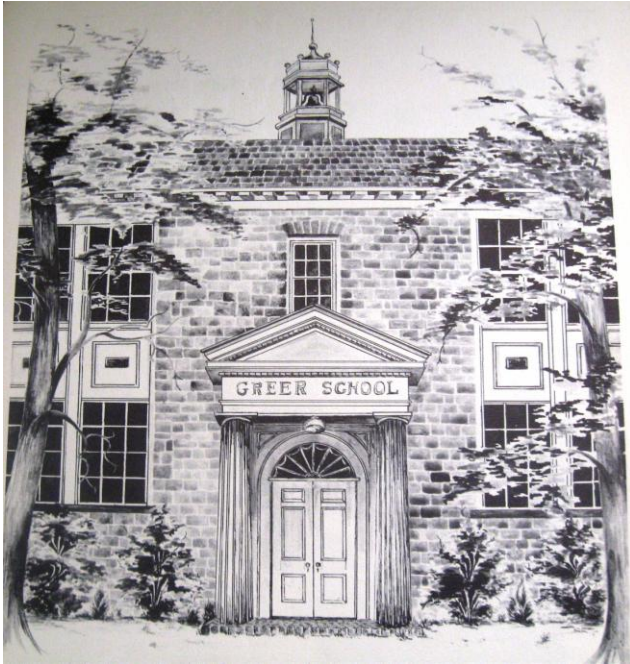




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High School Entrance

**AN APPRECIATION FOR.....OUR COACHES!**

Last fall I was doing some substitute teaching at the local high school where we live in American Fork, Utah, and I had the opportunity to speak to the American Fork football coach on a few occasions. He told me that there were "10" coaches on his football staff: this number of coaches his football program employs amazed me while at the same time it immediately brought back a precious memory of my high school coach at Greer School, **Ken Lynn**, as I can still see a picture of him in my mind's eye applying lime on the football field before each of our home football games. In addition, Coach Lynn washed all of our uniforms after each game we played. I am sure this was true of all the other men and women who coached athletics at Greer.

Most of all, however, Ken was the only coach of the team. During the two years that Ken was our

coach, he was lucky to have one other person who volunteered to help him during each football season.

In short, the contrast couldn't be more dissimilar between the American Fork football program and Greer's football program. To be sure, American Fork's high school football team has more participant's than Greer's football team ever had; nevertheless, the 10 to 1 coaching discrepancy led me to feel a much deeper appreciation for Ken and the others who coached the athletic teams at Greer. Having done some coaching myself during my teaching career, I can understand the long hours needed to coach a team.



When one considers the additional duties of being a husband, a father, teaching classes, house parenting 25 students, athletic director duties, and recreation coordinator responsibilities that were required of Ken, I can begin to partially comprehend this extraordinary workload and thus, how fortunate we were to have Ken and all of the other dedicated coaches who worked with our Greer men's and women's athletic teams. And so I

say, with a deep sense of appreciation from all of Greer's athletes, **"thank you"** to our wonderful coaches for the extraordinary time and effort you gave in helping us enjoy the joy of athletic participation: we were truly blessed by your hard work and efforts on our behalf-----**priceless!**

John Hudnor, Greer "63" and BYU "67"

## ALUMNI PROFILES

### Charles Anthony "Tony" Voight

Tony attended Greer School from 1951 to 1961. After graduation from Greer in 1961, Tony entered Kings College in Briarcliff, New York and majored in Christian Education.

Following college, Tony worked with young people at the YMCA in Camden, New Jersey before entering the United States Marine Corps. In serving his country, he did a tour of duty in South Vietnam. After leaving the Marines, Tony attended Westminster Theological seminary and continued to work with young people. One place he worked at was in Fort Lee, New Jersey at a school that he told me was quite similar to Greer. He later finished his social work career at "Ranch Hope"--a place for special needs children. He then made a career change and worked in sales for various companies.

He married in 1968 and had two children and enjoyed being the grandparent of four grandchildren.



In his reflections of life at Greer, Tony mentioned how it was an honor to have had the opportunity to play "Martin" in Greer's traditional Christmastime presentation. He added how much

he also enjoyed Greer's Candlelight service in the Chapel.

Two faculty members who had a very positive influence on Tony were **Jim Morton and George Groh**.

During his retirement years, he enjoyed reading and watching television.

Sadly, Tony passed away in January of this year.

### Pat Monza

Pat attended Greer from 1948-1956, and then finished her high school career at Bay Ridge High School in New York in 1959.

She worked at a bank and later for an import/export company from 1960 to 1962. Pat then changed course and went to Westchester Community College and earned a degree in Medical Technology.

After marrying in 1969, Pat stayed at home to raise her two children, and later on, worked 19 years in the Real Estate Business.

Currently, Pat has many interests which include: playing golf, bridge, and attending the theater. She also enjoys reading, especially WWII novels. She has enjoyed traveling to Europe and would like to do more traveling in the future.

In reflecting about Greer, Pat has fond memories of the Christmas Candlelight service. She also mentioned several of Greer's staff members of having a lasting impact and influence on her.

Three houseparents are on her list. **Miss Sutton** was a very caring person, Pat replied, and she also enjoyed her Crest houseparent, **Miss Larsen** and her Ledge houseparents (**Bertie and Wistar Wood.**) Lastly, she was grateful for her principal, **Jack McHenry** who "woke me up" by telling me to take more responsibility for my own learning. Pat proudly said she never failed another course after Mr. McHenry's counsel.



## Mike Ennis

Mike attended Greer from 1948 to 1958, and after graduation from Greer. Mike's coach, **Jack Maddox**, helped win Mike an athletic scholarship to the Valley Forge Military academy in Pennsylvania, but because he was needed at home, Mike had to leave the academy.

In 1959, Mike joined the United States Air Force and served until 1963. During his time in the Air Force, he served in Nebraska and Spain. In 1964, he began a 38 year career with Trans World Airlines.

In 1968, he married and with his wife raised three children and currently, has one grandchild.

In reflecting on his days at Greer, Mike cited Thanksgiving and the Martin Play as his favorite memories. He played the role of "Ivan" in the Martin play.



Partial cast of "Martin" with Ivan sitting

Several faculty members had a lasting influence on Mike. Coach **Joe Fischer** showed confidence in Mike and as previously stated, Coach Jack Maddox helped get Mike a football scholarship. **Gordon Goudy** got Mike interested in flying, and lastly, he remembers **Ruth Freitag** as being stern, yet fair, and in wanting her students to take an interest in learning.

Currently, Mike enjoys reading and in building model airplanes.



## Georgia King

Georgia attended Greer from 1943-1957. After graduation from Greer in 1957, she worked in the office of the Credit reporting company, Dunn and Bradstreet.

Soon afterward, she began a long and rewarding career in working with horses. Her career started in Cornwall-on-Hudson as she worked with a veterinarian. Later, she worked in Iowa City, Iowa and eventually she worked her way west and ended up in Pebble Beach, California as she helped train and "show" horses. She is currently working in Malibu, California.

Her hobbies through the years have included weaving, work with and around horses, and she especially enjoys her beloved Greyhound dog.

In her fond memories of Greer, Georgia loved the Candlelight service in the Chapel of the child; in addition, she enjoyed the Memorial Day activities and lastly, her days spent at Camp Barbey bring back special times and memories.

Georgia has good memories of her Ledge houseparents, **Bertie and Wistar Wood**, who she remembers as being honest and positive with the Ledge girls. She also cited **Warren Olsen** as being a good teacher and **Mrs. Cougan** as being very sports minded and getting girls to participate in athletics.



She looks forward to learning to parachute jump and in doing a train trip all across America.

## Roger Russoman

After graduation from Greer in 1963, Roger worked as a mechanic for a year. He then went to work for his uncle, who was an electrical contractor: then it was on to school to study electronics and next begin a career as an electrical contractor--which lasted for 40 years.

Roger married in 1969 and has one child. His current interests and leisure time activities include walking, NASCAR, and traveling.



Some of the Greer staff who was a big help to Roger were: **Ruth Freitag, Maurice Neville, Jim Morton, Bertha Packer, and Helen Maddox.** Mrs. Freitag's teaching style appealed to Roger, and he remembers her oft quoted, "you have one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel"! Maurice Neville taught him how to drive and Roger enjoyed working with Jim Morton in Greer's food service. He felt that Bertha Packer was just a "great person", and his Daisy houseparent, Helen Maddox as very nice to all boys at Daisy.



Robert and Bertha Packer

Roger especially loves to travel, and in the coming years, he hopes to continue to travel to many places in the United States.

### **Anne Meyrowitz**

Anne attended Greer from 1955-1961. After her graduation from Greer, Anne went on to work as a clerk and later an office manager for Camera Services Center. She worked there until 1976. She then began a career in the United States Postal Service and worked in the post office at Climax, New York until her retirement.

In 1970, Anne married and raised a child; she now has a granddaughter who she is proud of.

Anne's interests and hobbies are reading, gardening, and in making Christmas greeting cards. Some staff members who had a positive influence on Anne were: **Mr. Terry**, one of the cooks at Camp Barbey, teacher **Ruth Freitag**, and associate director **Jim Hamilton**. She felt a kindness about Mr. Terry and was especially touched when he gave her a sweater. What especially appealed to Anne about Ruth Freitag was that she rewarded a student's effort as part of her evaluation of the students in her class. For example, one could earn an A for academic work, but only a D for effort, visa verse. Anne spoke of **Jim Hamilton** as being a good person.

Anne enjoyed Greer's many yearly traditions and also mentioned that going home for vacations on the bus as being a fun event.



### **Newsletter Changes**

(Repeated from the Winter 2014 and subsequent newsletters for the benefit of our newly joined alumni.) This will be the final updated mention of these changes.

As most of you may be aware, John and Sandy Hudnor resumed the authorship of the **Greer School / Hope Farm Alumni Association Newsletter** effective with the Winter issue.

What you may not know is that the publication and distribution of the newsletter will remain the responsibility of Tony Vaz with support from Peggy Mathewson Sparks and Mitzi and Doug Berry.

Tony will edit and format the newsletter as before, print and mail hard copies, and will e-mail versions

in only .PDF format. The reason for this change is that due to the large memory requirements of a Microsoft Word document with many graphics, it causes problems with e-mail delivery. If you are unable to read the .PDF format by downloading and installing the Adobe Acrobat Reader from this web site: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. It's free. Let us know by e-mail or postal mail and we will send you a hard copy, at a reasonable cost (see below).

Peggy will maintain a database of addresses, both postal and e-mail. If you have a change in address to either, you need to contact Peggy. If you fail to do so, your continued receipt of the newsletter may end. Peggy's mailing address will be provided on request.

Mitzi and Doug will maintain the Alumni bank account set up long ago in the Bank of Millbrook. All forms of payment should be sent to them, whether it is "dues", newsletter subscriptions, reunion funds or donations. **Note** that Mitzi may not be able to deposit your check immediately due to various reasons. Please be patient.

The correct address is available by contacting [tonyvaz@greerschool.org](mailto:tonyvaz@greerschool.org)

You should realize that printing out and mailing hard copies of the newsletter is not done without a cost. We have asked all of you that receive a **hard copy** to contribute to its publication and mailing. The approximate cost of printing and mailing newsletters to you is approximately \$5.00 per year (for four quarterly issues). **Former staff and board members are exempted from this cost.**

If you decide to not contribute, we have a couple of options:

1. Beginning with the last issue of the newsletter, if you received a hard copy without any photos, graphics or watermarks (simply, plain text), we have determined that you have not made a contribution in over two years or more. Once we have received a contribution from you, we will resume sending you the 'standard' version.
2. It is entirely possible that we may have to discontinue the 'free' service, although we may

reconsider on a case-by-case basis. We have had some very generous, anonymous donations that will allow us to continue for a period of time, but are not likely to last forever without additional funds. We can't expect the anonymous donors to keep covering the costs for everyone.

If you are receiving the electronic versions, with the occasional color photos, you will receive them gratis (**free**) as long as we are able to put them together. If you also want to receive the standard hard copy (with grayscale photos) in addition, we are asking you to contribute. Please consider getting only the electronic versions, gratis. Again, send your contributions to Mitzi and Doug.

**Bonus:** If your contribution is \$100.00 or more (cumulative since 2012 or as a lump sum), you will be added to the "Century Club", which will entitle you to receive a full color hard copy, unless you opt out of its receipt.

#### Missing-in Action

We had **Eileen Dandy's** e-mail and hard copy newsletters returned to us. Does anyone know what her current status is? Her address was in Belhaven, NC. Please contact Tony or Peggy if you know anything about her.

#### Greerschool.Org Web Site Update

The montage movies produced and presented at the 2012 and 2015 reunions are now uploaded to the **Movies** page. Currently they are only accessible on Internet Explorer and possibly Microsoft Edge (if you have upgraded to Windows 10). I have tried making it accessible on Google Chrome without any success.

Last year after the reunion, my wife and I stayed over an extra day to go to the Millbrook Public Library. There I obtained copies of the Millbrook High School "Milestone" yearbooks up to 1969 and scanned all the pages of the graduating Seniors. I did not do anything with those scans until recently and finally after much gnashing of teeth was able to figure out who was who as far as Greer residents were. The library did not have a copy of the 1964 Milestone, but fortunately one of the graduates

happened to still have his copy and sent it to me to scan. Thank you, Jim Anderson!

Anyway, the Millbrook Milestone Seniors from Greer are now available on the Yearbook Page, except the 1968 version. It is displayed, but I was unable to determine that there were any Greer residents among them. I presented a list of all those graduates hoping someone out there might recognize one and let me know who they are.

There exists another source for 1970s Milestones that I could capture for the Yearbook Page, but I am not going to do any work toward that end until some of you tell me that you graduated in the 1970s.

Other scans that I have yet to create web pages for are from the small albums in the Fountains library (six or seven of them, roughly 700 photos) plus an album I assume was created and donated by Pam Pequeno. That album will contain primarily material from the mid-to-late 60s.

### In-Memoriam

Previously mentioned, Charles Anthony "Tony" Voight passed away in January.

We have learned that George B. Johnson passed away in February.

Helen Theresa Greene Drake passed away in 2014, date unknown. Reported by K. Louise Manz.

That's all for now.

Tony Vaz – Webmaster Greerschool.Org  
Greer Class of '61 (Honorary)

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or "snail mail" them to the return address on your hard copy envelope.

### Late addition:

Do you remember the Alumni Profile on **Jack Miller** in the Spring 2015 newsletter? Well, Jack attended the reunion this year and he did something extra special while he was on campus.



He brought a new cross he had built at home and installed it in the cemetery. Thank you, Jack! You are a Prince!

