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Letter from Alumni President

Dear GBA Alumni,

The end of another school year is coming up quickly. Graduations are on the horizon as well as new beginnings for graduating students. Can you remember when you graduated? Can you remember feeling both the sadness of closing a chapter of your life while also feeling happy and excited about starting a new chapter?



Tom Giampa'99, Alumni President

I remember wondering what college was going to be like. I remember thinking whether or not my friends and I would remain friends. Back then there wasn't Facebook, in fact, schools just started offering internet. Even though we have social websites today to keep in touch, I think it is always more fun to have that "personal touch".

The Alumni Executive committee will be meeting shortly to plan one or two events for this summer. Please try to come out as we al-

ways have a fun time. If you have been away at college this year come to let us know how things went for you. Your experience will keep the older crowd young and their advice might just change your life. Plus it will be fun to catch up with your classmates. Please be looking out for upcoming events!

Many years back we used class representatives to keep in touch with their classmates, keep the Alumni association apprised of changes to contact info and news, and to help get out the word about any events or information from the Alumni Association. Now being GBA graduates you will know the class sizes are small, so there is usually not a ton of people to get info out to. This means there is not a lot of work involved in being a class representative. If you would like to be your class rep, please email me and I will get out the info you will need to keep in touch with them. My email is tdg606@aol.com. If you don't want to bear this minimal responsibility but would know someone who

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Mark your calendar!

ALUMNI WEEKEND

October 12 & 13

GBA Spring GALA Raises \$10,000

Greater Boston Academy held its first annual Spring Gala & Silent Auction fundraiser on Saturday night, March 31, 2012. This event, held in the exquisitely transformed gym, included a wide variety of cold & hot Hors

see our academy students willing and ready to serve during the evening. The gift baskets were exceptional! The organization and the implementation of this gala was first class,” said Angela Walton, Principal after the event.



Athene Wilson '85 performs at GBA GALA.

more; I can never get enough of that type of music, and of her type of gospel. I hope we will see more of her.”



During the evening, GBA Principal Angela Walton made an appeal for donations. The audience responded and over \$7,000

was collected in gifts and pledges in support of GBA Scholarship Fund.

“Athene Wilson was truly inspirational. She is a gifted gospel singer, and she embodies what God and a G.B.A. education can do. I thought her outgoing personality complimented the performance very well; she brought a lot of life to the evening”, said Astrid Wendth, English & History teacher. “I especially appreciated the standards she incorporated into the program, like Etta James' "At Last." I stood up and applauded that one! I wanted her to sing

D’oeuvres at candlelit tables, 17 silent auction items, and featured the very talented and three-time Boston Urban Music Award winner, Athene Wilson, a 1985 GBA graduate. This event was attended by nearly 100 parents, faculty/staff, board members, and friends.

“The gala was exquisite, very well done from the decorations, the food, to the music by Athene Wilson. It was so refreshing to see so many people come out to support GBA; from the school family, area churches, and our conference administration. It was also exciting to

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Special thanks to the following individuals and organizations for their generous support:

- AAA of Southern New England
- Acuharmony Acupuncture
- Amore Pizza
- Andrea's Pizza
- Athene Wilson '85
- Bacci's Italian Ristorante & Pizzeria
- Chuck E Cheese, Everett, MA
- Cosmos Hairstylist, Malden, MA
- Felicia's of the North End
- Furniture World
- GBA Special Event Committee
- GBA Faculty & Staff
- GBA Students & Families
- Palacios Family
- Stop & Shop
- Stoneham Theatre
- Three Amigos



Principal's Perspective by Angela Walton

Dr. Bordes Henry Saturné accepted a call to serve in Thailand back in December 2011. Mrs. Angela Walton, Principal/Teacher grades 5-9 at the Warren SDA School in Warren, MA, was hired and began her new leadership role in mid-January 2012.

Dear GBA Alumni,

Thank you so much for supporting GBA with your continuous dedication and commitment. I'm so glad to be a part of an institution that has such a rich history and continues to be



Angela Walton, GBA Principal

would like to see our athletic programs expand to offer several opportunities for our students to play a variety of sports in area leagues.

I want to see our students at the cutting edge of academia and technology. I want our students to leave GBA with the skills to conquer the world and the attitude of service to change the world.

Thank you ahead of time for your generous contributions of money and time to GBA!

May the Lord, continue to bless you as you pray and support GBA.

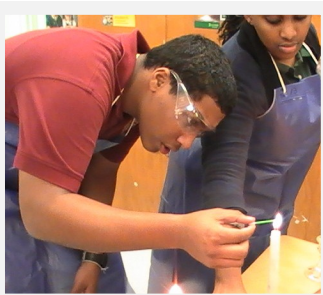
Sincerely,

Angela

**Angela Walton,
Principal**

***P.S. 100% of our
graduating class of
2012 is going off to
college next fall!***

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Science Lab Experiment

planning to establish a traveling choir that will tour in the north-east and afar. I would also like to see an orchestra developed again in the very near future.

a spiritual landmark in the Greater Boston area. GBA has been and will continue to be a beacon of light in the community and a place of academic excellence and service.

I'm really excited about the plans we have for this upcoming school year and beyond. My goal is to restore the splendor of GBA. We are



GBA Choir 2011-12

We also plan to expand our curriculum to include honors and advanced placement courses. As well, I

PASSAGES—News of GBA Alumni

CHARLES & JUNE EDWARDS



65th Wedding Anniversary

Charles and June Edwards celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 20, 2011 at the Walla Walla University Church (College Place, WA) fellowship hall. Charles taught band at Greater Boston Academy in 1962 & 1963.

Charles Edwards met June Day at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) as he led the choir in which she sang. They were married on Aug. 4, 1946, by Edwin Thiele in the college chapel.

Charles, son of Lowell and Josephine Cunningham Edwards, followed in his father's footsteps and became a pastor. He served in Indiana, the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, Massachu-

setts (pastor of Stoneham Church), the Upper Columbia Conference and the Northern California Conference.

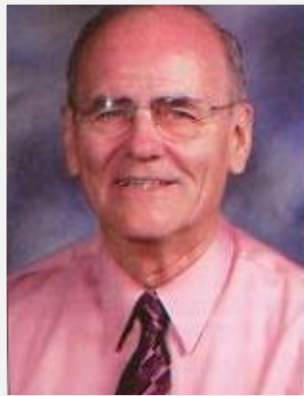
The Edwards family includes 2 sons, 4 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. They are currently retired in College Place, WA.

my in 1965-66.

He received a bachelor of arts in history from Union College in 1965 and a master of arts in counseling from Western Michigan University in 1972.

John & his wife Joan plan to stay in the Walla Walla Valley.

JOHN DEMING

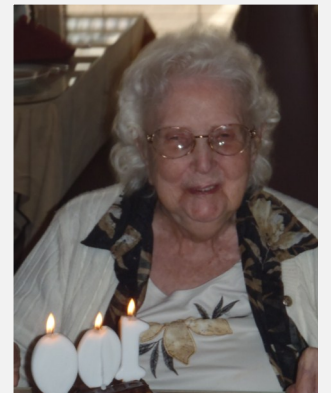


John M. Deming will be retiring from Walla Walla Valley Academy in College Place, WA on Sunday, May 27, 2012 after serving at the school for 20 years.

John served as principal at Battle Creek Academy, Minneapolis Junior Academy before coming to Walla Walla Valley Academy.

John taught P.E. at Greater Boston Acade-

EVELYN NORCLIFFE DAVIES ELDRIDGE



Evelyn was born in Buffalo, New York on August 2, 1911 and passed away due to natural causes on December 28, 2011.

While attending Atlantic Union College in MA she married Harvey R. Davies in 1933. After raising their four children, she returned to work as registrar at Greater Boston Acade-

“Evelyn Davies worked as registrar at GBA for twenty years.”

my for 20 years. Harvey passed away in 1987.

In 1991, Evelyn married Paul H. Eldridge, a long-time family friend whose spouse has also passed away. They resided in Calimesa for 10 years, before moving to Loma Linda, CA. Paul preceded her in death in 2009.

Evelyn enjoyed entertaining and cooking for friends and family who often gathered at her home for the holidays. She was a talented painter and award-winning quilter. In August, her children, **Douglas, 1954, David, 1957, Roger, 1964, & Dorothy, 1968**, gathered to celebrate her 100th birthday.



DR. RODERICK CARRUTHERS

Dr. Roderick James Carruthers, a long-

time family physician in Stoneham, died at his home February 20, 2012, at the age of 100. He was the husband of Martha J. (Ruble) Carruthers. Born and raised in Onondoga, New York, he was the son of the late Leonard and Florence (Huntington) Carruthers.

He graduated from Pacific Union College and earned his medical degree at Loma Linda University in 1940. Dr. Carruthers served four and a half years in the Army during WWII as a Captain Field Physician. He was stationed in Africa and Italy. Following the war, he opened a medical practice in McGraw, NY, near his hometown, before joining the staff at the former New England San and Hospital, later known as the Boston Regional Medical Center in Stoneham, MA.

Dr. Carruthers moved to Stoneham and opened his practice in family medicine in 1950. He cared for his patients until he

retired at the age of 76. **All three of his children graduated from Greater Boston Academy: Douglas in 1962, Robert (Bob) in 1966, and Jean in 1969.**

Dr. Carruthers enjoyed time away from medicine in his garden and traveling throughout New England and upstate New York. He served as church elder and on the boards of Greater Boston Academy and the Stoneham Adventist Church for over three decades.

A celebration of Dr. Carruthers' life was held on his hundredth birthday this past December at GBA. He received the best wishes from over 150 guests. Dr. Carruthers was so appreciative of the special visit he received for his 100th Birthday celebration from Dr. Richard Hart and David Colwell '79 from Loma Linda University. Reconnecting with so many by visits, cards, emails and the party brought so much joy to the centenarian's heart.

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2012 ALUMNI WEEKEND

OCTOBER 12-13

Honor Classes

1947	65th
1952	60th
1957	55th
1962	50th
1967	45th
1972	40th
1977	35th
1982	30th
1987	25th
1992	20th
1997	15th
2002	10th
2007	5th

FROM THE EDITOR

Do we have your current email? Please email me your current email address so we can get exciting info about the school and future **ALUM-News** issues to you electronically to save paper and mailing costs.

If you have any news about yourself or other GBA Alumni, please send it, along with a picture, to me at the email address below. If there's a story you'd like to see us cover about your alma mater, please write and let us know.

Also, if you would like to make a financial donation to GBA, we are working on playground improvements this summer, painting lobby & first floor hallways and we would welcome contributions of time & money to help with these and other projects. You can make an online donation via PayPal...visit web site at **www.greaterbostonacademy.com**.

Thanks so much!

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would be a great fit, please send your recommendations to me as well.

I would like to congratulate and thank Eddy Phanor, Class of 2010, for taking the responsibility of Alumni Vice-president. He is currently studying business at Washington Adventist University.

As many of you know this past year we had an election. I was the only candidate running for president and naturally I won. What

many of you don't know is I run my own business and just had a third child. On top of that, I'm an elder at my church. Currently I am working 12-14 hours a day and do not have extra time in my schedule. I need to step down at **Alumni Weekend this October 12-13** in order to maintain balance in my life. If I step down there will be a gap, what I'm asking is for someone to take my place. In truth, there is not too much work

that goes into being president. There is plenty of support available from long-time president Art Barnaby and of course I am available to help as well. If you are remotely interested or have a recommendation, please let me know via email.

Hope to see you all this summer!

God Bless,

Tom

Tom Giampa'99