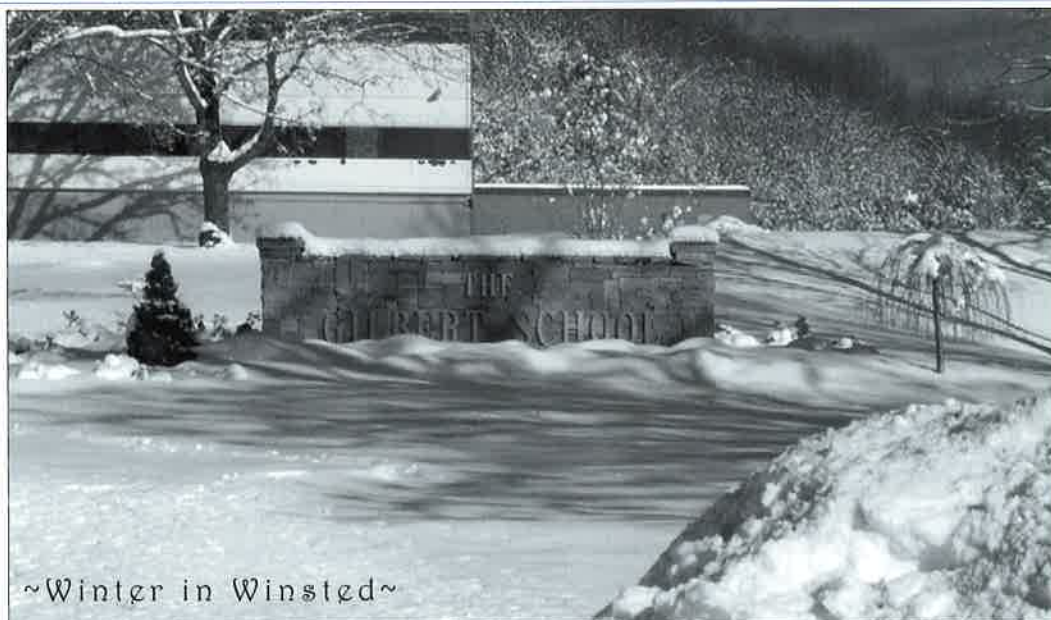


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~Winter in Winsted~

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2007 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Among the festivities during Homecoming 2007 was recognition of the recipients of The Gilbert School Distinguished Alumni Awards. These awards are an opportunity for us to highlight the many and varied accomplishments of Gilbert alumni. See pages 2-3 for photos and stories on each recipient.

THE GILBERT HERITAGE AWARD

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OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Anthony J. Cannavo, Sr. '45

OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD

James V. DiVita '62



Gregg McCann '97 runs
Route 66 Marathon



Cindy Eseppi Rines '80 and Gilbert's
new digital piano at Homecoming

“Thank you, Thada Lufkin,
c/o Heaven,
and The Gilbert School!”

—A grateful student finds her niche 35 years later.
Read about Colleen Townsend Pilat '73 on page 8.



Clearwater,
Florida, diners
in for a treat!

—Thanks to Jeremy Higgins '94, and his dad before him, Ron Higgins '70, Clearwater residents enjoy a great neighborhood restaurant! See page 9.

2007 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Among the festivities of Homecoming 2007 was recognition of the recipients of The Gilbert School Distinguished Alumni Awards. These awards are an opportunity for us to highlight the many and varied accomplishments of Gilbert alumni and are given in recognition of demonstrated commitment to and application of the standards of excellence for which The Gilbert School is known. Nominations for the 2008 awards are now being accepted—see pages 13 and 14 for a form and guidelines. The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation and The Gilbert School were pleased to honor the following individuals for 2007:



Elbert G. Manchester '24
The Gilbert Heritage Award
(Awarded posthumously)

Elbert G. Manchester graduated from The Gilbert School in 1924 and went on to Bowdoin College and to law school at the University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1934. His first job as a lawyer was with the law firm of Clark, Hall, and Pick in New Haven, where he worked from 1934 to 1937. He returned to Winsted in 1937 to start his own practice of law in an office above the Strand Theatre, now The Gilson Theatre, at 356 Main Street. He then practiced law in Winsted for fifty-eight years, until his death in Rockville, Maryland in 1995.

Elbert devoted a considerable portion of his life to serving the people of Winsted. He was elected to the Connecticut Legislature as a Republican in 1939 and reelected in 1941. One of his close colleagues and friends from those days was Abraham Ribicoff, who went on to become a Congressman from Connecticut, Governor of Connecticut, a member of President Kennedy's cabinet and Senator from Connecticut. Reflecting their lifelong friendship, Senator Ribicoff submitted a profile of Elbert for publication in the Congressional Record on May 17, 1979.

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Tiffany Goulet Augeri graduated from The Gilbert School in 1993. She went on to receive a baccalaureate degree in History from Mount Holyoke College in 1997 and a master's degree in History from George Washington University in 2002. After teaching Ancient and US History for a few years, Tiffany made the decision in 2004 with her then boyfriend Steve, now her husband, to seek teaching positions overseas. They were both offered jobs at the American International School of Dhaka, in Bangladesh, where they have been ever since.

Tiffany Goulet Augeri '93
Young Alumni Achievement Award
(Pictured with some of her students; far right)



In addition to being a faculty member at the school in Dhaka, Tiffany is head of girls soccer, junior class lead advisor, and has taken groups of students to Spain, Greece, Great Britain, and Ireland. She has been able to travel to such places as Malaysia, Nepal, Tanzania, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Singapore and Thailand. But when school is in session, among her classes is "Senior

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Anthony J. Cannavo, Sr. '45
The W.L. Gilbert Award for Outstanding Community Service

Anthony J. Cannavo, Sr. is a lifelong resident of Winsted. He is a graduate of The Gilbert School Class of 1945, the University of Connecticut, and is a Navy veteran of World War II. In addition to owning and running successful businesses such as his real estate and construction companies, he has been involved with the Town of Winchester in a myriad of ways

ever since. Here are a few of his accomplishments:

- In 1959 he was appointed to the Board of Selectmen and became mayor five years later while in his late 30s.
- Since then, he has been an active participant on local boards and committees, including past chair of the Laurel Festival Committee, past chair of the Mad River Dam Committee, and he served on the Economic Development Commission for more than twenty years. He served on the Planning and Zoning Commission, at times as chair.
- He was an Incorporator of the Winsted Savings Bank, member of the Advisory Board at Northwest Community Bank and served on the Northwestern Connecticut Community College Regional Advisory Board from 1967 to 2005, serving as chair during some of those years. At the 2006 Commencement Exercises of the

Pictured above at the Alumni Awards Ceremony, Tony pulled his long list of remarks from his pocket as he was handed the microphone!

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Recently named among the top 100 influential figures in American History by *Atlantic Monthly*, Ralph Nader has also made an indisputable mark within the history of The Gilbert School and the town of Winsted, Connecticut.

A graduate of The Gilbert School Class of 1951, Princeton University in 1955 and Harvard University in 1958, Mr. Nader is a well known consumer advocate, lawyer, author, and, as noted in his biography on the world wide web at nader.org, a “full-time citizen, the most important office in America for anyone to achieve.”

The details of Mr. Nader’s professional background cover many, many pages. In fact, according to the nomination submitted in support of Mr. Nader for this award, if you do a Yahoo search, you will find some 7,610,000 articles on or including Ralph Nader. It isn’t possible to cite or summarize all of his achievements in this newsletter, so we will touch on just a few in the following paragraphs.

Ralph Nader '51
Distinguished Professional
Achievement



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The Seventeen
Traditions

by

Ralph Nader

Order your autographed copy...

Mr. Nader has graciously offered to autograph copies of his newest book, *The Seventeen Traditions*, for alumni and friends of The Gilbert School to benefit the Robert L. Jones Annual History Prize. In his book, Mr. Nader reflects on his childhood years in Winsted—his family, friends and the community—and how the many things learned and experienced during those years have carried forward throughout his life. Proceeds from this offer will benefit the Robert L. Jones Annual History Prize at The Gilbert School, an award that is given once per year to a student who excels in the study of history. This endowed fund was established at The Gilbert School by the Nader family in honor and memory of Robert Jones '51, Mr. Nader's classmate and family friend.

To receive an autographed copy of *The Seventeen Traditions*, send a check for \$50.00 per copy (includes a tax deductible gift to the Robert L. Jones fund) payable to The Gilbert School, to:

Office of Development and Alumni Relations
The Gilbert School
200 Williams Avenue
Winsted, CT 06098

Please allow 6–8 weeks for delivery.

Criteria for the Outstanding Athlete Award state that the award may be presented annually “to an alumnus of The Gilbert School who, through participation on a competitive sports team while a student at Gilbert, exhibited outstanding character, sportsmanship and his or her own “personal best” skill level while contributing to the overall achievements of the team. The recipient’s positive attitude and team approach was evident and respected not only within the competition venue but also in the classroom and greater community.” It is clear that Jim DiVita more than met the criteria. He holds the distinction of being the first 1,000 point scorer for the basketball team during his years as a student at The Gilbert School. He played varsity basketball, football and baseball and was presented with the Athlete of the Year Award at the first annual Kiwanis All Sports Banquet in his graduating year of 1962. He was Leader of the Varsity Club. Remaining true to Gilbert beyond graduation, he has served as a freshman coach and is currently the JV boy’s basketball coach and JV coach for softball.

James V. DiVita '62
Outstanding Athlete Award



◀ It seemed natural that the presentation to Jim DiVita be made by friend and fellow coach Mark Douglass.



“...for meritorious service, noteworthy civic and philanthropic endeavors and exceptional personal or professional achievement...”

HOMECOMING 2007

Festivities for Homecoming 2007 began on Friday evening with a reception for the alumni award recipients and their family and friends in the Library. Guests on Saturday were once again treated to a musical program by the 2007 Alumni Band—this year, under the direction of Tom Kelsey '79 and Dennis Marolda '72. Alumni band members came together prior to the performance to present Ed Keeley with special gifts in recognition of his work with the group. The gifts included a donation in his honor to the current Gilbert School band, which has been used to purchase a mobile percussion rack. ❖



▲ The Manchester family and friends were well-represented at the awards reception!



The Cannavo family is joined by classmate Tony Aquilino (r).



Liz Irwin Cary '83 presents Mr. Keeley with gifts from the Alumni Band.

Looking on are Dennis Marolda '72 and Debby Jones '70.



The 2007 Gilbert School Alumni Band with Mr. Ed Keeley



REUNIONS

The Class of 1957 Celebrates 50 Years



The Class of 1957 celebrated their 50th Reunion at the Cornucopia in Torrington on October 6, 2007. About 70 people were in attendance—and it was a great evening...passing all too quickly! A debt of thanks is owed to classmate Janet Hazzard Stack for her hard work and enthusiasm in bringing so many together for this fun event. ❖

The Class of 1982 Celebrates 25 Years



Another successful reunion turnout was enjoyed by the Class of 1982. On November 24, 2007, classmates gathered at the Cornucopia in Torrington to celebrate 25 years as Gilbert alumni. The food was delicious, everyone enjoyed catching up and there was certainly a lot of laughing and dancing going on throughout the evening! Everyone had a great time! At the end of the night, people were already talking about plans for the 30th! The Reunion Committee won't let you down! Stay tuned—we'll see you in 2012! ❖

1982 Photos courtesy of Randylee Cone Prevuznak.

FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

ABOUT OUR ALUMNI RECORDS—ALL 13,555 OF THEM!

The Alumni Office maintains a database of more than 13,000 records—each one representing a student who has attended The Gilbert School, beginning with the very first graduating class of 1896. These records also include some students who, for various reasons, did not stay at The Gilbert School through graduation but whose names continue to be carried on the alumni rolls. Beginning with the Class of 1990, only those who formally graduated remain on the alumni list unless there is a request by a former student to be included, which we are happy to

accommodate.

As you might imagine, keeping all of our alumni information current is a tedious task and one that has no end—but it is a task that the Alumni Office takes very seriously. The 2006 alumni directory, while an immense undertaking, proved invaluable in helping to update and correct hundreds of names and addresses. Since its publication, we have received phone calls, emails and letters providing further clarification of the data listed—or, in some cases, omitted. We truly appreciate all of your feedback and welcome your suggestions for the next directory,

likely to be published in late 2011.

The bottom line is that we need your help to keep our data current on an ongoing basis. You are our best source of information! We mail at least five times per year to almost 9,000 of our 13,555 alumni. Sometimes we receive back an address update via the Postal Service if a change of address form has been filed—but not always. And, sadly, we don't always learn of the passing of an alumnus until mail is returned from a spouse or other relative informing us that their loved one is deceased.

Many times, it is simply a matter of a missing apartment number or house number that causes mail to be returned to us as undeliverable, creating a lost record. With close to 4,000 such records on our database, it is hard to follow up on every lost alumnus. We are grateful to the many reunion committees that have worked diligently over the years to make sure their lists are "clean" before sending announcements to their classmates. Their hard work has made a big difference in the integrity of our data. You can help, too, by keeping us posted of changes. ❖

We can't do it without you! Here's how you can help us keep our records up to date:

- When you move or change your name, send an email to gilbertalumni@gilbertschool.org or call the Alumni Office at 860-738-9439.
- Periodically update your profile via the *Online Community* link at our website, www.gilbertschool.org. Include your email address! You can also use the *Online Community* to post alumni news and email your classmates!
- Check the "Where are you?" list on our website and let us know if you can help with the whereabouts of lost classmates.
- If you notice an obituary or hear of the passing of a classmate, forward the information to the Alumni Office. Include the date of death and the name and date of the newspaper where the obituary appeared, or other source of information. We will not mark an alumnus as deceased without a way to verify the information if needed.

You should know...

- We consider any student who *attended or graduated from* The Gilbert School to be an *alumnus*. You do not need to be an official *graduate* to be considered an alumnus and to receive alumni mail. If you know of someone who attended but is not receiving alumni mail, please encourage them to contact the Alumni Office and we will add them to our list.
- The Gilbert School does not sell or otherwise make available its alumni mailing list except for official Alumni Office business.

Online
Community

Update your profile
at
www.gilbertschool.org/alumni

New Users: Your ID number (needed for initial registration) is above your name on the mailing label of this newsletter.

DON'T FORGET THE 2007—2008 GILBERT ANNUAL FUND!

Gifts are now accepted online through our website via [PayPal](#)—use your credit card or your [PayPal](#) account!

If you would prefer to make a credit card donation by phone, call the Alumni Office at 860-738-9439.

THE GILBERT SCHOOL Enlightening...Motivating...Inspiring



Can you help us identify this photograph from our Archives collection? If you recognize anyone pictured, please contact the Alumni Office. We'd like to know who these young people are and what occasion they are celebrating!

Would you prefer to receive the *Yellow Jacket* via email rather than hard copy?
If so, please send your request to gilbertalumni@gilbertschool.org

The Gilbert School 2007 Souvenir Calendar

—A few copies are still available—

A limited number of these calendars, featuring photographs of the school, students and events throughout the school's history, are available free of charge from the Alumni Office on a first-come, first-served basis. Produced with a grant from The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation in 2006 as part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of William L. Gilbert, the calendar is a wonderful keepsake and full of memories of days gone by. If you would like one, please send an email to gilbertalumni@gilbertschool.org or contact the Alumni Office at 860-738-9439. While no longer current for keeping your appointments, the photos and sentiments are bits of nostalgia that will surely bring on a few smiles!



THE GILBERT SCHOOL:
COMMITTED TO OUR HERITAGE—FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

IN THE SPOTLIGHT COLLEEN TOWNSEND PILAT '73

During art class at Gilbert, watercolors and oils were her media of choice. Today, Colleen Townsend Pilat '73 uses bits of sea glass she collects herself to create beautiful jewelry—including some worn by characters on the CBS program *Shark*!

Inspired by Thada Lufkin, an art teacher at Gilbert during the early 60s and 70s, Colleen Townsend Pilat '73 has rediscovered her own passion for art. She complements an already exciting and rewarding work life in Newport, Rhode Island with a creative talent that Mrs. Lufkin had always encouraged her students to pursue. Much to Colleen's surprise, that talent has found its way to jewelry design—and to Hollywood!

During a recent chance meeting at her workplace with actor James Woods (star and producer of the CBS drama *Shark*), Colleen, wearing one of her own jeweled creations that caught his eye, found herself in conversation with Woods about the art of crafting fine jewelry. Colleen is a big fan of Woods, so to have such a conversation was amazing in itself! Even more amazing to Colleen was Woods' interest in seeing more of her jewelry collection. The two met days later and he decided to purchase her entire inventory, bringing it back to the set of *Shark* where some of the pieces have been worn on-screen by actress Jeri Ryan and others. In a quote,

Woods said, "We use Colleen's jewelry on *Shark* because it is classy and sophisticated, yet simple and elegant. It fits in perfectly with our stories about the rich, the powerful, the glamorous and the famous, helping to accent and define these characters. Overall, Colleen provides a very high-end product and we are proud to have her exquisite jewelry on our show." Since then, Woods has purchased additional pieces from Colleen's collection, which is also available at the Newport Restoration Foundation Store, the Redwood Library Gift Shop (Newport) and through her website at www.townsendjewelry.com.

How did this exciting journey begin for Colleen? "Over a year ago, to begin mending a broken heart, I decided to get back into art—something I always loved. Instead of using watercolors or oils (the mediums I mostly worked with), I began making jewelry using the skills in design and color that Mrs. Lufkin instilled in her students. I remember, she would aim her thumb upwards toward the subject matter and tell us to 'squint,' which would allow us to

see color instead of defined objects. We painted in color. I create my jewelry with color. The people I work with and their fashionable clothing have become my canvases.

"One of my collections is made from pure sea glass that I find along the beaches of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. With sterling silver wire, I make a nest to hold the small piece of history, and then adorn it with other sea gems, such as pearls. With each finished piece, I include a write-up on the glass—what type of vessel it might have come from, when it was likely manufactured or hand-blown, and its rareness." Sea glass is formed from glass bottles, china, or other glass objects that have been tossed into the ocean and naturally "tumbled" for a long period of time. The conditioning of the glass takes at least 75 years to form the beautiful patina and texture usually associated with the glass. On the shores of Newport, those pieces of glass may have originated from British and French ships that invaded or occupied the area during the Revolutionary War.

Colleen remembers her years at Gilbert with fondness,

especially her memories of Mrs. Lufkin and art class. While she credits the experience with James Woods for cementing her self-confidence in building her jewelry-making business, she clearly calls upon the inspiration of her Gilbert years for the creativity and design skill needed to make everything come together. She writes, "Thank you, Thada Lufkin c/o Heaven, and The Gilbert School!"

When Colleen is not creating jewelry, taking or teaching jewelry-making classes, or walking the beach in search of new pieces of sea glass, she works at Salve Regina University as administrative assistant to the vice-president of university relations and advancement. She also works as part-time personal secretary for Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' stepbrother, Hugh D. Auchincloss III, at Hammersmith Farm (located in Newport and known as the Summer White House during the Kennedy presidency). Colleen writes, "Nothing could be more wonderful than working for Mr. Auchincloss and being in an environment surrounded by Kennedy memorabilia." Colleen also participates in local archaeological excavations in Rhode Island. ❖



Colleen is still reeling from a chance meeting with actor James Woods, pictured, star of the CBS drama *Shark*. Woods was so impressed with Colleen's handmade jewelry that he purchased her entire inventory, some of which can be spotted worn by actresses on the show! Pictured above is one of her beautiful sea glass creations.

When Jeremy Higgins moved to Florida after graduating from Gilbert in 1994, his dream was to play baseball for his college team in St. Petersburg. Unfortunately, that dream came to an end after Jeremy broke his foot during his second year of school. At that time, he decided to join partnership with his father in the restaurant business. His new dream was to someday become the sole owner/proprietor of *Pastino's Restaurant*. And now that dream has come true.

Jeremy's father, Gilbert alumnus Ron Higgins '70, opened a family-style Italian restaurant in Clearwater, Florida, in the fall of 1994. He converted an early American 1900s home into what is now a thriving eatery and entertainment hot spot, voted "The Best in Tampa Bay" by MSN. On January 2 of this year, Jeremy's dream finally came to life—after spending more than ten years in partnership with his dad at the restaurant, the papers were signed and he became the sole owner and proprietor of *Pastino's*—and the rest, as they say, is history. On Sunday, February 10, Jeremy hosted the

grand re-opening of *Pastino's Neighborhood Grill and Pizzeria*. His mother, Debbie Moore Bombard, a Winsted resident and Gilbert alumnus of the class of 1973, was present for the celebration, and, along with her two brothers (Jeremy's uncles) Robert Moore '78 and Brian Moore '82, they presented Jeremy with his great-grandfather's wine press along with a beautiful plaque to commemorate the occasion.

Of course, the evening would not have been complete without the presence of several Winsted natives, including nationally and internationally known rhythm & blues guitarist/singer, Jimmy Griswold '79, whose band by the same name was one of three entertaining for the gala event. Also in attendance were Gilbert alumni Susan Jacobs Moore '78, Marci Moore Fritch '98, Colleen Townsend Pilat '73, Jolynn Pritchard Decker '73, Rhonda Cone Mangione '72, and Bill Hutton '49, to name just a few. Yes, the Gilbert connection is alive and well in Florida! ❖

JEREMY HIGGINS '94

A dream realized in Florida; celebrated with friends from Winsted



Jeremy Higgins '94, new owner of *Pastino's* in Clearwater, Florida, pictured (center) with his mother Debbie Moore Bombard '73, uncles Brian Moore '82 and Robert Moore '77, aunt Susan Jacobs Moore '78, and cousin Marci Moore Fritch '98, at the restaurant's grand re-opening in February.

Jeremy invites alumni and friends to stop by and say hello if you happen to be in the neighborhood—we hear the pizza's great! Visit www.pastinos.com for menus and details!

—Many thanks to Jeremy's mom, Debbie Moore Bombard '73, for providing background and photos for this article. We extend congratulations and best wishes to Jeremy for much success and a long stay in the Clearwater area.

ALUMNI NEWS



Stanley Ransom, Jr. '45

1945

Best wishes and congratulations to **Stanley Ransom** who recently returned to the world of work after 16 years of retirement! Stan is excited to be heading the City of Plattsburgh (NY) Library.



1952

Diana Beach Hines shares the news of the birth of her great grandson Nicholas William Kovall, born June 16, 2007.

1956

Kudos to **Gary O'Keefe!** He writes, "Recently won two gold medals in singles and doubles bowling at the 2007 Atlanta Senior Olympics!"

1958

Connie Brunelle Cohn sends the following update—"After serving two years in the Peace Corps (2003 - 2005) teaching college-level English to university students

in Tashkent, Uzbekistan (a former Soviet Union country in Central Asia), I spent the following school year in the rainforest in Belize teaching elementary school to three young American children. Their parents run an environmental education and research station there. Last year I "retired" and unexpectedly went back to school. Now I'm in the continuing education program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, focusing on linguistics, Russian, Mayan/Mesoamerican art and hieroglyphics, and archaeology. I'm currently working on the "Cascajal Block," an Olmec stone tablet with the earliest-yet-discovered writing from the Americas (about 900 BC). This past spring I worked on the excavation of a Catawba Indian

village from the 1750s in South Carolina. I'd love to hear from other Gilbert alumni!" (Post a note to classmates by logging in to the Online Community page of our website—www.gilbertschool.org; follow the Alumni link.)

1963

Congratulations to **Carol Hamilton Miles**, married on September 8, 2007.

1973

Kudos to **Lorraine Mangione** for a heartfelt and inspiring article published in the December 2007 newsletter of the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association. Lorraine has been a veterinary technician at the Framingham (MA) Animal Hospital for the past 30 years and her article portrays her passion for not only the animals entrusted to the care of

the hospital, but also for her chosen field and her colleagues. It is a testament to the rewards of finding the right career—clearly Lorraine has found one that is ideally suited to her, one in which she takes great pride, and one that contributes in a positive way to the greater good of her community. While sometimes frustrated—as many of us are—with constant change in regulations and technology, Lorraine says that she will “continue in the field and hopefully be able to grow and change along with the practice.” Best wishes, Lorraine!

1975

Congratulations to **Kenneth J. Fracasso**, elected Mayor of Winsted in the November elections.

Let's hear it for **Charlie Tirrell**, who made his Goodspeed Opera House debut (CT) during the 2007 season as Charles Thomson in the theatre's production of 1776.

1976

Dr. Michael S. Kelley writes, “Will be leaving Georgia Southern University in 2008 to begin work at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC.” Best wishes to Michael and his family.

1977

Louis Torche wishes a happy and safe new year to all his classmates and writes, “My wife Christine and I moved across the country from Waldorf, Maryland, to Napa, California, in October 2007. I transferred to our San Francisco field office where I'm a K-9/Patrol Sergeant with the United States Park Police. Christine is teaching graphic design at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco and has a studio in Napa where she's an equine artist (www.christinegeorge.com). My son Spencer is attending San Francisco University as a freshman and my daughter Nicole started her junior year at Vintage High School in Napa. All is well and we're adjusting just fine to the west coast life.”

1978

James Doing sends greetings from the “frozen tundra of Wisconsin”! Jim was recently promoted from Associate to Full Professor of Voice at the University of Wisconsin. He and his wife Sue (from eastern Connecticut) live with their five children near beautiful Madison, Wisconsin. Sue teaches elementary school music and Jim teaches voice at UW and sings around the world in classical music. Their children range in age from 16 to 22. To hear clips of Jim's singing, check out his agent's website: www.seidelartistsmgmt.com.

Ron Mele (Major, United States Air Force, Retired) recently became a Captain for Pinnacle Airlines, a Northwest Airlines regional operator. He flies the bombardier CRJ-200 and lives in Menasha, Wisconsin.

1990

Congratulations to **Cory Hudak** and his wife Tracy (Sullivan) on the birth of their first child, a baby girl. Kate Marie Hudak was born on January 12th.

1993

A note from **Geizha Ahles**—“As many of you know, I have been a very active advocate for the Connecticut Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for several years now. For the 2007 MS Walk, our team won the very prestigious award for being the top team at our walk site, raising a total of \$10,737.00! As captain of the team, I accepted the award at the annual awards banquet and was featured on Channel 30 News. I have also been chosen to speak in front of the legislature in March on behalf of issues that affect people living with MS across the state.

“This year, the walk will take place on Sunday, May 4, and we will be moving our walk site to beautiful Litchfield, Connecticut. Due to my past experience with pageants and modeling, I have obtained a commitment from the current Mrs. Connecticut, Lynette Piombo, to walk with our team.

“I would be honored if you would like to join *Team Go!* for this fun-filled family event. It may seem early to start the recruiting process, but it creeps up faster than you know! If you would like to join us, please email me with your full name, address, phone number, email address and date of birth at gahles@charter.net. Donations can also be made online by going to www.ctfightsms.org, select MS Walk, select our walk site of Litchfield, and then our team, which is *Team Go!*

“Thank you so much in advance for all your support!”

Congratulations to **Aaron A. Angell**, a major in the United States Marine Corps. Aaron was recently named the Earl Hattaway Aviation Ground Officer of the Year at a ceremony held in Reno, Nevada. The award recognizes the Marine who most embodies excellence while working on the ground with aircrafts and aircraft personnel. Aaron has served twice in Iraq and is currently teaching at the Expeditionary Warfare School at the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia.

Kudos to **Jessica Smith Bowman**, who recently received her National Board Teacher Certification!

1994

James Welcome is pleased to announce the opening of the Law Offices of James A. Welcome in Waterbury and Danbury, Connecticut. Jim concentrates on defending the rights of individuals in immigration, criminal and personal injury proceedings. Best wishes, Jim!

1995

USAF Captain Tim McCann, salutatorian of the Class of 1995 and a graduate with distinction of the United States Air Force Academy, recently served as aircraft commander for a USO flight bringing holiday greetings to our troops in Germany, Turkey, Afghanistan and Iraq. Tim piloted his C-17 and carried General

James Cartwright, USMC and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Wilmer Valderrama who plays Fez on *That 70s Show*; Canadian comedian Russell Peters and model Mayra Veronica as they visited with troops serving overseas during Thanksgiving.

Tim is stationed at Charleston Air Force Base in Charleston, South Carolina, and recently received word that he has been selected for promotion to Major. After graduating from pilot training, he served as a C-21 pilot stationed in Germany and an Instructor Pilot stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi. Tim and his wife Elina live in Goose Creek, South Carolina.



1996

Congratulations to **Lauren Barber**, who received a Juris Doctorate from Quinnipiac University School of Law in May of 2007. Lauren is currently working at Sabatini & Associates in Newington, Connecticut.

We wish the best of luck to **Jenna Marzullo** who, along with Katherine Wynne-Brown, celebrated the grand opening of their Winsted business *Soleil Center for Healing and the Arts* this past November. Services offered at the *Soleil Center* include energy healing, yoga/meditation, weekend retreats, experiential art classes and massage/reflexology. Stop by if you're in the neighborhood—Jenna and Katherine would love to welcome you!



1997

USAF Captain Greg McCann recently ran in the Tulsa World Route 66 Quarter Marathon where he received a trophy for finishing first in his age group. Greg is a 1997 honors graduate of

Gilbert and graduated from The United States Air Force Academy in 2001 with a degree in meteorology. He then went on to complete pilot training and recently completed a tour as a C-5 pilot stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California. In this capacity, Greg has flown missions all over the world, including a Presidential support mission to Indonesia. Greg and his wife Monica have moved to Enid, Oklahoma, where Greg will be an Instructor Pilot at Vance Air Force Base.

Amanda Gamari Ferguson and her husband Aaron welcomed a son, Wyatt Orion, born on April 29th in West Linn, Oregon. Congratulations to all—and to grandfather Michael Gamari, too, Gilbert's AD!

1999

Best wishes to **Don Crossman**, who recently joined the faculty at Harbor Middle School in Burlington, Connecticut, as the technology teacher.

2005

Shane Bordonaro joined the United States Army this past fall and headed off to Fort Benning, Georgia, for basic training. We wish the best of luck to Shane and to all those who are serving in the military.

2006

Congratulations to **Haley Barber**, named a 2007 New England Scholar at UCONN in recognition of a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for the 2007 spring and fall semesters.

Concerning Items in Alumni News... Items included in the Alumni News section of the Yellow Jacket are submitted directly to us by alumni or are gathered from public sources such as local newspapers. The purpose of Alumni News is to pass on good wishes, thoughts and news of your classmates and to recognize accomplishments. If you prefer that we do not include you by name in future issues, please notify the Office of Development & Alumni Relations in writing

IN MEMORIAM

Catherine White Allan '31
September 22, 2007

Antoinette Lampanaro Fredsall '42
February 18, 2008

Thomas J. O'Neil '42
November 8, 2007

Edward H. Sheffield '35
August 14, 2007

Mildred Messenger Baxter '38
February 7, 2008

Doris Webb Griffin '40
November 20, 2007

Jane LaGier Payne '38
November 16, 2006

Tammy Lynn Allard Souza '94
November 3, 2007

Joseph J. Bosco '51
September 20, 2007

Charles G. Maccalous '59
October 8, 2007

Francis A. Pelletier '48
December 30, 2007

Julia E. Stankiewicz '50
December 22, 2007

Florence Williams Crowley '32
December 4, 2007

Bernice "Bunny" Tatro Machowski '38
December 19, 2007

Teresa Stick-Randall '45
July 17, 2007

Pauline Onion Stavnitzky '49
August 27, 2007

Raymond Dalene '51
February 20, 2008

Joseph C. Magyar '51
October 19, 2007

Tobey L. Reynolds '03
October 26, 2007

Philip Stone '53
December 2007

Concetto J. DePace '34
October 8, 2007

Helen Gouthier Martin '69
September 23, 2007

Peter A. Robertson, Sr. '37
November 20, 2007

Thomas A. Travaglini '54
September 28, 2007

Scott S. Fairchild '69
December 2, 2007

John F. McCarthy '45
November 6, 2007

Charles E. Root '45
October 27, 2007

Margaret White Vaccari '45
October 15, 2007

Mary Crighton Ferry '45
December 28, 2007

Evann Middlebrooks, Jr. '43
October 22, 2007

Clark T. Schoonmaker II '40
November 10, 2007

Marguerite Collins Yurgal '38
December 3, 2007

Kathleen Inger Fracasso '41
February 4, 2008

Norma Chialfi Moore '49
November 20, 2007

Benjamin M. Scimonelli '48
January 7, 2008

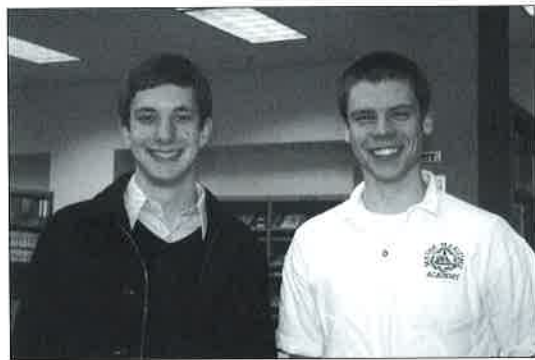
Theresa R. Zaccara '75
November 25, 2007

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Principal Dan Hatch chats with two alumni before the panel discussion.

YOUNG ALUMNI DAY 2007



Twelve alumni addressed members of the Class of 2008 to share their own experiences about college life and to give some advice—and a young perspective—on what it's really like on campus, in the dorms, in the classroom and in the workforce. Kim Wells-Fiducia, Gilbert School guidance counselor, moderated the discussion. Young Alumni Day is hosted each year by the Guidance Office and the Alumni Office. The goal is to bring together recent graduates with the current senior class for a give-and-take program on what to expect once seniors leave the halls of The Gilbert School.

CAFETERIA STAFF GATHER FOR A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!



The ladies—and gentleman—of the Hive prepare for a well-deserved break for the holiday recess. Gilbert's students and staff are treated throughout the school year with smiles, great food and great service. The day before the break, though, this group relaxes for some fun and friendship.



THE GILBERT SCHOOL

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS



The Gilbert School Distinguished Alumni Awards are given in recognition of demonstrated commitment to and application of the standards of excellence for which The Gilbert School is known. Through meritorious service, noteworthy civic and philanthropic endeavors and/or exceptional personal or professional achievement, these individuals have brought distinction to themselves, their colleagues, their communities—and thereby to The Gilbert School. We encourage the nomination of individuals who exemplify and embrace such excellence, reflecting the proud legacy and tradition of their alma mater. Based on that legacy and tradition, we are honored to recognize individuals in the following five categories:

- **The Gilbert Heritage Award**

This award may be presented annually to an alumnus of The Gilbert School who, through significant personal or professional contributions or accomplishments during his/her lifetime, has distinguished him/herself within the history of the school, bringing honor and pride to all alumni and representing the traditions and the heritage of The Gilbert School. The Gilbert Heritage Award may be given posthumously.

- **Young Alumni Achievement Award**

This award may be presented annually to an alumnus of The Gilbert School who graduated from Gilbert within the past twenty years. The recipient will have achieved outstanding personal or professional success in the community, in business or in entrepreneurship. Through such accomplishments, he or she serves as a role model for younger individuals.

- **Distinguished Professional Achievement Award**

This award may be presented annually to an alumnus of The Gilbert School who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in his or her professional life. The recipient will have brought distinction to themselves and The Gilbert School through their participation, commitment and leadership in their chosen profession. The length and quality of career accomplishments, a commitment to professional excellence and respect among professional colleagues is noteworthy.

- **The W.L. Gilbert Award for Outstanding Community Service**

This award may be presented annually to an alumnus of The Gilbert School or to a member of our greater society (not limited to alumni nor to the Winsted area). The recipient will have displayed exceptional service to the betterment of life within their own community or to humanity in general. This award is in honor of the significant humanitarian and philanthropic contributions made by William L. Gilbert, founder of The Gilbert School.

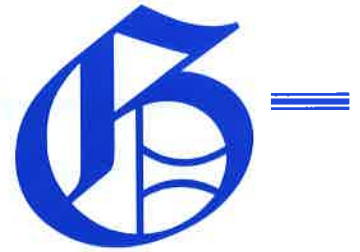
- **Outstanding Athlete Award**

This award may be presented annually to an alumnus of The Gilbert School who, through participation on a competitive sports team while a student at Gilbert, exhibited outstanding character, sportsmanship and his or her own "personal best" skill level while contributing to the overall achievements of the team. The recipient's positive attitude and team approach was evident and respected not only within the competition venue but also in the classroom and greater community. The recipient must be an alumnus of a class that graduated at least ten years prior to the year of the award.

The completed nomination form, along with all supporting documentation, must be submitted to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations no later than June 1, 2008. In order to be eligible for nomination, the nominee must be a graduate or former student of The Gilbert School unless otherwise stated in the description of the award. Current members of The W.L. Gilbert School Corporation and The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation are not eligible while in service to these boards.

The Gilbert School Alumni Advisory Council, representing all alumni of The Gilbert School, will review the nominations and present their recommendations to the Executive Committee of The W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation for final confirmation. The Alumni Advisory Council reserves the right to include for consideration an ongoing list of potential nominees provided by The Gilbert School Alumni Office. Nominations will be accepted from alumni and friends of The Gilbert School at large.

2008 Nomination Form



Please select one award category:

- The Gilbert Heritage Award
- Young Alumni Achievement Award
- Distinguished Professional Achievement Award
- The W.L. Gilbert Award for Outstanding Community Service
- Outstanding Athlete Award

Name of nominee: _____ Class Year: _____

Current profession/job title
or volunteer affiliation: _____ Organization Name: _____

Nomination proposed by:

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

It is required that you include a brief summary of the candidate's qualifications to support each nomination. You may use the space below or attach a separate sheet(s) to this form.

The 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented during
Alumni Homecoming Weekend in October.

Please send this form, along with any supporting materials, by June 1st to:

The Gilbert School
Office of Development and Alumni Relations
200 Williams Avenue
Winsted, CT 06098

Additional nomination forms are available to download from our website at www.gilbertschool.org

Alumni Awards (con't)

Elbert G. Manchester '24 (con't)

Following his service in the Legislature in Hartford, Elbert was elected Judge of Probate for the Winchester-Colebrook District, where he served for a number of years. In addition to his work as lawyer and judge, he served on many boards and commissions, including the boards of the Winsted Memorial Hospital, the Beardsley and Memorial Library, the Winchester Historical Society and the Winsted Methodist Church. In the nomination of his father for this award, Paul Manchester wrote, "My father was proudest of his work on behalf of education in Winsted. Long after my brother and I left Winsted, he was an unapologetic supporter of full funding of the education budget at all levels."

Elbert's devotion to Gilbert was shown by his tireless work on The W. L. Gilbert Trust Corporation, where he served for forty-six years, from 1949 until his death in 1995. This made him the second longest serving Trustee in Gilbert history - only Luther Chase, who was on the Board from 1918 to 1968, served for a longer period. His service slightly exceeded that of his uncle, Wilbur G. Manchester, who served from 1902 to 1947 and Dudley L. Vaill, his nephew's wife's grandfather, who served from 1913 to 1958.

For lifetime personal and professional accomplishments and for representation of the traditions and the heritage of The Gilbert School, we are pleased to recognize and honor the memory of Elbert G. Manchester, Class of 1924, with the 2007 Gilbert Heritage Award. Several members of the Manchester family were in attendance for the presentation of this award, which was accepted in Elbert's memory by his son, Paul Manchester, graduate of The Gilbert School Class of 1960. ❖

Tiffany Goulet Augeri '93 (con't)

Project", which is a required community service component of the curriculum. She and her students reach out from their own world in Dhaka to the less fortunate around them by teaching in local schools and donating hours to volunteer projects. For example:

- Tiffany, Steve and others climbed Mount Kilimanjaro last year, securing sponsors in order to pay tuition for young girls whose families could not afford to send them to school.

- They have organized clinics for abused kids, run road races (called "BanglaDashes") to raise funds for special projects, and put on concerts to pay for medical care for kids who have many diseases we no longer see in the US such as elephantitis.

- They spent a weekend planting trees on an island, hoping to hold back the eroding soil in order to save the island.

- They have sold baked goods and other items to buy medicine for local people and to support local charities.

- They have donated their time to schools to teach music, art, sports and English.

- They raised thousands of dollars by organizing a garment sale and donating all proceeds to a village that was hit by floods.

- Tiffany works with a charity called the ABC School—"Assisting Bangladeshi Children"—where for \$180 a child can go to school for an entire year. Imagine.

Tiffany hopes that her students "will get hooked on the high you get from helping other people and continue to do their part as they get older. If we each did a little, the world would be a lot better."

In her own words, "It turns out that moving to Bangladesh has been one of the best decisions we have ever made."

And in the words of Maria Ursone Stewart '52, who nominated her for this award, Tiffany is "...teaching her students of the hardships in Bangladesh just beyond their school doors, and, one step at a time, making Bangladesh a better place."

We are pleased to honor and recognize the outstanding personal and professional successes of Tiffany Goulet Augeri with the Gilbert School Young Alumni Achievement Award. Tiffany was still on assignment in Bangladesh at the time of the awards, but conveyed her sincere thanks for this honor, adding that she hopes everyone will see that they can make a real difference in the world and will be inspired to do so. Her grandfather, Paul Goulet, proudly accepted the award on her behalf. ❖

Ralph Nader '51 (con't)

- Of course, there is his book *Unsafe at Any Speed*, about automobile safety—or lack thereof—which led to significant changes in auto safety laws. Numerous books have followed, including his most recent, *The Seventeen Traditions*, which touches and reflects upon traditions learned from his family and from the people within the Winsted community.

- Mr. Nader has inspired countless activists across the country, resulting in organized and powerful public interest groups and non-profit organizations.

- And he has been a candidate for President of the United States four times.

The Gilbert School is proud to have educated thousands of students throughout its century-plus history—each distinguished in his or her own way. Building upon that education and working toward a meaningful and productive life is the embodiment of the words from the vision and

legacy of the founder of The Gilbert School—"to educate the young as will help them become good citizens." Mr. Nader is perhaps an educator of responsible citizenship.

We are pleased to honor Ralph Nader with the 2007 Gilbert School Distinguished Professional Achievement Award in recognition of his outstanding career accomplishments, commitment to professional excellence, leadership in his chosen field, and respect among his professional colleagues. ❖

Anthony J. Cannavo, Sr. '45 (con't)

College, Tony was honored with the Board of Trustees Merit Award, recognizing his extraordinary service to the school.

He was appointed Town Representative to the W.L. Gilbert School Corporation and also appointed as Trustee to the W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation, which honored him as Trustee Emeritus in 2000. He served on the recent Gilbert School building committee as vice chair.

Tony's achievements proudly exemplify the legacy and traditions of his alma mater, reflecting on the humanitarian and philanthropic contributions of the school's founder, for whom this award is named.

For exceptional service and dedication to the betterment of life within this community, we are pleased to recognize the accomplishments of Anthony J. Cannavo, Sr., with the W.L. Gilbert Award for Outstanding Community Service. ❖



Nominations are now being accepted for the 2008 awards.

The criteria for each award, along with a nomination form, can be found inside this newsletter and can also be downloaded from our website.

Let us hear from you!

Whether you've recently married, celebrated an anniversary or an addition to your family, received a promotion, changed occupations, started a business, written a book, won an award—or just want to send greetings to your classmates—let us know!

Fill out this form and mail it to the Alumni Office, submit online at www.gilbertschool.org or send us an email! We—and your classmates—would enjoy hearing from you!

Photos for publication in the Yellow Jacket are always welcome!

 Calling all alumni! Send us your news for the next issue of the Yellow Jacket!

Your name: _____ Class Year: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Send to: Office of Development & Alumni Relations, The Gilbert School, 200 Williams Avenue, Winsted, CT 06098

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| Class of 1983 25 th Reunion | Homecoming Weekend/Date TBA |
| Class of 1978 30 th Reunion | Date TBA |
| Class of 1972 35 th (+1) Reunion | November 28, 2008 |
| Class of 1958 50 th Reunion | October 25, 2008 |
| Class of 1953 55 th Reunion | September 20, 2008 |
| Blue & Gold Reunion | Friday, May 2, 2008 |
| Spring Concert & Donor Event | Tuesday, May 6, 2008 |
| Annual Blue & Gold | |
| Golf Tournament | Monday, May 12, 2008 |
| Homecoming | Date TBA |

For event details and more, visit us online: www.gilbertschool.org

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Approximately 9,000 alumni receive news from The Gilbert School and are listed within the Alumni Community on our website. Post your email address there and send messages to your classmates, post and read class notes, find out what's happening at your alma mater. Use your alumni ID number located above your name on the mailing label of this newsletter and register today.

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