



## In the Spotlight

This issue's spotlight is a very special one, as we say good-bye to four of our Board members who have been an intricate part of the Middleton PTO for the past one to two years: Teresa Buono, Stacy Fallon,

Betsy Mahoney, and John Cardarelli. All four were honored with awards at Mrs. Fitzpatrick's volunteer luncheon. We write this tribute to them here to make sure that all members of our school communities know their value and contributions.

Teresa Buono, Stacy Fallon and Betsy Mahoney all joined the Board two years ago in 2004. This was a hallmark year for the MPTO, as this was the year in which, under the leadership of Jodi Jarvis, we incorporated as a non-profit organization. With her professional background as an attorney, Teresa was significantly active in the MPTO's legal transformation. Our current non-profit status allows us to give valuable tax benefits to our donors, while creating a legal entity that is accountable not only to our members but also to the federal and state governments.

Teresa has lived in Middleton for the past 13 years with her husband Stephen and her two sons Nicholas, age 8, and Mark, age 5. In addition to her leadership role as the current MPTO President, Teresa is also known for her skills as a soccer coach in the Middleton Youth Soccer program. She even started off the season coaching a team on which neither son was a member, in the absence of another lead coach for that team! Her giving nature and commitment to the Middleton community can further be seen in her participation in the meetings of the Tri-Town Umbrella Organizations, and most notably, her filling the gap left by the passing of Jack Leitner on the School Committee. Teresa also joined the School Building Committee and has been actively working towards creating a new school to meet all of Middleton's needs ever since. This spring, Teresa ran for a three-year term on the School Committee and won. We are fortunate to have her continued advocacy, dedication and seemingly endless energy working for our children.

Stacy Fallon has lived in Middleton since 1998. She and her husband John are both strong contributors to the Middleton community. They have two children at the Fuller Meadow School – Megan, age 7 and Mathew, age 4. With a professional background in marketing and event planning, Stacy has brought incredible energy and direction to our fundraising efforts. Her leadership has given us our successful and enjoyable spring adult evenings for the past two years (dinner/dance auction in 2005 and the wine and beer tasting in 2006). Stacy also was responsible for creating our trademark golf tournament and the sponsorship campaign required to make the past two golf tournaments the huge successes they were.

Betsy Mahoney provided strong inspiration for all of us volunteering in her first year on the Board as the treasurer. Fulfilling this demanding position, while parenting twin 4 year old girls Erin and Morgan and her 9 year old son Shane, and working full-time outside the home wasn't enough. In 2005 she and her husband Matt undertook their kitchen renovation. Anybody seeing how willing Betsy was to take on her volunteer roles alongside the heavy workload in her personal life realized that they too could give a little bit more of their time. In her second year on the MPTO Board, Betsy moved into the role of secretary. She has always actively participated in all our Board discussions, planning, and functions and has been a vital part of our team. Her caring for the children shows through in everything she does.

John Cardarelli is an accountant, and we were lucky enough to have him join the Board in the summer of 2005. His professional expertise and aptitude for accuracy has allowed us all to breathe a little easier knowing that this critical area of financial documentation has been in good hands. The treasurer's responsibilities have increased since we incorporated as a non-profit organization. Being legally accountable means we need to have impeccable record keeping and follow the many rules surrounding the legal and ethical regulations of a non-profit organization. John has led us through this process with ease and authority. In addition to his role as treasurer, John has worked hard with Stacy to put together the very successful golf tournaments we held two years in a row. John's wife Jane was also involved in the planning of and participated in both golf tournaments. Jane works in the Fuller Meadow cafeteria. With *four* children in school (Nicole, Christian, Jennifer, and Jillian), John and Jane have good reason to be so involved in the schools.

Looking back at all of the successes the MPTO has enjoyed over the past two years, we know that **it is the people who have stepped up to the plate to help out, and even take on leadership roles (despite their already busy lives) who have made our own volunteer work so successful and enjoyable.** Although those of us left behind on the Board will miss seeing our outgoing members at monthly Board meetings, we know we'll see them in many other places, as they all continue to pursue their commitment to the children. Teresa will continue her work for the schools on the Middleton School Committee and Middleton School Building Committee, as well as coaching. Although searching for a *paying* position this summer, Stacy will help next year's development team, Shelley Hood and Kim Paikos, with her contacts, knowledge, incredible energy and commitment to perfection. Always looking for more to do, Betsy will help Ann Noyes in the upkeep of our wonderful website (in case you *still* haven't checked it out, it's [www.middletonpto.org](http://www.middletonpto.org)). John has generously accepted our invitation (or was it pleading?) to stay on to do our tax documentation and filings. We are very grateful to all of our former Board buddies for their continued help and support. Thank you Teresa, Stacy, Betsy and John!! We feel so lucky to have been able to work with you and get to know you.

## A NEW BOARD FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR



**Kim Cosco and Mia Cloonan will lead the new team as Co-Presidents of the MPTO.** Kim and Mia were the Co-Vice Presidents of Student Programs for two years. Stemming from Mary Hawkin's assistance to Mia with the field trip paperwork in 2004, Mia and Kim set up a program committee last year to help with the booking of programs and field trips. Not only did this make their jobs more doable, it opened up more opportunities for the many parents who are looking for ways to help out within the schools. Having been Board members the past two years, Kim and Mia bring the experience necessary for an effective Board and have the innovation to keep things fresh.

**Laurie Stone is our Treasurer this year.** Although new to the Board, Laurie helped John Cardarelli with the treasurer's paperwork. Last year was the perfect training ground to prepare Laurie for her responsibilities this year as treasurer. Even before her term officially began, Laurie shared her energy and ideas as we plan for next year, including ways to bring more age-appropriate events to the Howe Manning students.

**Sue Rubin is our new Secretary.** As the chair of last year's photocopy committee, Sue got a close-up glimpse into the Board. Committed to finding ways she can contribute, Sue stepped up to be a Board member this year. We know that Sue's efficiency and attention to detail will give needed structure and organization to the Board's operations.

**Shelley Hood and Kim Paikos are this year's Co-Vice Presidents of development.** Shelley started this year off as our volunteer coordinator, and later joined the Board to work with Stacy on development. Kim was snatched up this year as an ideal candidate for our development team as she was heard saying at an open MPTO meeting, "I love to plan events!" Kim's sense of style and humor will help us put together events that will be fun and creative. As a corporate property manager in Boston's financial district, Kim is no stranger to keeping things organized.

**Our Co-Vice Presidents of Student Programs are Linda Tirusa for Fuller Meadow and Debbie Carbone at Howe Manning.** As a member of our program committee this year, Linda knows how to book a program or two. Her incredible knack for organization and managing details will ensure that Fuller Meadow students (and staff) can look forward to a hassle-free year of field trips and programs. It was Linda's idea to split the responsibilities between the two co-v.p.s of student programs by school. This will streamline the line of communications for teachers and staff, as well as allow for a more comprehensive approach to the planning at each school. Debbie chaired the Square 1 Art fundraiser the past two years. Debbie is also a member of the Fuller Meadow lunch staff and a substitute teacher's aide. Having a son who will enter his first year at Howe Manning next year, Debbie is motivated to work with the teachers and staff there, to ensure that the students enjoy in-house and field programs that will enhance their classroom curriculum.

We hope everyone will join us in welcoming our new Board members, as well as our returning members. We are excited to start off the new year with such a vibrant and talented team. We feel strongly that all parents of Middleton students, as well as the teachers and staff of the Middleton schools, are equal members of the MPTO and vital forces behind our efforts for the children.

Please feel free to join us at any of our open meetings (we will have the year's schedule for you at our first open meeting). We encourage your comments, questions and suggestions, as well as donations of time or services. Our general email is [info@middletonpto.org](mailto:info@middletonpto.org). We also have a mailbox at each school. As always, we also encourage you to approach any of us individually.

### Howe Manning Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



On June 5<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Fitzpatrick held her annual Parent/Business Volunteer Luncheon. Not only were our outgoing Board members duly honored, **Joan Garber** was honored for her excellence and dedication as Fuller Meadow's secretary. Joan never ceases to amaze everybody who works with her and all the parents with whom she has contact with her uncanny ability to answer everybody's questions (sometimes all at once) off the top of her head. The efficiency for which the school is known, is due much to Joan's skills, organization and caring.

We're also proud of Zachary Giustra, a "Wall of Heros" award recipient and student. Zachary's mom Claudia, was a valuable member of this year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade program committee and has been active in both school communities for many years. We congratulate Zachary on his achievement as Class Valedictorian at Masco.

Mrs. White, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher accompanied her granddaughter, who accepted an award for her father, Rick White. Rick is a former School Committee member and is on the School Building Committee. We share Mrs.White's pride in her son.

Thank you Mrs. Fitzpatrick for honoring these incredible citizens of the Middleton schools community! We join you in celebrating their contributions.

*(For a complete list of awards recipients, please check out our website at [www.middletonpto.org](http://www.middletonpto.org).)*

### Movin' On Up!



Every year the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students go through a "moving up" process, in which they get to visit their next year's classroom and meet their new teacher and classmates. This is a wonderful tradition that helps ease students' anxieties and prepare them for the year to come.

This year the K-2 students had this opportunity in the new Fuller Meadow "moving up" day on the last day of school. The success of Fuller Meadow's summer open house scavenger hunt inspired the need for an end of year opportunity for students to meet their new teachers. (Please note: Moving Up Day replaces last year's scavenger hunt in August.)

Thank you Dr. Baxter and Mrs. Fitzpatrick for your commitment to anticipating our children's needs with such proactive measures as Moving Up Day! We know this will help make the children's transition into their new grades smoother, and allow them to re-energize over their summer break.

## NEW THIS FALL FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS!



Feeling a little teary-eyed about your child going into kindergarten in September? Join us at our first ever **Boo Hoo Breakfast** in the Fuller Meadow cafetorium after you drop off your child for their first day of kindergarten. Commiserate (or rejoice) with other parents also sending off their kindergartners. Whether this is your first kindergartner or your last, this is a great opportunity to socialize with other parents and find out who your child's future friends will be. Details to follow in the summer.



### Evening of Beer and Wine Tasting – Huge Success!

The Evening of Beer & Wine Tasting held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Ferncroft was a great success. This event was so successful because of all the fine people that helped to organize this event. A special thanks goes to Michele Solimine for chairing the event. Great job, Michele. The PTO would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make the evening a success, whether you made phone calls to get donations, worked the door all evening or helped set-up all day, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thanks also to the people who attended the event during such a busy month. A big thank you also goes out to all of the businesses who not only donated items for our raffles, live and silent auctions, but to the wine & beer companies who gracefully poured wine & beer all evening. Special thanks to Red Oak Winery, Alfalfa Farm, Distinguished Brands International and United Liquors. And let's not forget the beautiful pots the children made – thanks to Lisa Ikels, Maria Scarpa and Donna Perry for helping to decorate the pots. And thanks to Miss Laverty for letting the volunteers invade her classroom. You are always a great help.

We not only had a fun evening we were able to raise over \$10,000 for the children! Thank you to all!



## ATTENTION

### NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT INFORMATION!

The Middleton School Building Committee is developing a Design Review Committee (DRC) to allow for community participation in the new school design process. Members of the parent community are welcome to participate on this committee. If you are interested in joining the DRC, please contact Paula Lanfranchi, Chairperson of the School Building Committee, at [DLanfran@aol.com](mailto:DLanfran@aol.com). To learn about the School Building Committee's progress to date, please check out the MPTO website at [www.middletonpto.org](http://www.middletonpto.org) or our district school website, [www.tritownschoolunion.com](http://www.tritownschoolunion.com).



### FUNDRAISING FOR THE YEAR

We wish to thank all those who have supported the MPTO through Treasure Chest donations and our fundraising events. Below is a list of all the fundraising profits for the year.

| EVENT               | PROFIT             |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Golf Tournament     | \$6,492.15         |
| Pumpkin Festival    | \$1,081.54         |
| Katrina Read-a-Thon | \$406.40           |
| Square 1 Art        | \$3,575.59         |
| Treasure Chest      | \$11,293.00        |
| Joe Corbi's Pizza   | \$1,500.00         |
| Math Madness        | \$6,850.00         |
| Winfrey's Fudge     | \$480.00           |
| Wine & Beer Tasting | 10,810.86          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$42,489.54</b> |

### WHAT WE SPENT

Through fundraising, MPTO provided the following support to the Fuller Meadow and Howe Manning schools:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Field Trips       | \$11,000.00        |
| Programs          | \$22,000.00        |
| Funding Requests* | \$7,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$40,000.00</b> |

\*Stipends, materials and supplies to support class programs such as Idditarod, Tidepools, and other classroom-related activities).

Our success is directly due to the generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure of the families and businesses of Middleton. We wish to acknowledge all the contributions of the individuals and businesses that support our work. Everything we do depends on your support – whether it's time, money, ideas or material goods. If we have omitted anybody we apologize, please know that your contribution is no less significant. Thank you!



We wish everyone a great,  
family  
fun-filled,  
summer vacation.



### 2005 - 2006 MPTO Volunteers

|                       |                           |                   |                          |                      |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Tere Aho              | Dr. Bernard Creeden       | Michelle Goodwin  | Mr. Timothy McAndrew     | Lynette Scott        |
| Sheryl Aleckna        | Lory Cristoforo           | Tracy Goodwin     | Kerry McGrath            | Ivy Shahin           |
| Mrs. Dian Anderson    | Fran Cunningham           | Karen Gorman      | Stephen Nalesnik         | Gail Shapiro         |
| Linda Angelone        | Elaine Curren             | Michael Gorman    | Karen Nalesnik           | Jody Shea            |
| Pattiann Bampos       | Debra D' Ambrosio         | Leanne Govaert    | Gail Nicholls            | Lisa Sheehan         |
| Dr. Malvena Baxter    | Mrs. Anne Daniels         | Dawn Grant        | Kim Nieves               | Melissa Sherriff     |
| Jean Beck             | Michelle Dearborn         | Siobhan Gregorio  | Ann Noyes                | Karen Slattery       |
| Amy Becker            | Brenda DeMarco            | Christina Harris  | Kevin Noyes              | Michael Slattery     |
| Mr. Stephen Belgiorno | Carol Dempsey             | Richie Harris     | Karleen Oberton          | Cheryl Smith         |
| Melyssa Bennett       | Bob Dempsey               | Sheryl Harris     | Joe O'Grady              | Christine Sobotta    |
| Dave Benoit           | Lynanne Demerjian         | Mary Hawkins      | Michelle O'Grady         | Michele Solimine     |
| Laurie Benoit         | Kathy DiVaio              | Webb Heintzelman  | Kim Paikos               | Paul Solimine        |
| Mrs. Jeanne Bentley   | Mary Dodge                | Tom Hood          | Maria Paikos-Hantzis     | Madelyn Steeves      |
| Denise Blais          | Deirdre Donarumo          | Stephanie Hosman  | Maureen Palla            | Laurie Stone         |
| Lisa Bolys            | Faith Duval               | Lisa Ikels        | Amy Palmer               | Scott Stone          |
| Lorri Bonaccorso      | Kathy Eager               | Charlotte Inman   | Eileen Paul              | Kim Supino           |
| Anthony Bonaccorso    | Stacey Emmett             | Suzanne Iovanna   | Mrs. Marie Pelletier     | Ron Supino           |
| Karen Bonaccorso      | Jill Evans                | Jodi Jarvis       | Donna Peary              | Cora Swimm           |
| Sonja Bradstreet      | Trina Evans               | Debi Jesi         | Donna Perry              | Robert Tirelli       |
| Dollena Bramante      | Bob Faia                  | Kim Karras        | Michael Rasmussen        | Linda Tirrusa        |
| Lisa Brown            | Maria Faia                | Christine Kiklis  | Sandra Reid              | Emily Tinkham        |
| Alison Bruyette       | Darlene Falite            | Lisa Kirchner     | Dr. Jade Reitman         | Mrs. Amanda Torosian |
| Jim Bruyette          | John Fallon               | Gail Kroll        | Jennifer Rhuda           | Michelle Tortora     |
| Stephen Buono         | Lauren Fazio              | Paula Lanfranchi  | Mrs. Janet Riley         | Gimme Sue Valacer    |
| Joyce Burke           | Mr. Ellis Fitzpatrick     | Dwayne Lawrence   | Paula Rock               | Sandra Valeri        |
| Sandy Burns           | Mrs. Michelle Fitzpatrick | Maureen Libby     | Mary Rockwood            | Tina Varinos         |
| Lisa Cameron          | Linda Fogarty             | Chris Lindberg    | Cindy Romano             | Mrs. Debra Vickerman |
| Mark Cameron          | Jennifer Frassica         | Meredith Lombardi | Mrs. Sandra Rubchinuk    | Michelle Whiffen     |
| Debbie Carbone        | Nancy Gallagher           | Carlene MacKay    | Sue Rubin                | Doug Whiffen         |
| Jane Cardarelli       | Mrs. Joan Garber          | Rich Maggio       | Christine Sabotka-Pepper | Liz White            |
| Una Casey             | Claudia Giustra           | Lynanne Milligan  | Diann Scaffidi           | Rick White           |
| Karen Clayberg        | Janet Gleason             | Diana Mancini     | Maria Scarpa             | Ms. Michelle Worthen |
| Ms. Keira Clemenzi    | Laura Glynn               | Mr. Gary Marques  | Kelly Scarpone           | Barbara Zagami       |

### 2005 - 2006 MPTO Business Donors

|                                  |                             |                           |                           |                           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Benefit | Karen & Mark Colangelo      | Golf Country              | Mohegan Sun Casino        | The Paul Revere Memorial  |
| Advisors                         | The Comedy Connection       | Golf Promotions, Inc.     | Lynn Murphy               | Association               |
| Alfalfa Farm & Winery            | Continental Restaurant      | Hand-It-Back Booksymth    | Museum of Fine Arts       | Richardson Farms, Inc.    |
| American Repertory               | Mike Cosco                  | Hawthorne Hotel           | Museum of Science         | Richmond Pharmacy         |
| Theatre                          | Costco Wholesale Corp.      | Helene Joy School of      | N & J Donuts              | Roller Palace             |
| American Textile History         | Pam Cote                    | Dance                     | Naked Fish Restaurant     | Salem Metal Fabricating   |
| Museum                           | Curtains by Paula           | Hilltop Restaurant        | Nathaniel's Restaurant    | Salem Trolley Tours       |
| Applebee's Restaurant            | Curtis Electric Corporation | Hob's Board Shop          | National Baseball Hall of | Salon Vero                |
| Police Chief Paul                | Dailey's Restaurant         | Hoop Specialists          | Fame                      | Sheraton Ferncroft Resort |
| Armitage                         | Dairy Queen                 | Tim Houten                | New England Aquarium      | Sheriff Frank G. Cousins, |
| Bass Resort Sales, Inc.          | Dance Etc.                  | Charlotte Inman           | New England Revolution    | Jr.                       |
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| BJ's Wholesale Club              | Dick's Sporting Goods       | Jordan's Furniture        | Café                      | State Senator Bruce Tarr  |
| Bostik                           | Direct Tire                 | K & L Designs             | Lisa Cappello Nickerson   | Jessica Sousa             |
| Boston Bruins                    | The Discover Museum         | Kay Kay's                 | North Shore Bank          | Storyland                 |
| Boston Red Sox                   | Donatello's Restaurant      | Preschool/Daycare         | North Shore Music Theatre | Subway                    |
| The Boston Rock Gym              | Frank DiMauro               | Kelley Square Pub         | Old Sturbridge Village    | Supino's Restaurant       |
| Boston Sports Club               | Distinguished Brands        | Krups                     | Omega Pizza               | Suzan's Doll Fashions     |
| Boston North Limo                | International               | Kumon of Middleton        | Pace Auto                 | Tabu                      |
| Company                          | George Dow                  | Ledgeview Printing        | Paradise Golf             | Target Corp.              |
| Ray Bourque                      | EcoTarium                   | Legal Seafoods            | John A. Pavlo, DMD, PC    | TD Banknorth              |
| Bradford Country Club            | Edaville USA                | Lightbown Autobody &      | Peabody Essex Museum      | Think Marketing           |
| Build-A-Bear Workshop            | ERA Real Estate             | Repair                    | Peabody Glass Co., Inc.   | Thomson Country Club      |
| Burbank Ice Arena                | Essex River Cruises         | The Lyric Stage Company   | Carol Pelletier           | Today's Home              |
| The Butterfly Place              | Events for Rent             | of Boston                 | The Perfect Image         | Trudy's Lampshades        |
| Camp Christopher                 | Extra Innings               | Magellan Signs            | Pet Supply Closeouts      | United Liquors            |
| Camp Simchah                     | Family Medicine             | Magic Tan                 | Platinum Poises           | Frank T. Varinos, DMD &   |
| Caputo & Company, CPA            | Associates                  | Mann & Mann, PC           | Pocahantas Spring Water   | Asso.                     |
| Arthur J. Carakatsane            | Fantastic Sam's             | Mary Kay Cosmetics        | Kosta Prentakis           | Walrus Cleaners           |
| John Cardarelli                  | Filene's Basement           | Metro Bowl                | Prince Pizzeria & Bar     | Wenham Museum             |
| Cardsmart                        | Financial Advisory Services | Middleton Fire Department | Putnam Pantry             | Winfrey's Fudge           |
| Carter's Fine Jewelry            | Paul E. Fontaine Electrical | Middleton Golf Course     | RC Riddle Concrete        | Yankee Gas, Fireplace &   |
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| Associates                       | Casino                      | Hair Studio               | Red Sauce Restaurant      | Andover                   |
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