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Dear Joel Barlow Alumni,

It is hard to believe that it is now just slightly over a year until our next alumni picnic and we ask all of you to start praying to the sun gods so that we get good weather. Our Alumni Association Board is up and running and we continue to add to it. We recently met and are well on our way as we plan for the 2014 Tri-Annual Alumni Picnic. It was our decision to have the picnic every three years since we felt that five years was far too long and three years seemed a perfect distance between events. We continue to receive wonderful feedback from alumni as they are now able to renew old friendships and we have been told that some alumni groups now have monthly lunch and dinner events.

We are currently looking for \$500 sponsors to the Tri-Annual Picnic so that we can cover our expenses and offer everyone a lunch. We will still be asking for a \$15.00 registration fee for an individual and a \$25.00 registration fee for a family to support our Alumni Fund. We currently have two sponsors and are looking for eight more. We know that many of you have companies or businesses that might be willing to be a sponsor and are hoping that you might help us out. If you are able to become a sponsor or help us out finding one please call 800-267-6012 which is a toll-free line connected to my publishing company but will allow you to get in touch with us and confirm the sponsorship. Each sponsor will be given a free page in our ad book and will be publicly thanked through our news articles and at the event itself.

We are currently joining the high school **BUY A BRICK** program and so for \$50.00 each of you can purchase a brick that your name will be inscribed on. What a wonderful way for you, your family, class or team to honor or remember your favorite student, friend, teacher or alum of today or yester-year! The brick will become part of a walkway in the back of the school. If you are interested in doing so, we have attached the form along with this newsletter, as well as a link on our official Joel Barlow Alumni Association site: <http://www.joelbarlowalumni.com/>. Note that the walkway will not be started until all the bricks are in with the names of the donors inscribed on them. The deadline for the "brick form" is **August 1, 2013**.

We will once again be funding two scholarships to Barlow seniors this year. We continue to receive donations from people for a variety of reasons; birthdays, holidays, memorials, and in some cases, in appreciation for their time at Barlow. Donations should be made out to the Joel Barlow Alumni Association and sent to Joel Barlow High School to the attention of Tanya Kontra. Thank you for keeping us on your radar screen.

If any of you would like to join the committee for the 2014 Tri-Annual Picnic, we are a fun group, we laugh a lot, don't take ourselves too seriously, and need all the help we can get most

especially with set up and clean up. You can either email, Mary Mahony (mary@reddingpress.com) or Sam Morrissey (samorrissey@charter.net) and we will give you the date of the next meeting. If you have no time for meetings but are willing to help us the day of the event, just say that in the email.

As someone who lives only five minutes from Watertown, MA and just fifteen from Boston, the events of the last week remind all of us how important it truly is to keep in touch and keep the lines of communication open. We so appreciate the updates from many of you regarding classmates and the fact that we now have a vehicle to share that news with all of you. Please continue to send us those updates.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all the families in Newtown, CT, those in the Boston area, as well as those in Texas who experienced the explosion this past week. We pray for a more peaceful and loving world where people can feel safe and be safe in public places.

Please continue to check our website: <http://www.joelbarlowalumni.com/> for news about classmates and the fund-raising reunion picnic. Remember to forward this newsletter to your Barlow friends, and if you change your email address, please remember to go to the website, click on the “keep us updated on your change of email address” link.

Mary and Sam and the Joel Barlow Alumni Assoc. Board