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# Salute

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## Between the Lines

Welcome to *Salute*, the new publication for members of Bryant College's Loyal Guard. *Salute* is designed to bring you the latest news about this select society of Bryant alumni, as well as information that will enrich your daily life away from campus.

The members of the Loyal Guard experienced some of the most turbulent times of the 20th century – war, economic hardship, and political and technological revolutions, just to name a few – and we plan to highlight those experiences in this publication, through a continuing feature called *On the Front Lines*. We will also reacquaint you with old friends and former colleagues and teachers who have left campus for other pursuits. In addition, each issue will include information about new technology, health matters, and other topics of interest and concern to our readers.

The heart of *Salute* is the membership of the Loyal Guard. I hope you will send us your news, photographs, and ideas for articles so that we can ensure that each issue of this publication is something that you will look forward to receiving and reading cover-to-cover. I can be reached by e-mail at **alumni@bryant.edu**, by mail at Office of Alumni Relations, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917-1284, and by phone at 401-232-6040.

I look forward to hearing from you – and to seeing you on campus on Saturday, October 20, 2001, for the induction of the Loyal Guard Class of 2001!

Best regards,

Judy Mastronardi

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*Director of Alumni Relations*

# Meet the Loyal Guard *Class of 2000*

On Saturday, June 3, 2000, the Bryant College Class of 1950 was inducted into the college's Loyal Guard, a prestigious society of the Alumni Association. Each year, the members of the 50th reunion class are inducted into the Loyal Guard in a ceremony on Bryant's Smithfield campus.

The Loyal Guard was established in the 1930s by the late Artacky Berberian '09. The society's torch was passed from "Tacky" to a succession of individuals over the years – most recently to Nelson Gulski '26, '72H, '92H, who ably led the organization from 1985 to 2000. Sadly, Nelson's appearance at last June's induction ceremony was his final act at the helm of the Loyal Guard; he died on October 11, 2000. **See a tribute to him in the winter issue of *Bryant Business*, page 23, or on our Web site at www.bryant.edu, click on News, Publications, and *Bryant Business*.**

Members of the Class of 1950 who were present at the induction into the Loyal Guard Class of 2000 include:

Alfred G. Almeida
William H. Bittinger Jr.
Raymund G. Carberry
Robert E. Chandler Sr.
John N. Costa
Earl J. (Bud) Croft Jr.
Jane (Carmody) Crooks
Paride De Giulio
Vincent P. Gallogly
Alvin Herman, Reunion Class Co-Chair
Delore J. Ionta
Saul W. Jaffe
Stanley S. Kaplan
Richmond G. Littlefield
Louise (Enokian) Merdinian
Philip T. Newbury
Patricia (Hanley) O'Hagan
Gregory T. Parkos
Harold N. (Dan) Patch
Joseph J. Sasso
Ira Silverman
Anthony S. Stasio
Robert D. Wales, Reunion Class Co-Chair
Frances (Gresty) Wales
Gene White
George W.B. Whiting

Loyal Guard Class of 1950 inductees with the late Nelson Gulski and President Ronald Machtley

The Class of 1951 will be inducted on Saturday, October 20, 2001 at Bryant's Homecoming/Reunion celebration. All members of the Loyal Guard are warmly invited to attend the festivities.

# Get a Line On

**Mrs. Alice (Hines) McLaughlin '41 & Mrs. Dorothy (Hines) O'Connell '41**

We caught up with Mrs. Dorothy (Hines) O'Connell '41 at her winter home in Boca Raton, Florida, where she settled shortly after her retirement from the Bryant faculty in 1983. O'Connell taught in the secretarial/teacher education program for 43 years, and her sister, Mrs. Alice (Hines) McLaughlin, taught in the same division for 37 years. The sisters' tenure at Bryant – first as students and later as faculty members – extended from World War II to the information age.

"During the war years," says O'Connell, "it was all girls and no boys. The secretarial program kept the place going. The next four decades," she adds, "brought tremendous change. At one time, there were fewer than 20 faculty members. In the 1960's and 1970's, the college became departmentalized, the union came in, and of course the campus was moved from the East Side to Smithfield."

There were also changes in the academic calendar. "When we started, we had just one month's vacation in August," remembers Dorothy. "We taught for 48 weeks, plus 72 night classes."

Despite the technological changes that occurred during the sisters' tenure, the basics remained the same. "Our department included English, shorthand, typewriting, filing – it's unbelievable how much you use filing [in your daily life.] You never stop using it."

These days, McLaughlin and O'Connell spend their winters in Boca Raton and return to the Ocean State every summer. "We have the best of two worlds," O'Connell says. "But Rhode Island is still home."

The sisters still meet their former students on occasion, and some have become friends over the years. "We have lots of good memories," says O'Connell. "We enjoyed our time at Bryant, and we're happy to have helped a lot of people get started."

Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs. O'Connell will be celebrating their 60th reunion as alumnae this year.

Alice (Hines) McLaughlin

Dorothy (Hines) O'Connell

## Bryant Welcomes

### 1863 Society to Annual Brunch

On Saturday, May 5, 2001, Bryant's most valiant supporters gathered on campus for the second annual 1863 Society brunch. The event, hosted in the Heritage Dining Room in the Bryant Center, offered an opportunity for Society members to renew acquaintances, meet new friends, and catch up on college news. First and foremost, it was a chance for Bryant to say thank you.

The 1863 Society – named for the year that Bryant was founded – was established in 1999 to recognize individuals who have remembered the college through a bequest or life income plan. Members of this select group are listed in Bryant's *Annual Report on Philanthropy* and invited to special VIP events on campus throughout the year. Most importantly, they are building an enduring legacy by helping to assure Bryant's financial stability into the future.

"It is the generosity of our alumni that enables Bryant to maintain its position as one of the nation's top business colleges, as well as a valuable resource for companies in Rhode Island and throughout New England," says Bryant College President Ronald K. Machtley. "The members of the 1863 Society represent a wide range of classes and many walks of life, but come together in a profound, collective commitment to their college. They are a living testament to our shared history and Bryant's important role as a Rhode Island asset and a regional force."

After the event, some Society members cheered on their alma mater at the Bryant-Merrimack baseball game while others attended the Northern Rhode Island Special Olympics games, also held on campus.

1863 SOCIETY

# The HOTLINE

**Rhode Island and BRYANT ALUMNI on the Web**

Looking for a restaurant review? Advice about a sick pet? Health care information? Loyal Guard members with access to the Internet can find all that – and more – on Ocean State Online (www.oso.com), a Rhode Island-specific Web site. The site's content is provided by a wide range of partners – Cox Communications, the Rhode Island Historical Society, and Lifespan (the health care system that operates Rhode Island, The Miriam, Bradley and Newport Hospitals), to name a few. Oso.com is updated daily, and features a running calendar of upcoming community events, from educational programs to fairs and festivals.

Not yet online? Libraries and senior centers throughout Rhode Island can help you plug in. Call or stop by your local senior center or library to find out what resources are available in your community.

The new Online Alumni Directory is up and running on the Bryant College Web site. Go to www.bryant.edu and click on Alumni. You're able to go "online" to find former classmates. Why not update your information while you're there?

## Save the Date

**Save the Date** for 2001 Loyal Guard Brunch and induction ceremony for the class of 1951 on Saturday, October 20, 2001, at 9:30 a.m in the South Dining Room located in the Bryant Center. Registration is also in South Dining Room.

## *Side*Lines

### South County, RI, named one of America's best vacation spots

Whether you're a snowbird looking forward to another great Ocean State summer, or a Rhode Islander who stays close to home throughout the year, you'll be pleased to know that *Money* magazine recently selected South County as one of the best places to vacation in the United States. *Money* cited the area's beautiful beaches, quaint inns and a growing arts community among the attributes that make South County special.

***Money's* 12 best places to vacation:**

Amador County, California
Vancouver, British Columbia
San Diego, California
Sedona, Arizona
Steamboat Springs, Colorado
The Michigan Coast, Michigan
Shenandoah Valley, Virginia
The Carolina Coast, North Carolina
Montreal, Quebec
South County, Rhode Island
Nova Scotia
Virgin Islands

# On the *Front* Lines

**with George W. B. Whiting '50**

After earning his bachelor's degree in accountancy and finance from Bryant College in 1950, George W.B. Whiting pursued a successful career in international business – repeatedly demonstrating a talent for being where the action is.

Starting with a staff of two, George built an impressive international business empire on several continents. He served as president and chairman of Frontier Freight Forwarders, Inc., Frontier Freight Brokers, Inc., and Frontier Travel Agency, Inc. – with offices in Miami, Detroit, Baltimore, and Atlanta – from 1955 to 1978. Later, he established joint ventures with companies in Venezuela, Columbia, Costa Rica, Honduras, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. A member of the National Advisory Board of the Custom Brokers and Forwarders Association from 1962 to 1973, he was appointed to the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Expansion Council for a two-year term beginning in 1971.

In 1968, George's company was Pan American Airlines' fourth largest revenue-producing cargo agent worldwide. The airline selected him to represent the state of Florida on its first flight to the Soviet Union, which departed for Moscow on August 19th of that year.

The Pan Am delegation toured Moscow, Leningrad, and the Black Sea region at the height of the Cold War. George's memories of the trip include KGB surveillance, a trip on a passenger aircraft designed to convert quickly into a bomber, and teenagers in Red Square who requested chewing gum and ballpoint pens from the Americans. On one occasion, the film in his camera was confiscated. "It was a different experience than you'd have now," he says with a touch of irony.

The skills honed at Bryant prepared George for an international business career in a time of unprecedented global change. But he had found himself on the front lines of history long before he arrived on campus.

George enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1938, when jobs were scarce. "You got a clean bunk, three meals a day, and $21 a month at a time when cigarettes were five cents a pack," he remembers. But his Navy career gave him far more than economic security. One mission took him from Marseilles to Casablanca, and another found him on the U.S.S. Jamestown, towing a deadly cargo of bombs and gasoline to the Marines on Guadalcanal. En route to the Pacific, the Jamestown sunk two enemy submarines. "It was a time of growing up," he says. "That was when I became a man, as opposed to a boy."

George resumed his civilian life in 1946. Married, with four children, he enrolled at Bryant, where dramatic life events continued to unfold. In 1949, he briefly put his studies aside to care for his youngest son, who was diagnosed with polio at the age of one. The child was successfully treated and went on to play college and semi-pro football. He is now an attorney in South Carolina.

George approaches his retirement with as much vigor as he brought to his military service and business enterprises. He takes the lead in organizing annual reunions of the Jamestown crew, with the next planned for St. Louis in September. A lifetime member of the United Professional Horsemen's Association (North Carolina Chapter 16), he just completed a term as president of the Monarch Senior Men's Golf Association at Monarch Country Club in Stuart, Florida.

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Plaque at Museum of War in South Pacific 1941 – 1946. Whiting's name is third from last on plaque.

George W.B. Whiting, former C.W.O, (left) with Rear Admiral Albert M. Sackett, USN (Ret.) at U.S.S. Jamestown reunion in San Diego.

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*On the Front Lines – continued*

It's an amazing odyssey of achievement for a man whose very first job found him wearing asbestos gloves and stacking hot cans of Campbell's soup at a New Jersey factory.

"Growing up in the Depression, I wasn't able to enjoy the finer things in life, but that changed later on," says George. "I like to say that I was brought up on the wrong side of the tracks but I moved."

"I attribute my success to the education I got at Bryant – where I learned to handle people and money –and to the dedication of my wife, Dale, who worked as secretary to the Chief of Police in Miami for many years," he continues. "I plowed the profits back into the business, and it just snowballed."

Today, George and Dale – who met at a Portsmouth, Rhode Island, roller rink in 1938 and married in 1942 – live in Palm City, Florida. They are the parents of two sons and three daughters and have 11 grandchildren.

# Drop Us a Line

We'd love to hear from you! Send your news, story ideas, and photographs for inclusion in future issues of *Salute* to the Office of Alumni Relations: 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917-1284. Please bear in mind that Polaroid photographs are not suitable for printing – and make sure you provide us with your current mailing address, so that we can return your photos to you!

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