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Send Marilyn a note to wish her well in her retirement.

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## MARILYN'S JOURNEY AT FRAMINGHAM STATE

**Marilyn Booth** of Adams, Massachusetts, arrived in Framingham in 1965 to major in Home Economics Education. It was a time when few men graced campus and skirts and nylons were required. No pants, and certainly, no jeans. She recalls the challenge of changing out of a gym jumper into a white foods uniform and racing to be on time for class.

For work study, Marilyn was a waitress in the Peirce Dining Hall when...continued on page 2



*Members of the Class of 1950 celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> reunion at Alumni House in June.*

## IAFSA Director Marilyn Manzella Retiring ~ Open House Reception September 8<sup>th</sup> ~

IAFSA Executive Director Marilyn Booth Manzella '69, is retiring as of September 1<sup>st</sup> and the Executive Board has appointed Debra Regan Cleveland '73 as her successor.

To honor Marilyn's twenty-five years of service, the Executive Board of the Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni is hosting an Open House Retirement Reception on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Alumni House. Framingham State alumni, staff, and friends are cordially invited to come and wish Marilyn well. RSVP's are requested for catering purposes. Please use the form included in this newsletter.

A message board to be displayed at the reception is planned. To have your note to Marilyn included, see the RSVP form in this newsletter. If you wish to make a donation in her honor, she has requested contributions be directed to the IAFSA Endowment Fund.

## Maine – The Way Teaching Used to Be

**From time to time** our alums send information about their past and present careers. It is always a great day when the mail brings such a letter.

Recently, we received a true treasure from Athene Thompson Anthony '39 of Vinalhaven, Maine. In her cover letter, she wrote: "...my teaching career involved a rural school on the Canadian border, teaching kids from the Maliseet Indian tribe in Houlton, teaching in the very upscale town of York, and then in Portland." She noted that the rural school was "...one room, 28 pupils, one in every grade, one through eight, at a salary of \$18 a week."

Athene sent us a copy of a handwritten booklet with her reminiscences of teaching in the 1950's at North School, an inner city school in Portland. She created the gift for a birthday celebration of her former principal, who was turning 95. She graciously sent us a copy.

Tales of an eraser flying out a window and hitting a visiting principal, turning around a sullen student with gifts of hand-me-downs from Athene's children, and dealing with a gift of raw venison, hide intact, are just some of the stories she relates. One of the most poignant was of a politically astute 12 or 13 year old student, wise beyond his years, who orchestrated the cleanup of the neglected "Babies Cemetery" of Portland by convincing the City Council that it needed to be done.

If you want to read more of Athene's memoirs and other alumni notes about their teaching and life adventures, you are invited to stop in at Alumni House. And, *your* adventures and career highlights are always welcome.

*Additional copies of past and current issues of Alumni House Echoes are available by request or you can download them at: [AlumniHouse.org](http://AlumniHouse.org)*

## Marilyn's Journey at Framingham State ~ continued from page 1

chimes were rung and meals were served family style. Marilyn worked next to Norah Gibbons, who later ran the Framingham State housekeeping department. Norah and Marilyn would work together again. Alumni House was purchased by the Alumni Association in 1971 and Norah moved in and was the caretaker when Marilyn came to work here.

Marilyn met her husband-to-be, Peter Manzella, of Framingham, in her senior year. They married after her graduation in 1969. She taught Home Economics at Francis Wyman Junior High School in Burlington for two years and Algonquin Regional High School for eight years, before leaving teaching for motherhood.

When her two boys were school age, she began working part-time for the Alumni Association while Marilyn Minahan Foley '58 was the director. Marilyn worked for Marilyn Foley, until her retirement in 2001, and then with her successor, Lisa Brouillette Holland '84, for three years. Marilyn became the director in 2004.

During her 25 years of service, the Independent Association of Framingham State Alumni successfully weathered various challenges and made significant contributions to the Framingham State community. IAFSA was a significant contributor to the restoration of the Ecu-menical Center, initiated travel grants for faculty, granted numerous scholarships and awards, and provided funding to the textile, library, and other departments. At the same time, thanks to help from volunteers and her diligence in recordkeeping, Marilyn has significantly added to the records and archives. She has been the "go-to" person for questions about alums and their contributions.

When the University assumed the planning of alumni activities, Marilyn focused on other ways to provide support. Under Marilyn's guidance, IAFSA's scholarship assistance not only increased, but new scholarships and award funds have also been added.

While Marilyn worked at Alumni House, four presidents were at the helm of Framingham State: Dr.

Paul Weller, Dr. Raymond Kieft, Dr. Helen Heineman, and Dr. Timothy Flanagan. Alumni House was a featured stop on the Framingham Historical Society House Tour in 2008, its landscaping was extensively redone in 2010, and it has undergone many other improvements. The IAFSA website was rebuilt and a Facebook page created to provide news and information about IAFSA, Alumni House, and alumni. In 1997 Marilyn received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award from the Alumni Association, Framingham State College, and was honored by the Framingham State University Alumni Association with the 2011 Alumni Service Award.

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*The Executive Board encourages alumni and friends to attend the reception to celebrate Marilyn's extensive contributions to IAFSA and to the Framingham State community. If you are unable to attend due to distance or schedule, please send her a message on the form provided in this newsletter.*

### IAFSA Board Member's Fashions at Natick Mall

**Fashion Designs** by Christine Jansen '13, were selected to represent Framingham State University in the "Form to Fashion" juried exhibition of student designs at the Natick Mall during the month of May. Christine is a newly elected member of the Executive Board of IAFSA. She is interning this summer at TJX Corporation.



*Christine Jansen and her display during the opening night reception of Framingham State student designs.*

Fashions by Liz Bell '13, an IAFSA scholarship recipient, were also on display at the annual exhibit.

### A Happy Face was her trademark

**Nancy Thoren MacDonald** '65 was known to one and all for her ever present smile. It carried over to her written signature, as every note from her included a "Happy Face" sketch.

Active on campus while a student, and active in IAFSA, she was a valued volunteer and friend.

Due to her long association with Alumni House, her family commissioned a granite memorial bench and recently had it installed



on the Alumni House patio. The inscription includes, of course, a "Happy Face."



**A Job Opportunity at Alumni House:** IAFSA is seeking an Assistant to the Director, a part-time, hourly position requiring office skills and a willingness to learn and share duties in a pleasant, two-person, office setting.

**Details and application information at: [AlumniHouse.org](http://AlumniHouse.org)**

*Please return this page to RSVP.*

**Help us celebrate Marilyn's 25 years of service!**

There will be a Message Board at the reception. Please add your note to Marilyn in the box provided below and return it with your RSVP by September 1st.

In lieu of gifts, Marilyn has requested donations be made payable to the **IAFSA Endowment Fund**.

- Yes, I plan to attend Marilyn's reception.  
 No, I am unable to attend.  
 I have enclosed a message to Marilyn.  
 I have enclosed a donation to honor Marilyn.

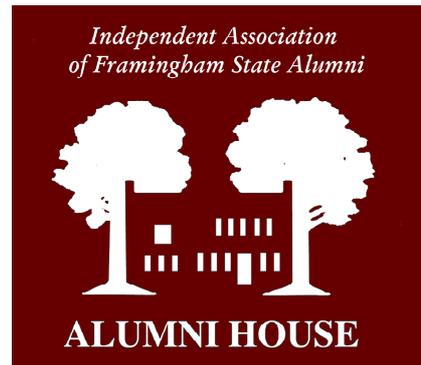
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Please mail to: **Alumni House**  
42 Adams Road  
Framingham, MA 01702



*Thank you! Please call 508-872-9770 with any questions.*

*Please write a message to Marilyn in the space below and we will post it on a board at her reception.*

A message to Marilyn...

From \_\_\_\_\_

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