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**GATES CHILI  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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Keeping The Past  
In Touch With The Future



*Spartan Spirit Is Kept Alive!*

## OUR MISSION

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The mission of the Gates Chili Alumni Association (G.C.A.A.) is to strengthen the bond between alumni while developing a solid relationship with the school district.

To do this, the alumni committee will work diligently to achieve these goals:

- 1. Develop and maintain a database with current information on as many alumni as can be obtained.**
- 2. Assist alumni groups with preparations for future reunions.**
- 3. Communicate regularly with alumni and the school district about all G.C.A.A. events.**
- 4. Promote the recognition of alumni through the Gates Chili Hall of Fame.**
- 5. Support school events as requested by the school district.**

## WHEN DID THE G.C.A.A. GET STARTED?

The first official gathering of alumni was held in June of 2001. At that point GC graduates assembled to create an organization to benefit fellow alumni and friends.

The first order of business was to appoint officers. They are:

Louise (Ash) Long - President (’61)  
Mary (Pennello) Phelps - Treasurer (’71)  
Chari (Pascente) Marcello - Secretary (’75)

The next order of business was to introduce the G.C.A.A. to the community.

This year marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school district, and the committee utilized this milestone and time of celebration to launch our new organization and promote our mission.

## **HOMECOMING ----- THE PERFECT KICK OFF!**

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**Gates Chili**

As everyone knows, homecoming is one of the biggest events during the school year – and a big opportunity for the committee to promote the G.C.A.A. Busy hands, minds, and imaginations got to work. The result was a beautiful float in the homecoming parade – the perfect way to show how proud alumni still are when it comes to Spartan Spirit.

Buttons were sold to alumni who wanted to show they were once a student of Gates Chili High School, and proud of it! Donations were also accepted, and the G.C.A.A. was on its way financially.

(Buttons are still available)



On homecoming morning, Tony Infantino (GC Class of '72) of WARM 101.3's "Tony and Dee In The Morning" helped to promote the district's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the newly created G.C.A.A.. Tony and Dee did a live remote from the high school cafeteria. The word was out!

## **THE NEXT STEPS**

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Now that the G.C.A.A. is up and running, the officers would like to make it an integral part of the GC school district by conducting fundraising events for future scholarships for graduating seniors who plan to continue their education and by being visible at future school events.

The G.C.A.A. is looking for volunteers. The committee members know there are many talented, creative alumni who could be a great help to our future success.

Individuals are needed to head committees, volunteer at events and pitch in for the organization.

The G.C.A.A. is also looking for people who are well versed in web page development. Establishing the G.C.A.A. via the Internet through our own web site will be an essential and resourceful tool for reaching out to alumni who have left the area.

## **WONT YOU HELP US?**

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If you have additional questions or comments, or would like to attend the next alumni meeting – or just want to stay in touch, please call the G.C.A.A. phone line at:

**Call 585-340-5500**

**Ext. 2846**

## **ALUMNI LINKS**

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[www.gateschili.org](http://www.gateschili.org)

[www.gateschiliclassof75.com](http://www.gateschiliclassof75.com)

[www.timeforweb.com/forum](http://www.timeforweb.com/forum)

[www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com)