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All smiles at the dedication of the Forrest 'Clink' Miner '41—it was a great day for all of us



We saw all sorts of vehicles at the Car Wash, which raised \$1500!



Babs Donahue and the Boys' Varsity crew release the celebratory balloons

Who are the Friends of Shrewsbury Crew?

The Friends of Shrewsbury Crew (FoSC) would like to extend a warm welcome to the parents of novice rowers and a hearty welcome back to the parents of returning rowers. This section explains the aims and organization of the FoSC and we hope that we can encourage many more of you to become involved. Half of the FoSC Steering Committee members will be 'retiring' after this year and we would like to 'train' our replacements while we are still on the job! Please contact any one of us if you would like to find out more about how you can get involved in supporting your child's high school sporting endeavors.

FoSC is a grass-roots, non-profit organization of parents and community members that supports the crew program at Shrewsbury High School. It is our goal to help the high school teams to promote themselves and to raise awareness of the sport of rowing throughout the town. Through our fund raising efforts, we hope to supplement the budget for the high school program to keep the teams' equipment up to date and well maintained.

We have established two Committees to further the aims of FoSC. The Communications Committee has the dual

responsibility of providing efficient internal communications within the SHS rowing program and of publicizing our activities to the wider Shrewsbury town community. Contact Mike Thomas if you are not yet on the email distribution list. The Fundraising Committee will coordinate the effort to raise funds via team activity fundraisers (such as candy sales, car washes and erg-a-thons) plus donations from SHS crew alumni and corporate sponsors. The latter activities are in the formative stage and need fresh leadership to move them forward.

Some scenes from the spring season

Forest 'Clink' Miner '41 and Irving 'Jim' Donahue II

Upcoming Events

- 9/14 , 7pm—Next FoSC meeting at the DRC
- 10/2 — Spirit of Shrewsbury Erg-a-Thon on the Common
- 10/13, 7pm—FoSC meeting at the DRC
- 11/10, 7pm—FoSC meeting at the DRC

The prime purpose of FoSC is to raise the money needed to upgrade and maintain the aging fleet of SHS racing shells, so in the spring season we were very grateful for the chance to participate in two new shell dedication ceremonies.

In January the girls' team took delivery of a brand new Quantum Racing shell. The purchase was made possible by generous alumni donations made on behalf

of Forrest 'Clink' Miner, alum of '41, donations from the athletic boosters, and the extensive fundraising efforts of the boys' and girls' teams. The shell, "Forrest 'Clink' Miner '41", was dedicated on April 24 in a very fine ceremony at the Donahue Rowing Center.

In May the boys' team took delivery of a brand new Vespoli M2 Racing shell as a result of an act of personal generosity by Mrs.

Babs Donahue. The Donahue family made possible the rowing center on North Quinsigamond Avenue, that bears their name, when they added to state and federal grants to build the center, which opened in 1993. The "Irving 'Jim' Donahue II" was dedicated on May 23.

Jim and Clink rowed together on the 1940 SHS crew that won the National Championship in Princeton, NJ.