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Nicholas Basbanes receives a plaque from Art Young in appreciation of his third keynote presentation to the Horatio Alger Society since 1999. Photo by Mike Morley

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## President's column

OK, the weather has made up its mind (reference last issue's column). Summer is here with a vengeance: 90 degrees and sun mixed with the random thunderstorm that only increases the humidity. I will state that the weather in New Hampshire during the recent H.A.S. convention was great. We spent the following week in Smuggler's Notch, Vermont, and had a great time with wonderful weather. This was my wife and children's first visit to Vermont and New Hampshire. We enjoyed ourselves immensely and left with a desire to return.

I hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the recent convention. We had a great time and most left with more books than they arrived with. I enjoyed my time with everyone and only wish that more could have attended. I will leave the convention recap to Bill's capable hands, but would like to thank Art and Pat Young for opening up their home with class. The food was excellent and the various book collections were a joy to view.

The Saturday evening keynote speaker, Nick Basbanes, was excellent. He not only entertained us with his anecdotes regarding the madness involved in book collecting, he was a very gracious author who took the time to inscribe each of the seven books I brought with me. Nick has graciously spoken at three H.A.S. conventions and is now an honorary member. Congratulations!

I am impressed with Jim Towey's reprints of rare boys' series books. Jim brought many of his books, placed some in the H.A.S. auction, and offered all during the book sale. These reprints are nicely bound with color jackets. I am rarely interested in current reprints of vintage boys' series books, but happily added a few to my collection. These are extremely well done and look nice even when sitting beside the original. I will add that *The Secret of Hidden Island* by Dizer, Lauterbach and Cox is a very good book. Even though the book was started in 1967, finished in 1990, and finally published in 2010, the style is equivalent to the boys' series books of the 1920s and similarly entertaining.

Aside from all the books I won during the H.A.S. auction, I found many treasures while vacationing in Vermont, not the least of which was an Horatio Alger, Jr. CDV distributed by *Student and Schoolmate*. Any

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## 2010 convention report

**'In a New Hampshire World'**

By William R. Gowen (PF-706)

One of the most scenic cities on the New England seacoast greeted members of the Horatio Alger Society when they gathered May 13-16 for "In a New Hampshire World," at the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Holiday Inn.

Our hosts, Pat and Art Young, had a full schedule set up, along with free time to visit shops and historical sites in Portsmouth and southern New Hampshire, plus nearby Maine and Boston.

Partic'lar Friends began to arrive around noon on Thursday, and the hospitality room was busy by mid-afternoon, with plenty of refreshments, and a souvenir registration packet that included a customized leather day planner that was graced by Horatio Alger's signature. Included in the registration packet were guides to area tourist attractions, outlet shops and guides to antiquarian booksellers in New Hampshire and Maine.

The first scheduled event was the annual Board of Directors meeting in the hotel's conference room, which was called to order by Acting President Bob Sipes just minutes after its scheduled 4:30 p.m. start. Topics covered included annual reports from the Treasurer, Executive Director, Newsboy Editor and nominating committee chairman, along with discussion about future convention sites and potential hosts.

Executive Director Robert E. Kasper's full report on the Board of Directors meeting can be found on Page 15.

After the meeting, it was time for members to have dinner on their own, with several heading into Portsmouth's historic district to take advantage of some of the finest upscale dining in New England.

Following dinner, an ad hoc "auction committee" of Bob Sipes, Bill Gowen and Chris DeHaan met in the Wentworth Room to organize the auction materials and enter on the computer all late-arriving books and other items for the following day's auction. Meanwhile, the hospitality room remained open for conversation and refreshments.

**Friday, May 14**

Traditionally the convention's busiest day, Friday began with breakfast on our own, with attendees then gathering in the Wentworth Room at 9 a.m. for the

formal opening of the convention, Host Art Young and acting president Bob Sipes got the proceedings underway with their welcoming remarks, setting the scene for the three presentations on Alger and other authors.

Brad Chase opened the session with an update on his multi-year Hurst Project, a very complex effort to catalog all the various Alger editions produced by that New York publisher. Brad brought along updated visual displays outlining his

progress in the years since the project was launched during the 2008 convention in Carson City, Nevada. His goal is to have a book on the subject published sometime within the next two years, depending on the progress of his research. Chase, who has five books on Alger publishers to his credit, says the "Hurst Project" has been the most complex to date.

Art Young followed with his presentation, "George Leonard Chaney on Horatio Alger, Jr.: A Rediscovered Nineteenth Century Perspective," which included color handouts on various books discussed during his talk.

Newsboy editor Bill Gowen wrapped up the session

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**Convention host Art Young welcomes members of the Horatio Alger Society to "In a New Hampshire World."** Photo by Mike Morley



## Editor's notebook



Neil Morrison and Meg Fleming visit the Stratemeyer family gravesite at Evergreen Cemetery in Hillside, N.J., during the 2005 Nancy Drew Sleuths Convention in nearby New York City. Photo submitted by James D. Keeline

## The first iris of spring

Upon returning from the 2010 convention on Monday evening May 17, as I entered my driveway I noticed my small sidewalk garden of purple irises contained a single bloom, the first of spring. Right away, I felt it was a message of news I didn't want to hear: my friend, Meg Fleming, 53, of South Boston, had died, a fact I quickly confirmed on the Internet.

Meg, an avid book collector (Nancy Drew in particular) and the wife of longtime friend and fellow Tom Swift collector Neil Morrison, lost her battle with breast cancer during our convention weekend. Neil told me she passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday the 15th — the hour of our annual banquet.

Months ago, I had arranged with Neil and Meg to have them make the short trip to Portsmouth to attend the Saturday portion of the convention, since her medical condition apparently was stable enough. This would also include a side trip (including myself) following the banquet to Neil's restored farmhouse in the New Hampshire town of Gilford. In mid-April, I talked to Meg on the phone, and she said she was experiencing problems walking and told me, "Oh, I'd just slow you and Neil down, so he'll drive up alone." As usual, her attitude was positive and upbeat.

## MEMBERSHIP

### New member

Nicholas A. Basbanes (Hon.)  
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Nick Basbanes, author of *A Gentle Madness: Bibliophiles, Bibliomaniacs, and the Eternal Passion for Books*; along with *Among the Gently Mad: Perspectives and Strategies for the Book-Hunter of the 21st Century*; and *A Splendor of Letters*, among others, was the keynote speaker at the 2010 H.A.S. convention, the third time he has had that honor since 1999.

### New e-mail address

E.M. Sanchez-Saavedra (PF-788)  
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Then, just days prior to the convention, her condition worsened, leading to home hospice care, with Neil, along with Meg's three sisters, keeping vigil. "The hospice care nurses were a great help," Neil said in an e-mail. "We had been told that she had weeks, maybe months, but it turned out to be just nine days. She passed away pain free and surrounded by us all."

Meg and Neil were friends to several members of the Horatio Alger Society. They were regular attendees at Brad Chase's fall cookouts, and for some 20 years I would go book-hunting with them on my annual vacation trips east. Often, while Neil and I would come up empty, Meg always seemed to find books to add to her collection, thus making our trips worthwhile. Last summer, we traveled together (I had flown to Boston) to the Tom Swift 99th anniversary convention in Hammondsport, New York, doing quite a bit of book-hunting along the way. Although Meg's energy level was down (she was undergoing chemotherapy), she never complained. It proved to be our final book trip together.

Looking back, over the years we visited many stores and antique malls in all six New England states, along with upstate New York, going back to the 1980s.

"Meg received the finest care throughout the eight years of her illness," Neil said, mentioning their good

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# *A Partic'lar Friend remembers Bob Routhier*

By Bradford S. Chase (PF-412)

**B**ob Routhier was my friend ... a good friend ... a very good Alger friend ... and now he is gone. Many know him as an authentic Algerite and enthusiastic Society member. I wholeheartedly agree and feel that as a result of his time with us; he left a distinctive and positive mark on all of us personally, as well as on our Horatio Alger Society. H.A.S. President from 2004-2006, he was definitely a pro-Society guy and we thank him for that.

In this world of good and bad guys, Bob, who died May 20, was truly one of the good guys. His goal and sole purpose, I believe, was to learn about and enjoy collecting Alger and to create a better Society atmosphere for himself and his collector friends.

He collected lots of different things, but I knew him best for his Alger passion.

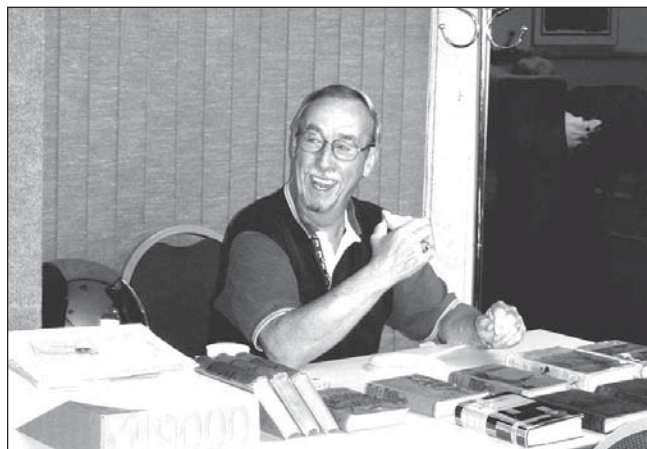
And it was passion. Once Bob got into something like Alger collecting, there was no stopping him. He loved to learn, and learn about Alger he did in a big way, so that soon many of us began to look to him for answers.

Of interest and for the record, he was an outstanding bowler as well, which he quietly pursued along with many other interests, including fishing and golfing. It is important to note also that during these past few years, he spent hour upon hour helping teach worthwhile life principles and discipline to inner city local boys through the vehicle of organized, competitive bowling. He was recently inducted into the Flint (Mich.) Bowling Hall of Fame, which made him very proud, as well it should.

I remember getting to really know him and Jeanette at one of the Canadian conventions. He, Jeanette, Ann and I sort of chummed around together and had a great time. We laughed a lot and just had fun.

Little did I know then that we would become quite close. Over time we visited each other's homes and collections and began to seriously trade Alger books. One time, when he visited me at my annual get-together for Alger collector friends, he faked being upset that I hadn't set aside a reserved parking space for him ("as any decent person would have done!") out of respect for his position as President of our Society. My humble and extensive apologies aside, I don't think he ever "forgave" me for that oversight, and you can be sure that he would remind me about it from time to time.

A few years after he and I had both retired, we chatted frequently on the phone. Nothing heavy, just this and that and perhaps marveling over the latest outstanding



**Former Horatio Alger Society President Bob Routhier enjoys the book sale during his final convention at Shelbyville, Indiana, in 2007.** Photo by Barry Schoenborn

Alger book he had just obtained. He always managed to dig up something neat and always wanted to learn more and share his finds with his Alger world. Soon, however, he was teaching me and continued to come up with super finds.

He traded often, with me and with many others as well. I always found that he was fair and "as described."

Everybody got to know Bob as he slowly inserted himself into the life of the Society, eventually taking on a leadership position as President. During his full tenure, he handled a few very difficult Society issues well, and always with class, which was the kind of guy he was. In addition, he became a permanent fixture at our annual convention auctions both as spirited auctioneer and runner, visibly pleased that he could deliver another Alger gem to the waiting winner of the bid.

He also was very active recruiting new members by making them aware of the Society. He would follow up with likely candidates whom he met online while exchanging Alger books. Many of those became his good Alger friends as well.

Recently, I learned that Bob was primarily responsible for recruiting Barry Schoenborn, our current Vice President, who just e-mailed me the following: "Yes, he did recruit me. Over time we (Bob and I) exchanged 1251 e-mails and I bought a lot of books from him. He always treated me fairly and helped educate me in the mysteries of collecting Alger."

Bob knew exactly how to attract potential new members: by being fair, sharing information and initiating

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contacts — verbally, by e-mail and otherwise — with those who might be interested in Alger. An important lesson for us all.

My most vivid and rewarding experience with Bob was our recently working together on the Hurst/Alger Project. For several years leading up to the Carson City Horatio Alger Society Convention, Bob and I fiddled and fussed around with doing something special to make sense of our Hurst formats. He had a bunch of them, as I did. Our joint interest in Hurst Algers grew the more we talked, and we literally wrung our hands in frustration with Hurst's seemingly complicated and haphazard issuance of Alger books. We eagerly traded Hurst information and wrestled together with what seemed to be an unending number of different Hurst/Alger formats. We both knew something needed to be done.

All of this effort (and fun) culminated in 2008, when he and others convinced me to push forward and try to document and sort out Hurst Algers. I saw myself as sort of the "secretary" of the group. He promised to help me and he certainly did. In fact, he soon sent to me sheets and sheets of detailed Hurst information about his many Hurst Alger books. There were probably in the neighborhood of 100 or so books included — with every one finely documented, many of which had dust jackets that he detailed as well.

The recording of this information must have literally taken weeks. He never knew it, but that information has



**Bob and Jeanette Routhier at the H.A.S. banquet in Omaha, Nebraska, in 2006. Bob served as President from 2004 to 2006.**

Photo by Bob Sipes

actually established the basis and framework for much of the work that was initially completed on the Hurst Project. That and subsequent work will hopefully culminate at the end of this year with the publication of a book on Hurst Alger formats. I intend to dedicate that book to Bob for his unending enthusiasm, hard work, research and relentlessly prodding me to complete the project and produce something which might be of interest to Alger collectors.

I sincerely hope that product will make him proud. He won't see it, of course, but we all know that his fingerprints will be on every page. Yes, Bob was one of the good guys and someone whose effort these past few years was certain to make Alger collecting better and more fun for us all. He will be missed but certainly not forgotten.

### **ROBERT R. ROUTHIER**

**Robert R. Routhier, Sr.**, Age 72, of Swartz Creek, Michigan, died, May 20, 2010 at Genesys Health Park. Visitation was held Monday, May 24, 2010 at the funeral home from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a Prayer Service and Eulogy at 6:30 p.m. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Miller Road Chapel, 8138 Miller Road, Swartz Creek. Internment followed at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

Robert was born August 21, 1937 in Flint, the son of Rudolph Eugene and Lillian Florida (Desaulnier) Routhier. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He

married Jeanette Louise Griffin September 2, 1988 in Mt. Morris. Robert retired from GM as a Manufacturing Engineer after 30 years of service. He was an avid bowler, fisherman, golfer and antique collector. Robert had recently been inducted into the Flint Bowling Hall of Fame.

Surviving are: wife, Jeanette Louise; son, Bob Routhier, Jr. of Clio; daughter, Theresa and husband Richard Rockwell of Prescott; step-daughter, Bethany and husband Zach Chandler of Emmett; step-son, Aaron and wife Angela Viola of Marine City; 7 grandchildren, Robert Routhier III, Tyler Rockwell, Samantha, Victoria and Nikita Chandler and Avery and Isaiah Viola. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Rita Jean Routhier.



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with "Walter P. Eaton: Essayist, Drama Critic and author of the *Boy Scout Series*." The talk covered the life and work of a man who called New England his home, and following graduation from Harvard in 1896 began his career as a Broadway theater critic, went on to head the department of theater at Yale University and was the author of numerous non-fiction books on the theater and New England outdoor life.

The series for which Eaton is best-known, the highly desired 11-volume *Boy Scout Series*, included volumes set in New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts, along with visits of his fictional Southmead (Mass.) Boy Scout troop to such western U.S. National parks as Crater Lake, Glacier Lake, Grand Canyon and Death Valley. Bill also provided a full-color handout (thanks to Art Young) illustrating various books written by Eaton.

Following a brief coffee break, the annual business meeting was officially opened by Acting President Bob Sipes. The first order of business was an overview of the annual reports by the treasurer, executive director and *Newsboy* editor, first presented the day before at the board of directors' meeting (see Page 15).

The decline in membership to 149 during the fiscal year ending April 30, 2010, was discussed, with eight new members added during the past year offset by nine drops, five of them due to the member's death.

A discussion of the status of the Society's website was the next topic, in particular how to make the site more up to date and user-friendly, as an incentive to attract potential new members. A committee comprising Bob Sipes, Mike Morley, Barry Schoenborn and Jeff Looney was approved to study the current website and recommend changes in design and function.

The site of the 2011 convention was the next order of business, and Bob Huber (PF-841) agreed to be the host next May, the exact dates to be determined. Within the past year, Bob moved from Wisconsin back to his home state of Ohio, and he noted that the convention would be held in the Akron-Canton area, at a suitable hotel near Interstate 77.

Nominating committee chairman Mike Morley reported the slate of officers and directors scheduled to take office upon election. For President, the nominee

was Bob Sipes, who had been serving as Acting President over the past year due to the serious illness of President Larry Rice; Barry Schoenborn was nominated as Vice President, and Christine DeHaan as Treasurer (all for two-year terms). For three-year terms as directors, the nominees were Morley, Carol Nackenoff and Bart Nyberg. The floor was opened to additional nominees, and since there were none, the slate was elected by voice vote.

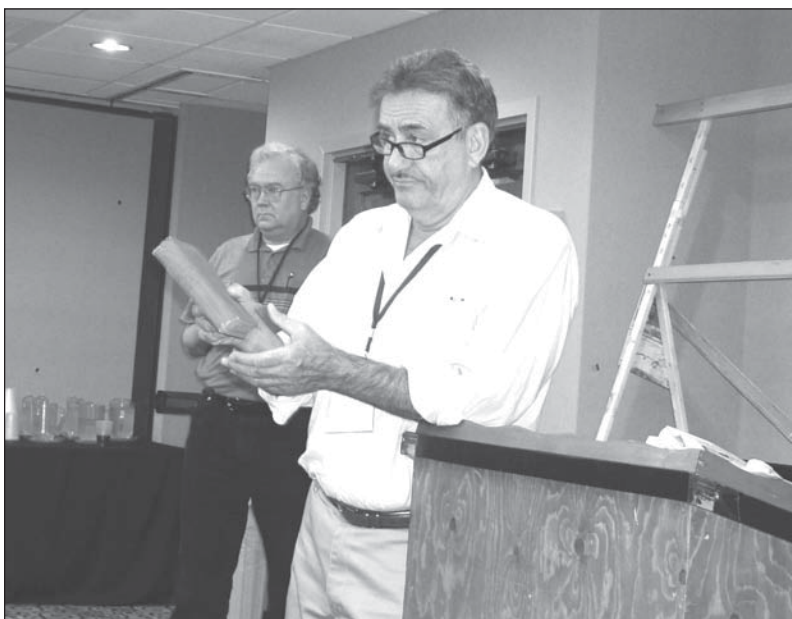
Following a break

to allow attendees to examine the consigned and donated items, the annual H.A.S. auction got underway at 11 a.m. Ed Mattson, Bob Huber and Art Young were the auctioneers.

The nearly 300 lots were auctioned speedily, with all but about 50 lots attracting bids. The auction included the consigned Alger collection of Ron Murch (PF-970) of Lewiston, Maine; a large consignment of Alger books (including many first editions) by Mike Morley, plus consignments and donations from several other members in attendance.

The auction highlights included a winning bid of \$325 from Barry Schoenborn for a scarce J.S. Ogilvie edition of *Tony, the Hero*, and Schoenborn's winning bid of \$200 for a John W. Lovell first hard-cover edition of *The \$500 Check*. (Complete 2010 auction

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**Auctioneer Ed Mattson awaits bids on a book during the annual consignment/fundraising auction.**

Photo by Bill Gowen

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results can be found on Pages 12-14).

There were about two hours of free time following the auction before everyone met in the lobby to organize car pools to Newick's Seafood Restaurant, about seven miles away in Dover, N.H. The directions were made easy by using Google Maps printouts provided by Art Young. Newick's, one of the most highly rated seafood establishments in the area, was able to easily accommodate our group, the dining room offering a scenic overlook of the Great Bay inlet during sunset. A full selection of seafood entrees was available off Newick's menu.

### Saturday, May 15

Following breakfast "on our own," setup for the annual book sale began at around 8 a.m., with the sale starting an hour later. By midmorning several members headed across the Piscataqua River into Maine for a brief book-hunting trip, with Bob Huber doing the driving. The first stop was Doug Harding's large store in Wells, followed by DeWolfe and Wood in Alfred. The pickings were very slim, but it was a scenic drive nonetheless.

The next scheduled event was the open house in nearby Durham hosted by Pat and Art Young. Members had an opportunity to view Art's Alger first editions, along with his other book collections, including his World War I series books, a majority with dust jackets. Again, the weather was perfect, and excellent food and beverages were provided.

Following our return to the Holiday Inn, we prepared for the annual H.A.S. banquet in the Wentworth Room. The evening included presentation of the annual H.A.S. awards, along with the **Strive and Succeed Award** to an area high school student.

The **Carl Hartmann Luck and Pluck Award** went to Jeff and Judy Looney, who hosted the 2009 H.A.S. convention in Charlottesville, Va., one of the best-attended conventions in years.

The **Dick Seddon Award**, selected by 2009 winner Art Smither, was given to Steven Sutton (PF-998), who was unable to attend the banquet because just the night before he had returned to Los Angeles from a spring-semester mission to Peru, sponsored by his school, Calvary Baptist Bible College in Murrieta, Calif.

Steven's note of thanks (sent by e-mail from Peru) was read by Bob Sipes:

"First of all, I would like to thank all the members of the Horatio Alger Society who have been loyal friends over the years, and from the beginning always made me feel welcome as a member. At past conventions, I always



**Mike Morley and Jerry Friedland closely examine items during the H.A.S. book sale.** Photo by Bill Gowen

watched the **Dick Seddon Award** being presented, but never imagined myself as the recipient! I feel very honored. Thank you very much!

"I would have liked to be present with you, even before I knew of the award, but I just arrived in Los Angeles last night after a semester in Peru. There I had the opportunity to help a local church with its weekly outreach to children, as well as improving my Spanish, and experiencing life in a different culture. Later this summer, my plans are to move to Cambodia, where I intend to serve my God and Savior, Jesus, through helping children who are orphaned, abandoned, or rescued from child prostitution. I will miss all of you, and all my family and friends in the U.S., but I have no regrets, only joy, in looking forward to the future. I wish the best to all of you. Thank you!"

The **Strive and Succeed Award** ceremony was introduced by Art Young, with the award going to senior Jordan Cartlidge from nearby Newmarket High School, with the recipient taking home a check for \$1,000, a framed certificate and a copy of Alger's *Strive and Succeed*. Cartlidge is heading to the University of New Hampshire in the fall. (See separate article on next page).



## Strive and Succeed Award

### *'His story is one of great determination'*

*Following are the introductory remarks given at the May 15 annual banquet by convention host Art Young in presenting the Horatio Alger Society's 2010 Strive and Succeed Award:*

"I am pleased and honored to introduce to you this year's **Strive and Succeed Award** recipient: Jordan Cartlidge. Jordan will graduate from Newmarket High School this year. His story is one of great determination.

"By the time Jordan entered elementary school, he had lost all members of his extended family except for his mother. . His elementary school years were not easy for him .academically, and he required extra help. He was labeled as learning disabled and had to follow an Individual Education Plan. Needing extra help is not a totally good thing. The assistance may allow a student to keep pace with his classmates academically, but

may also send a message to him that he is different. From his peers. Jordan received that message and didn't care for the label.

"It took hard work and determination but he persevered, met the course requirements, and completed his high school years on his own merit. Not only did he complete the years but he ranks

ninth in his class. His classmates selected him to be the student representative to the Newmarket School Board. The future looks bright as Jordan plans to attend the University of New Hampshire to become a physical education teacher. With his own school experiences and his work ethic, he will certainly be an asset to the school



**Jordan Cartlidge is joined by his mother and convention host Art Young in accepting the 2010 Strive and Succeed Award.**

*Photo by Bill Gowen*

system that is fortunate enough to have him on its teaching staff.

"Jordan, we salute your grit and significant accomplishments. Jordan's mom is here tonight — let's recognize her magnificent support along the way."

A longtime friend of the Society, noted author and media columnist Nicholas A Basbanes, closed the evening with the keynote address, a wide-ranging talk on various topics in the world of book-collecting, along with a report on one of his current projects, a book on the history of paper, research for which has taken him to such faraway places as China.

This was Basbanes' third H.A.S. convention, and in his blog at [www.nicholasbasbanes.com](http://www.nicholasbasbanes.com), he writes it is "a personal record for me with one group. I was pleasantly surprised by the gift of a lovely plaque noting this milestone, and wish to express my gratitude in this

space to the membership."

As recognition for his contributions starting with the 1999 convention, Basbanes has received an honorary membership in the Horatio Alger Society. All Partic'lar Friends are encouraged to regularly visit his blog at the above website for current news on myriad literary topics and upcoming events.

#### **Sunday, May 16**

The Holiday Inn's restaurant provided opportunities for our informal "farewell breakfast" as small groups of members gathered in the morning, saying "see you in Akron-Canton in 2011!"

# *A Portsmouth portfolio*



**Sofia Sipes is held proudly by Carol Nackenoff prior to Friday's dinner at Newick's.**

Photo by Bill Gowen



**President Bob Sipes congratulates Carl Hartmann Luck and Pluck Award winner Jeff Looney, who hosted the 2009 convention in Charlottesville, Va.**

Photo by Wendy Sipes



**Dick Hoffman, Bob Huber and Chris DeHaan share a funny moment prior to the start of the annual H.A.S. banquet.**

Photo by Bill Gowen



**Brad Chase gives the convention an update on his multi-year Hurst Project.** Photo by Bob Sipes



**Jim Thorp examines the auction books.** Photo by Bill Gowen



**Brad Chase is obviously happy to see a copy of this scarce Hurst cover format, held proudly by Jerry Friedland prior to the auction.** Photo by Bill Gowen

**Bob Kersch discusses Alger with Bob Sipes.**  
Photo by Bill Gowen





# Special consignment auction summary

## Ronald A. Murch Collection

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
<i>Helping Himself</i>	Winston (Skyline)	Ken Broadie	\$15.00	<i>Forging Ahead</i>	Penn (later state)	Ken Broadie	\$40.00
Three misc. Algers	Hurst, Burt, Trade	Brad Chase	\$2.00	<i>Mark Mason's Victory</i>	A.L. Burt (1st. ed.)	Mike Morley	\$10.00
<i>The Backwoods Boy</i>	DeWolfe Fiske	Barry Schoenborn	\$110.00	<i>Nelson the Newsboy</i>	Mershon (1st. ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$40.00
<i>Bernard Brooks' Advent.</i>	A.L. Burt	Jerry Friedland	\$10.00	<i>Mabel Parker</i>	Archon	Bob Sipes	\$3.00
<i>Andy Gordon</i>	A.L. Burt	Ken Broadie	\$25.00	<i>Dan the Newsboy;</i>			
<i>Ben, the Luggage Boy</i>	Winston	Bob Sipes	\$9.00	<i>The Errand Boy</i>	A.L. Burt	Jerry Friedland	\$4.00
<i>Ben Logan's Triumph</i>	G&D	Mike Morley	\$6.00	Four misc. Algers	Hurst	Brad Chase	\$20.00
<i>Advent. of a Telegraph Boy</i>	Caldwell	Bob Sipes	\$95.00	Four misc. Algers	Hurst	Brad Chase	\$1.00
<i>Adrift in the City</i>	H.T. Coates	Ken Broadie	\$10.00	<i>Ned Newton</i>	Street & Smith)	Ken Broadie	\$50.00
<i>Adrift in New York</i>	Hurst	Mike Morley	\$10.00	Five misc. Algers	A.L. Burt	Mike Morley	\$1.00
<i>Bound to Rise</i>	Loring (later state)	Ken Broadie	\$25.00	<i>Helping Himself</i>	P&C (1st. ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$30.00
<i>Ben Bruce</i>	A.L. Burt	Jerry Friedland	\$2.00	<i>Do and Dare</i>	P&C (1st. ed.)	Baerry Schoenborn	\$50.00
Two misc. Algers	Winston	Bob Kersch	\$1.00	<i>The Disagreeable Woman;</i>			
<i>Seeking his Fortune</i>	Westgard	Bob Sipes	\$3.00	<i>Hugo, the Deformed</i>	Westgard	Rob Kasper	\$10.00
<i>Sam's Chance</i>	Hurst (d/j)	Brad Chase	\$55.00	<i>Dean Dunham</i>	Street & Smith	Ken Broadie	\$45.00
<i>Shifting for Himself</i>	Loring (1st. ed.)	Carol Nackenoff	\$60.00	<i>Helen Ford</i>	P&C (Alta ed.)	Richard Hoffman	\$5.00
<i>Strong and Steady</i>	Loring (later ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$20.00	Three misc. Algers	Hurst	Brad Chase	\$2.00
<i>Tattered Tom</i>	Loring (later ed.)	Carol Nackenoff	\$65.00	<i>Digging fior Gold;</i>			
<i>Strive and Succeed</i>	Hurst (d/j)	Ken Broadie	\$30.00	<i>Lester's Luck</i>	Winston (Lib. ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$10.00
<i>Rupert's Ambition</i>	H.T. Coates	Barry Schoenborn	\$125.00	<i>Ragged Dick;</i>			
<i>Tom Tracy; Wait &amp; Win</i>	Westgard	Bob Sipes	\$1.00	<i>Rough and Ready</i>	Winston	Bob Sipes	\$25.00
<i>Struggling Upward</i>	P&C (1st. ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$10.00	<i>Nothing to Do;</i>			
<i>Wait and Win</i>	A.L. Burt (1st. ed.)	Jerry Friedland	\$60.00	<i>Number 91</i>	Westgard	Bob Kersch	\$1.00
<i>Wait and Hope</i>	Loring (later ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$50.00	<i>Jerry, the Backwoods Boy;</i>			
Two misc. Algers	A.L. Burt	Bob Sipes	\$3.00	<i>Randy of the River</i>	G&D	Barry Schoenborn	\$5.00
<i>Walter Griffith</i>	Street & Smith	Ken Broadie	\$45.00	Three misc. Algers	A.L. Burt	Brad Chase	\$3.00
<i>Platform School Dialogues</i>	Wehman	Bob Kersch	\$2.00	<i>Phil, the Fiddler</i>	Thomp. & Thomas	Jerry Friedland	\$4.00
<i>The Train Boy</i>	A.L. Burt (deluxe)	Carol Nackenoff	\$5.00	<i>Out for Business;</i>			
<i>Tom Thatcher's Fortune</i>	A.L. Burt (Fez ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$2.00	<i>Risen from the Ranks</i>	Mershon	Mike Morley	\$10.00
<i>Tom Temple's Career</i>	A.L. Burt (Fez ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$5.00	<i>Wren Winter's Triumph</i>	M.A. Donohue	Bob Sipes	\$1.00
Tony the Hero	A.L. Burt (Fez ed.)	Jerry Friedland	\$3.00	Mayes Alger bio./biblio.	Macy-Masius	(sold as one lot)	
Fitzhugh: <i>Westy Martin</i>				Gardner Alger bio./biblio.	Wayside Press		
<i>in the Yellowstone</i>	G&D (d/j)	Bob Sipes	\$35.00	<i>A Fancy of Hers</i>	Van Nostrand	Jerry Friedland	\$5.00
Whipple: <i>Radio Boys Loyalty</i>	M.A. Donohue (d/j)	Bob Sipes	\$1.00	<i>The Young Boatman</i>	Penn (boy's head format)		
<i>Luck and Pluck</i>	P&C	Barry Schoenborn	\$5.00			Barry Schoenborn	\$125.00
<i>Lost at Sea</i>	G&D	Bob Kersch	\$13.00	<i>Young Captain Jack</i>	Mershon (1st. ed.)	Bob Sipes	\$27.00
<i>Mark Manning's Mission</i>	A.L. Burt (1st. ed.)	Bob Sipes	\$40.00	<i>The Young Outlaw</i>	Loring (later state)	Ken Broadie	\$35.00
<i>Mark Stanton</i>	McKay (no t. page)	Ken Broadie	\$5.00	<i>A New York Boy</i>	McKay	Ken Broadie	\$15.00
<i>Grit; Luke Walton</i>	Hurst	Richard Hoffman	\$5.00	<i>The Young Miner</i>	P&C	Ken Broadie	\$15.00
<i>From Farm to Fortune;</i>				Horatio Alger, Sr. — 1875 letter to			
<i>Falling in with Fortune</i>	G&D	Richard Hoffman	\$10.00	Henry Clark, with stamped envelope		Ken Broadie	\$105.00
<i>Frank Fowler</i>	A.L. Burt (Fez ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$3.00	Scharnhorst:			
<i>Facing the World</i>	Coates (later state)	Bob Sipes	\$2.00	Alger critical biographies	Twain; Scarecrow	Scott Chase	\$1.00
<i>Fame and Fortune</i>	Loring (later state)	Bob Kersch	\$10.00	Mayes Alger biography	Westgard	Scott Chase	\$2.00
<i>From Farm Boy to Senator</i>	McKay	Jerry Friedland	\$4.00	<i>Alger Street</i> (ed. Westgard )	Canner (in slipcase)	Rob Kasper	\$45.00
<i>From Canal Boy to Pres.</i>	Anderson (later state)	Bob Sipes	\$5.00	<i>W. Sherwood's Probation</i>	H.T. Coates (1st. ed.)	Art Young	\$85.00

# Special consignment auction summary

## Ronald A. Murch Collection

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
<i>The Young Adventurer</i>	Loring (1st. ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$110.00	Henry A. Shute, cont.:			
<i>Tom Temple's Career</i>	Burt (1st. HC ed.)	Mike Morley	\$250.00	<i>Chadwick and Shute</i>	Dorrance	Bob Sipes	\$5.00
<i>The Young Book Agent</i>	G&D	Barry Schoenborn	\$5.00	<i>Sequill</i>	Everett Press	Bob Sipes	\$3.00
Three misc. Algers	Westgard	Barry Schoenborn	\$40.00	<i>The Youth Plupy</i>	Houghton, Mifflin	Bob Sipes	\$17.00
<i>The Young Circus Rider</i>	H.T. Coates	Ken Broadie	\$18.00	<i>Plupy, "A Real Boy"</i>	Richard Badger	Bob Sipes	\$5.00
<i>The Young Explorer</i>	Winston (Skyline)	Mike Morley	\$30.00	<i>Misadventures of Three Good Boys</i>			
<i>Rufus and Rose</i>	Loring (later state)	Barry Schoenborn	\$50.00		Houghton, Mifflin	Bob Sipes	\$10.00
<i>Paul Prescott's Charge</i>	Loring (later state)	Mike Morley	\$35.00	<i>Real Diary: Worst Farmer</i>	Houghton Mifflin	Bob Sipes	8.00
<i>Joe's Luck</i>	A.L. Burt (Fez ed.)	Carol Nackenoff	\$3.00	<i>The Country Lawyer; Farming it!</i>			
<i>Charlie Codman's Cruise;</i>					G&D	Bob Sipes	\$1.00
<i>A Debt of Honor</i>	S&S Alger Series	Ken Broadie	\$30.00	<i>The Real Diary of a Real Boy; Letters from Beany</i>			
<i>The Cash Boy;</i>					Everett Press	Bob Sipes	\$3.00
<i>Adrift in New York</i>	Westbrook (PB)	Bob Sipes	\$3.00	<i>The Country Band; Real Boys</i>			
Scharnhorst: <i>The Lost Life of Horatio Alger, Jr.</i> (Indiana Press)					Donohue; Badger	Bob Sipes	\$20.00
Scharnhorst Alger bio./bibliography (Scarecrow Press)				P.B. Kyne: <i>Cappy Ricks</i>	G&D	Jerry Friedland	\$11.00
Gardner: <i>Road to Success</i> (Wayside Press PB)				Elmer A. Dawson: <i>Garry Grayson</i>			
Gardner: Alger bio./bibliography (Arco)		Bob Kersch (1 lot)	\$5.00	<i>at Stanley Prep</i>	G&D	Bob Sipes	\$2.00
Scharnhorst: <i>The Lost Life of Horatio Alger, Jr.</i> (Indiana Press)				James Otis: <i>The Boy Spies</i>			
Gardner: Alger bio./bibliography (Arco)				<i>at Yorktown</i>	A.L. Burt	Bob Sipes	\$15.00
Gardner: Alger bio./biblio. (Wayside Press)		Jerry Friedland (1 lot)	\$1.00	Lionel Lounsberry:			
Gardner: <i>Road to Success</i> (Wayside Press PB)				<i>Rob Ranger's Mine</i>	McKay	Bob Sipes	\$2.00
Gardner: Alger bio./biblio. (Wayside Press)		Scott Chase (1 lot)	\$1.00	Victor Appleton:			
Mattson and Davis: <i>A Collector's Guide</i>				<i>The Moving Picture Boys</i>	G&D	Richard Hoffman	\$6.00
<i>to Hard-Cover Boys' Series Books</i>		Jim Towey	\$15.00	Homer Randall: <i>The Army Boys in the</i>			
Sawyer and Thorp: <i>Formats of the 59 Alger</i>				<i>French Trenches</i>	Sully	Barry Schoenborn	\$6.00
<i>stories published by John C. Winston</i>		Bob Kersch	\$1.00	Eleanor H. Porter:			
Gruber: Alger bio./bibliography		Jerry Friedland	\$10.00	<i>Pollyanna Grows Up</i>	G&D	Bob Sipes	\$6.00
<i>Struggling Upward, etc.</i>	Crown (d/j)	Jerry Friedland	\$3.00	Izola L. Forrester: <i>The Polly</i>			
Scharnhorst and Bales: <i>Lost Tales of Horatio Alger, Jr.</i>				<i>PageYacht Club</i>	Jacobs	Jerry Friedland	\$15.00
Gardner: Alger bio./bibliography		Jerry Friedland	\$5.00	Three misc. books	Saalfeld, Altemus		
Capra: <i>Holy Horatio!</i>	Russell	Rob Kasper	\$3.00		Goldsmith	Jeff Looney	\$2.00
<i>Making his Mark;</i>				Mayes: Alger bio./biblio.	Macy-Masius	Richard Hoffman	\$1.00
<i>The New Schoolma'am</i>	Westgard	Bob Sipes	\$1.00	Gardner: Alger bio./bibliography;			
<i>Herbert Carter's Legacy;</i>				Scharnhorst Alger biography		Scott Chase	\$2.00
<i>Mark, the Match Boy</i>	H.T. Coates	Mike Morley	\$8.00	Miscellaneous box lot		Ken Broadie	\$10.00
<i>The Young Bank Messenger;</i>				Miscellaneous box lot		Bob Kersch	\$10.00
<i>Bob Burton</i>	Winston	Bob Huber	\$1.00	Miscellaneous box lot		Bob Kersch	\$10.00
Westgard (ed.): Addresses by Rev. Sheaf				Miscellaneous box lot		Ken Broadie	\$10.00
and Horatio Alger, Sr. ( <i>Bootblack</i> , Vol. 9)		Bob Sipes	\$5.00				
M. Mead (two books)	G&D, Stitt	Mike Morley	\$6.00				
W.C. Sellar (two books)	Methuen	Bartry Schoenborn	\$10.00				
C.C. Coffin (two books)	Dana Estes	Bob Sipes	\$60.00				
Emma Dowd (two books)	G&D	Jerry Friedland	\$30.00				
14 <i>Ruth Fielding</i> books	C&L (10 in d/j)	Ed Mattson	\$80.00				
Henry A. Shute:							
<i>Brite and Fair</i>	Cosmopolitan	Bob Sipes	\$8.00				

**Lots: 132    Total bids: \$2,887.00**  
**Commission to H.A.S.: \$558.05**

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# Annual H.A.S. fund-raising auction results

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Price</u>
<b>Consignments (Michael Morley):</b>				Boys' Home Weekly, No. 23, contains:			
<i>Young Bank Messenger</i>	H.T. Coates (1st. ed.)	Carol Nackenoff	\$30.00	<i>Risen from the Ranks</i>	Westbrook	Bob Sipes	\$10.00
<i>From Farm to Fortune</i>	Chatterton-Peck	Barry Schoenborn	\$25.00	Boys' Home Weekly, No. 20, contains:			
<i>Bob Burton</i>	H.T. Coates	Carol Nackenoff	\$17.00	<i>Julius, the Street Boy</i>	Westbrook	Bob Sipes	\$10.00
<i>In a New World</i>	P&C (1st. ed.)	Rob Kasper	\$50.00	Boys' Home Weekly, No. 22, contains:			
<i>The Young Acrobat</i>	Street & Smith	Ken Broadie	\$5.00	<i>Bound to Rise</i>	Westbrook	Bob Sipes	\$10.00
<i>Tom Brace</i>	Streect & Smith	Richard Hoffman	\$20.00	Boys' Home Weekly, No. 13, contains:			
<i>Falling in with Fortune</i>	Mershon	Bob Sipes	\$5.00	<i>The Young Adventurer</i>	Westbrook	Bob Sipes	\$10.00
<i>Mark Stanton</i>	Street & Smith	Scott Chase	\$30.00	Our Young Folks, Vol. 2, No. 3, contains:			
<i>In Search of Treasure</i>	A.L. Burt (1st. ed.)	Jerry Friedland	\$100.00	<i>How Johnny Bought a Sewing Machine</i>		Carol Nackenoff	\$2.00
<i>Do and Dare</i>	H.T. Coates	Ken Broadie	\$5.00	<b>Consignments (Jim Towey):</b>			
<i>Phil, the Fiddler</i>	Thomp. & Thomas	Jim Thorp	\$15.00	Raymond Sperry, Jr.: <i>The White Ribbon Boys</i>			
<i>Chester Rand</i>	H.T. Coates (1st. ed.)	Carol Nackenoff	\$55.00	<i>of Chester</i>	Towey	Jerry Friedland	\$35.00
<i>Tom Turner's Legacy</i>	A.L. Burt (1st. ed.)	Carol Nackenoff	\$20.00	Dizer, Lauterbach and Cox: <i>The Secret</i>			
<i>The \$500 Check</i>	Lovell (1st. ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$200.00	<i>of Hidden Island</i>	Towey	Bob Sipes	\$25.00
<i>Frank Hunter's Peril</i>	H.T. Coates (1st. ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$50.00	<i>Garis: The Island Boys</i>	Towey	Jerry Friedland	\$30.00
<i>Ralph Raymond's Heir</i>	Lupton (1st. ed.)	Scott Chase	\$50.00	<i>Garis: The White Crystals</i>	Towey	Jerry Friedland	\$30.00
<i>The Backwoods Boy</i>	DeWolfe Fisk	Ken Broadie	\$15.00	Raymond Sperry: <i>Larry Dexter's</i>			
<i>Julius, the Street Boy</i>	Loring	Ken Broadie	\$105.00	<i>Great Chase</i>	Towey	Jerry Friedland	\$30.00
<i>Luck and Pluck</i>	Loring (1st. ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$60.00	Raymond Sperry: <i>Larry Dexter and the</i>			
<i>Herbert Carter's Legacy</i>	Loring (1st. ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$125.00	<i>Ward Diamonds</i>	Towey	Jerry Friedland	\$30.00
<i>Ragged Dick</i>	Loring	Bob Sipes	\$55.00	<b>Consignments (Chris DeHaan):</b>			
<i>Rufus and Rose</i>	Loring (1st. ed.)	Bob Kersch	\$10.00	<i>The Young Outlaw</i>			
<i>The Young Adventurer</i>	Loring (1st. ed.)	Barry Schoenborn	\$10.00		A.L. Burt (Diamond)	Mike Morley	\$30.00
<i>The Young Outlaw</i>	Loring (very early ed.)	Ken Broadie	\$85.00	<i>From Farm Boy to Senator</i>			
<i>From Farm Boy to Senator</i>	Ogilvie (early ed.)	Jerry Friedland	\$15.00		McKay	Barry Schoenborn	\$15.00
<i>Rough and Ready</i>	Loring	Barry Schoenborn	\$20.00	<i>Do and Dare</i>			
<i>Sam's Chance</i>	Loring	Ken Broadie	\$10.00		Coates (Skyline)	Barry Schoenborn	\$3.00
<i>Try and Trust</i>	Loring (1st. ed.)	Scott Chase	\$60.00	<i>Bertha's Xmas Vision</i>			
<i>Frank's Campaign</i>	Loring	Carol Nackenoff	\$50.00		Hurst (applique)	Mike Morley	\$15.00
<i>Fame and Fortune</i>	Loring	Ken Broadie	\$15.00	<b>Donations:</b>			
<i>Robert Lawson</i>	Westgard	Barry Schoenborn	\$20.00	<b><u>Title/Item</u></b>	<b><u>Donor</u></b>	<b><u>Buyer</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>
<i>Tony the Hero</i>	Ogilvie (1st. format)	Barry Schoenborn	\$325.00	<i>Lost Works of Oliver Optic</i>	Bill Gowen	Carol Nackenoff	\$15.00
<i>Walter Griffith</i>	Street & Smith	Ken Broadie	\$30.00	<i>The Worcester Review</i>	Carol Nackenoff	Bob Sipes	\$15.00
<i>Striving for Fortune</i>	S&S (PB, 1st. ed.)	Brad Chase	\$125.00	<i>The Worcester Review</i>	Carol Nackenoff	Bob Sipes	\$13.00
<b>Consignments (Raymond L. Murray):</b>				<i>Joe's Luck</i> (Burt Fez ed.)	Chris DeHaan	Bob Sipes	\$5.00
Boys' Home Weekly, No. 37, contains:				Handcrafted necklace	Doug Fleming	Carol Nackenoff	\$10.00
<i>The Young Outlaw</i>	Westbrook	Art Young	\$1.00	Handcrafted necklace	Doug Fleming	Pat Young	\$10.00
Boys' Home Weekly, No. 24, contains:				23 Nancy Drew books	Brad Chase	Bob Sipes	\$15.00
<i>H. Carter's Legacy</i>	Westbrook	Bob Sipes	\$10.00	38 Whitman TV tie-ins	Brad Chase	Bob Sipes	\$5.00
Boys' Home Weekly, No. 23, contains:				H.A.S. souvenir tile	Brad Chase	Bob Sipes	\$1.00
<i>Risen from the Ranks</i>	Westbrook	Bob Sipes	\$10.00	<i>Young Folks</i> reprint	Brad Chase	Mike Morley	\$1.00
Boys' Home Weekly, No. 18, contains:				Misc. Algers, box lot	Brad Chase	Ken Broadie	\$10.00
<i>Phil, the Fiddler</i>	Westbrook	Bob Sipes	\$10.00	A.L. Burt Algers, box lot	Brad Chase	Ken Broadie	\$10.00
Boys' Home Weekly, No. 16, contains:				Pop-up dollhouse	Brad Chase	Bob Sipes	\$5.00
<i>Adrift in New York</i>	Westbrook	Bob Sipes	\$10.00	<b>2010 auction summary:</b>			
Boys' Home Weekly, No. 11, contains:				<b>Donation total (all proceeds to H.A.S.).....\$115.00</b>			
<i>The Cash Boy</i>	Westbrook	Bob Sipes	\$10.00	<b>H.A.S. commission, all consignments.....\$991.65</b>			
Boys' Home Weekly, No. 10, contains:				<b>H.A.S. net proceeds, all auctions .....\$1,106.65</b>			
<i>Do and Dare</i>	Westbrook	Bob Sipes	\$10.00	<b>Total bids, all 2010 auctions.....\$5,170.00</b>			



# Horatio Alger Society Board of Directors Meeting

Portsmouth, New Hampshire  
May 13, 2010

## In Attendance:

Bob Sipes, Vice President  
Chris DeHaan, Treasurer  
William R. Gowen, Editor  
Robert E. Kasper, Executive Director  
Michael Morley, Nominating Committee Chair  
Barry Schoenborn, Director  
Robert Kersch, Director  
Bradford S. Chase, Director  
Jeff Looney, Director  
Arthur P. Young, Director  
Robert Huber, Director

## Absent:

Larry Rice, President  
Robert Petitto, Director  
Mary Ann Nyberg, Director  
Arthur Smither, Director

Bob Sipes, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. No old business was noted.

Chris DeHaan, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report. Gross income for the previous 12 months was \$9,755.88 and expenses were \$10,648.74, resulting in a net loss of \$892.86 for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2010. The loss was attributed to lower auction proceeds and the printing costs of the 2009 membership roster. Total cash on hand includes \$7,429.99 in checking deposits and \$8,872.91 in a certificate of deposit for a total of \$16,302.90. Interest earned on the funds in the certificate of deposit was \$204.27. It was noted that \$45.41 was received by the Treasurer from MissionFish from eBay auctions. MissionFish is a mechanism for non-profits to enhance fundraising by receiving a percentage of each sale on eBay as designated by the seller. All MissionFish monies are earmarked for the *Strive & Succeed Award* fund.

Robert E. Kasper, Executive Director, reported total membership at 149. This includes 122 Regular members, one Sustaining member, nine Life, seven Honorary and 10 Libraries. There were eight new members (including two reinstatements) added during the previous 12 months and nine drops for a net loss of one member. This compares favorably to the previous 12-month period when we gained two new members and lost 15.

Of the nine lost members, five were due to deaths, three for lack of interest and one moved away without providing a forwarding address. Most of the new members were recruited through the society website. Five current/new members renewed their memberships online (via PayPal). There were no *Strive & Succeed Award* donations made online.

The **Newsboy** Report was given by William R. Gowen, Editor. The print run for **Newsboy** is currently 180 issues and will remain at that level despite the slightly declining membership level. The total annual expense for producing **Newsboy** has remained relatively stable during the past decade. The primary reason is a lower print run (from 300 to 180) although postage and printing costs have steadily increased. There was one color issue published during the previous year. It was agreed that more color should be used in future issues of **Newsboy**.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by Mike Morley, Committee Chairman. Nominees for the three directors are Bart Nyberg, Carol Nackenoff and Mike Morley. The directors will serve three-year terms. Nominations for president are Bob Sipes and Barry Schoenborn for vice president and they will serve two-year terms. Chris DeHaan was nominated to continue as treasurer for another two-year term.

A subcommittee on website matters was formed to propose and implement changes and updates to the website. Committee members include Mike Morley, Bob Sipes, Barry Schoenborn and Jeff Looney. The committee will report at next year's board meeting regarding more **Newsboy** content online, direct linkage to PayPal from the website (for payment of dues and donations), construction of a society facebook page, determination of the viability of an online version of **Newsboy** and additional topics as needed.

The regular *Strive & Succeed Award* fund income for the previous 12 months totaled \$1,120.41. The board voted to award \$1,000 to the recipient selected by the convention hosts.

Bob Huber offered to host the 2011 convention in Akron/Canton area in Ohio. The convention will be held sometime in May with confirmed dates to be promulgated after a suitable hotel has been selected. The board voted to present this offer to the members at the business meeting lacking any other viable venues. A tentative offer for central Indiana in 2012 was discussed.

Bob Sipes will contact Lynne Thomas at Northern Illinois University (NIU) to clarify certain issues regarding funding the annual fellowship, current endowment balance and interest calculations. Bob will also ascertain if NIU would be willing to host future conventions.

An honorarium of \$100 each to the Executive Director and **Newsboy** Editor was approved.

Vice President Sipes adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert E. Kasper*

*Executive Director*

*Horatio Alger Society*

# A.T. Stewart

BY HORATIO ALGER, JR.

In the year 1818, a poor Irish boy landed in New York in quest of fortune. He was sixteen years of age, and, though he brought little money with him, was the fortunate possessor of a good education, including not only the usual English branches, but a fair knowledge of Latin and Greek. I have called him an Irish boy, but he was really Scotch-Irish, though born near Belfast, and possessed in large measure the shrewdness and prudence, which are characteristic of those who are born north of the Tweed.

I am sure that many of my readers will already have guessed the name of this poor Irish boy. In after years that name became a household word, not only in the city of his residence but throughout the United States. That name was Alexander Turney Stewart.

The boy tried first to obtain a merchantile situation, but he who in after years was destined to employ thousands, at one time could find no one to employ him. Still he was not at the end of his resources. For besides his education, he looked older than his years. Somehow he contrived to obtain the post of assistant in a commercial school. He was able to live, but not luxuriously, for his pay was less than six dollars a week. I may remark, however, that six dollars at that time probably amounted to as much as twelve now-a-days. Board could be had for two dollars a week, and as for the spending-money which boys of sixteen now think they must have, there was little to spend money for. Extravagance, which has now become so general, was of later growth.

However, young Stewart was not content, as long as he could better himself. He was soon able to do so. He applied for, and obtained, a better position in another school of the same character, where he received the magnificent salary of three hundred dollars a year. Probably he saved something out of this. At any rate, I am sure he didn't allow himself to spend much money for amusements, or any articles that were not necessary. He was not destined to remain a teacher long. The commercial instinct was strong within him. He gave up teaching, and opened a retail dry goods store on an humble scale. He was still a mere boy, for when he closed up his business he was but nineteen. He did not close up on account of business embarrassments, but on account of a piece of good fortune, of which he heard in 1821.

The good fortune was the news of an inheritance left him by his grandfather in Ireland. Naturally, he returned to his native cuntry to look after it. It proved to amount to about five

thousand dollars, which was no small fortune in that day. Young Stewart had no sooner secured his money than he invested it in "insertions" and "Scallop trimmings," and returned to New York. He lost no time in renting a store at No. 283 Broadway, and going to work in earnest. He did not leave his business to look after itself, but overlooked every detail, working from fourteen to eighteen hours daily. He did nearly everything himself. He was his own cashier, bookkeeper, and salesman, and did not even disdain to be his own porter. If the young men who today start business on limited capital would follow his example, they might not indeed reach his success, for not every common soldier can become a Napoleon, but they would be pretty sure to meet with some measure of success.

I wish here to record certain principles of business which Stewart adopted at that time, and from which he never deviated, to which we may attribute his subsequent fortune. These were: (1) Strict honesty in all dealings with customers. (2) One price for all. (3) Cash on delivery. (4) Business to be done as business, and without reference to any other consideration. (5) courtesy to all, of whatever rank.

In the days of his greatest prosperity a poor Irish woman was as welcome in his large store as a lady dressed in silks, and the clerk who should presume to treat her with impertinence would have been instantly discharged. All these rules I can unreservedly commend, with the exception of the fourth, which Mr. Stewart carried too far.

Of course the young merchant was shrewd. He bought to the best advantage, and so made his profit as large as fairness would allow. Naturally, he prospered, and in six years he was obliged to take a larger store. It was not till the year 1846 that he completed and opened the store at Chambers Street and Broadway, which afterwards became his wholesale store. It was later still that he built the marble store, filling an entire square, and bounded by Broadway and Fourth Avenue, Ninth and Tenth Streets. Here he was when the war broke out. He obtained valuable contracts for army blankets and supplies, and his fortune was increased by millions.

I do not propose to enter into details concerning his great business. He established factories in America and Europe for the manufacture of the carpets and woolen goods in which he dealt, and I have been told, in his different establishments employed not less than eight thousand persons at one time. And this was the boy who sought for himself a position in vain at the age of sixteen.

Stewart was not a popular employer. He was hard and exacting, and his rules were unyielding. In illustration of this I will relate an anecdote, which I am assured is true.

One of his principal heads of department, who had been in his employ fifteen years, violated an important regulation. He was summoned to the presence of the merchant, and reminded of the penalty — dismissal.

"But, Mr. Stewart," he said. "I have been in your employ

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*This article on department store pioneer Alexander Turney Stewart was originally published in The Golden Argosy on March 10, 1883. This is its first appearance in Newsboy.*

# 'In a New Hampshire World' — Attendance list

**Ken Broadie (PF-1053)**  
Fort Worth, Texas

**Bradford S. Chase (PF-412)**  
Enfield, Conn.

**Ann Chase**  
Enfield, Conn.

**Scott B. Chase (PF-1106)**  
Rochester, N.Y.

**Katie Chase**  
Rochester, N.Y.

**Chris DeHaan (PF-773)**  
Wayland, Mich.

**Jerry B. Friedland (PF-376)**  
Monsey, N.Y.

**Elaine Friedland**  
Monsey, N.Y.

**William R. Gowen (PF-706)**  
Lake Zurich, Ill.

**Richard B. Hoffman (PF-570)**  
Washington, D.C.

**Robert G. Huber (PF-841)**  
Uniontown, Ohio

**Robert E. Kasper (PF-327)**  
Richmond, Va.

**Robert L. Kersch (PF-946)**  
Great River, N.Y.

**Frank Krieger (PF-1070)**  
Fairhavan, Mass.

**Jeff Looney (PF-903)**  
Charlottesville, Va.

**Ed Mattson (PF-067)**  
Baltimore, Md.

**Renee Mattson**  
Baltimore, Md.

**Michael Morley (PF-934)**  
Gardnerville, Nev.

**Margaret Morley**  
Kensington, Calif.

**Ronald A. Murch (PF-970)**  
Lewiston, Maine

**Carol Murch**  
Lewiston, Maine

**Carol Nackenoff (PF-921)**  
Swarthmore, Pa.

**Barry Schoenborn (PF-1087)**  
Nevada City, Calif.

**Bob Sipes (PF-1067)**  
Shelbyville, Ind.

**Wendy Sipes**  
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**Jim Thorp (PF-574)**  
Nashua, N.H.

**Carol Thorp**  
Nashua, N.H.

**Jim Towey (PF-975)**  
West Granby, Conn.

**Charlotte Towey**  
West Granby, Conn.

**Arthur P. Young (PF-941)**  
Durham, N.H.

**Patricia Young**  
Durham, N.H.

**Nicholas A. Basbanes (Hon.)**  
North Grafton, Mass.

**Connie Basbanes**  
North Grafton, Mass.

**TOTAL: 33**  
**H.A.S. MEMBERS: 22**

fifteen years. Can you not forgive me?"

"No," was the answer. "If I should, I could not maintain my system of discipline."

"But," pleaded the offender anxiously. "I have a family, and I have saved nothing. What will become of them? If I am known to have been discharged by you, I shall find it hard to obtain another position."

"How much do I pay you?"

"Sixty dollars a week."

"Come here every Saturday and draw your pay as usual. I can afford to pay you for doing nothing, but I cannot afford to break my rules."

It is said that this arrangement was continued for years.

This illustrates the firmness of the man and the strictness of his discipline. He seldom tempered justice with mercy, however, as in this case. In many respects I cannot hold him up to the imitation of my readers. He was hard, stern, and neglected to do that good with his money which many far less wealthy have done. But he conducted his business, in the main, on the right principles, and deserved the success which he achieved. It ought to be added, in fairness, that he formed charitable plans to be carried out after his death, and will not be left wholly without a monument.

He died of pneumonia, April 10, 1876.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

May 2009-April 2010

## INCOME

Advertisements .....	\$32.00
Auction proceeds .....	5,400.00
Convention surplus .....	1.20
Membership dues .....	2,990.00
Interest .....	204.27
Society merchandise .....	8.00
Strive and Succeed fund:	
MissionFish .....	45.41
Strive and Succeed - other ....	<u>1,075.00</u>
Total Strive and Succeed donations .....	<u>1,120.41</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$9,755.88</b>

## EXPENSES

Auction consignment payouts .....	\$3,955.20
Convention:	
Advance .....	(500.00)
Award plaques .....	178.00
Total convention .....	(\$322.00)
Executive Director's expenses .....	152.50
Honorarium .....	100.00
Newsboy expenses:	
Printing .....	\$2,529.00
Postage .....	1,162.62
Supplies (envelopes, etc.) ....	<u>339.66</u>
Total Newsboy expenses .....	\$4,031.28
Roster (printing and mailing) .....	\$392.96
Illinois Secretary of State .....	10.00
Strive & Succeed Award (2009) .....	2,000.00
Web page .....	<u>328.80</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$8,801.89</b>
<b>NET INCOME .....</b>	<b>(892.86)</b>

## Balance sheet as of April 30, 2010

### ASSETS

#### Current assets (checking/savings)

Certificate of deposit (CD) .....	\$8,872.91
Checking account .....	6,106.61
S&S Award fund .....	1,323.38
<b>Total checking/savings accounts .....</b>	<b>\$16,302.90</b>
<b>Total current assets .....</b>	<b>\$16,302.90</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$16,302.90</b>

### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Equity:	
Opening balance, equity .....	\$4,763.05
Retained earnings .....	12,432.71
Net income .....	(892.86)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY .....</b>	<b>\$16,302.90</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY .....</b>	<b>\$16,302.90</b>

*Submitted by Christine DeHaan, Treasurer*  
May 1, 2010



The Horatio Alger Society board of directors meets on May 13, 2010 in Portsmouth, N.H. Photo by Bill Gowen

## President's column

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CDV of Alger is scarce, so imagine my surprise when looking through a binder of ephemeral items that I suddenly found myself staring at Alger himself. The price was right and needless to say, it made my day.

I joined the Horatio Alger Society in 2002 on my own after buying a few Alger books on eBay and locating the H.A.S. website. My first convention was Houston in 2003. I met many of the members and made quite a few friends, including one whom I would trade e-mails with and buy books from over the next seven years. Bob Routhier introduced himself to me easily and quickly became a friend. He enjoyed sharing his Alger knowledge and opinions. I still own the two Alger first-day covers he gave me at Houston, along with a Reader containing an Alger short story. Over the years, I bought many books from Bob and lost many to him in auctions. He was a persistent collector with a knack for finding the rare or highly desirable item or the unknown format. And he enjoyed sharing his find with you. I was saddened to hear of his recent passing and will miss him. Brad Chase's tribute to Bob appears on Pages 5-6.

I would like to thank the outgoing directors Mary Ann Nyberg, Bob Petitto, and Barry Schoenborn for their help and support. I would also like to welcome the incoming directors, Mike Morley, Carol Nackenoff, and Bart Nyberg and the incoming vice president, Barry Schoenborn. I would also like to thank Chris DeHaan for her continued support as Treasurer, and to Bob Huber, for stepping up and graciously offering to host our 2011 convention in Ohio next May. As soon as the dates and



**Keynote speaker Nick Basbanes joins President Bob Sipes during the annual H.A.S. awards banquet in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.** Photo by Wendy Sipes

hotel are finalized, we'll let you know.

It takes a team, and I appreciate all of your time, effort, and support. Have a great summer!

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## Editor's notebook

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fortune in having Boston's world-famous Dana-Farber Cancer Institute nearby.

"Miss Meg" and Neil met at their workplace, Boston Public Library, and dated many years before marrying. She worked for 35 years in the Special Collections Department, and the reaction of her colleagues to her death was amazing. "The BPL rented a bus to her funeral, and those who came were given excused time; that is, they were still being paid," Neil said. "I would guess more than 100 BPL people attended — unheard of to pay people to attend, and I'm sure Meg is very pleased!"

In the obituary he submitted for publication in *The Boston Globe*, Neil said she was buried "with her favorite book, *Nancy Drew: Clue in the Diary*."

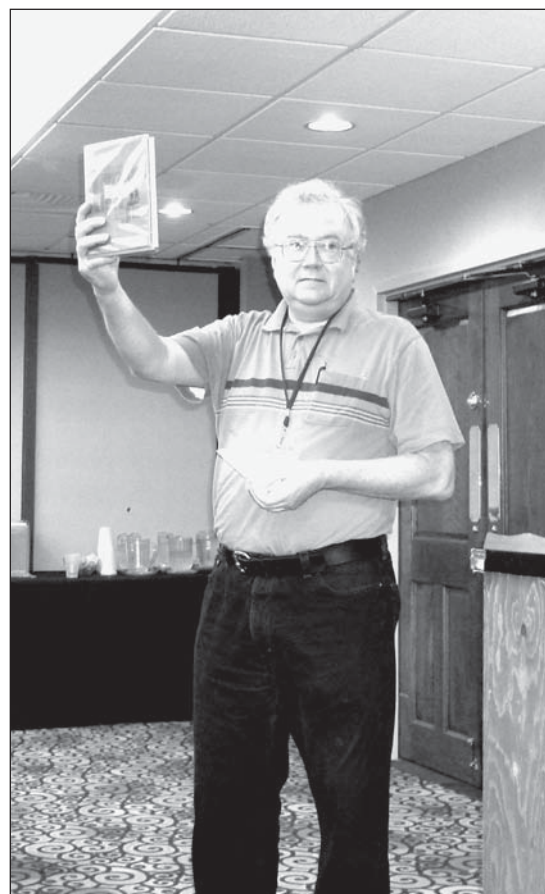
Are you wondering why the "first iris of spring" began this story? Well, Meg loved her irises, raising large beds of the fragrant purple flowers in her South Boston backyard and at the farmhouse in New Hampshire. A few years ago, when I told her I had one scraggly patch of irises along my front walk, she told me how to cultivate and care for them. She even dug up several of her iris bulbs and mailed them to me, along with detailed instructions on how and when to plant them.

When my 2009 blooms were the most luxurious ever, I took a photo and showed it to her last summer — she was very pleased that I had developed a green thumb!

**Rob Kasper checks out one of Art Young's first editions during the convention host's open house.**



**Jeff Looney examines the children's books at Douglas Harding's antiquarian bookstore in Wells, Maine.**



**"What am I bid?" asks auctioneer Bob Huber.**

*Photos by Bill Gowen*