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ALUMNI NEWS

THE 1999 ALUMNI BANQUET

The 107th annual Alumni Banquet and Meeting of the Sandy Creek High and Central School will be held on Friday, June 25th, 1999 at the River Valley Inn. Appetizers will be available at 6:00. A roast beef and baked ham buffet will be served at 7 P.M. at a cost of \$14.00 per person (this includes meal, drink, gratuity and Alumni expenses). Pre-paid reservations should be returned to the corresponding secretary no later than June 18, 1999.

We will be specifically honoring the Classes of 1949 and 1974 as well as this year's graduating class.

We will be looking forward to an evening of Alumni fellowship and reminiscences.

SANDY CREEK HIGH AND CENTRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Honorary President -Victor Widrig, '49

President-Cheryl Goodnough Yerdon, '74

Recording Secretary-Laura Weaver, '83

Corresponding Secretary-Mary Laveck Hicks, '68

Treasurer-Susan Crandall, '67

Executive Chairwoman-Sue Bitz, '70

Chairwoman A.Elmo Cole Memorial Fund-Peggy Potish Manchester, '70

Historian-Margaret Hollis Kastfer, '51

Executive Secretary-Nancy Potish Ridgeway, '63

REDFIELD SCHOOL HISTORY



Redfield School, c1872. Note the outhouse and woodpile.

Between 1795 and 1798 the first settlers, mostly from Connecticut, came to Redfield. The town was taken from Mexico, as part of the Oneida county, March 14, 1800. On February 20, 1807 Arcadia was annexed to Redfield. The 21st of February 1843, Arcadia was erected into a town called "Greenboro", and a post office was established on the state road near the Boylston line. It was reannexed to Redfield the 1st of March 1848.

The first church in Oswego County was established in Redfield in 1802 by the Rev. Joshua Johnson and still is in use today. He taught the first school, beginning in 1801, in his home.

The school and church in Redfield flourished and in the years of 1817 and 1818, the town voted to raise for schools three times the amount received from the State - a very unusual proceeding. By 1860 the town had nine school districts, attended by 393 children. By 1870 ten school districts had been formed.

This small rural village, District No. 1, built a handsome two story school at Redfield Square, in 1872, as a grade school, with two departments, liberally sustained. This building is now the town barn. By 1892, districts in this town had grown to 12 with 141 pupils and 13 teachers.

To receive a high school education, students were "boarded" out in various school districts: Sandy Creek, Pulaski or Camden. Many students worked off their room and board by doing housework, child care or farm chores.

In 1922 a two year high school was chartered by the State of New York. In 1927, the brick school house was built. It is now an apartment house, with the town government and post offices, and library on the first floor. A four year high school was chartered



Redfield Village School, 1927-1970

in 1932 and in the next ten years 55 proud Redfield students graduated.

In 1942, under New York State ruling, the First Supervisory District of Oswego County (Towns of Boylston, Orwell, Redfield and Sandy Creek) centralized smaller schools with nearby larger facilities. All Redfield high school students were bussed to Sandy Creek with the first to graduate in the class of 1943. In 1970 the Redfield building was closed and all students were bussed to Orwell or Sandy Creek.

The fifty five students that graduated in the ten year period were: (1933) Eloise Grant Jones, Clarence Clemons; (1934) William Clemens, Hugh Dowling; (1935) Howard Archibee, Beatrice Curry Freeman, George Grant, Merton Hefferon, Vera Redmond Termanelli, Robert Thurston; (1936) Yvonne Dahl, Jean Dowling, Barbara Grant Cefaratti, Mable Perry Wise, Helen McCaw Widrik, Alice Secor Brouse, Francis Thompson Rhodes; (1937) Amy Darling Joyner, Irene Forbes Hatfield, Mavis Fox Stanton, June Henderson Clemens, John Lagoe, Robert Perry; (1938) Doris Brown Allen, Verna Carr Colvin, Meda Perry Yerdon, Elizabeth Barber Jones, Robert Jones, George Henderson, Gordey Elkin, George Dahl, Robert Dowling, Robert Locke; (1939) C.D. Grant, Marjorie Thurston Pemberton, Clifford Hayes, Yvette Dahl Harmon, Orrin Curry, Donald Hanrahan, Arnold Castor, Leonard Forbes; (1940) Genivieve Alvan Yerdon, Leland Balcom, Phyllis Grant, Reuben Harvey, Helen Rowell Jacobs; (1941) Doris Rowell, Amy Ruth Smith Shutts, Lawrence Forbes, Geore Perry, Ronald Jones; (1942) Gertrude Anken Morrissey, Mary Jane Doane Dowling, Gertrude Balcom Smith and Edward Simson.

MINUTES OF THE 1998 ALUMNI MEETING

The 106th annual Banquet of the Sandy Creek High and Central School Alumni Association was held at the River Valley Inn in Mannsville, NY on Friday June 26, 1998. Chef/owner David Haynes ('83) served a roast beef and baked ham buffet to 199 members and guests, following the invocation by Jane Butler Locke ('73).

The business meeting was opened by President Dan McDougal ('73). Laura Weaver ('83) read an abbreviated form of the minutes of the previous banquet.

The treasurer's report was given by Susan Crandall ('67). As of June 26, 1998 the balance on hand was \$5494.45 with this year's banquet expenses and transfers to the Cole Fund yet to be settled.

Peggy Potish Manchester ('70) reported for the A.Elmo Cole Memorial Fund. Peggy was happy to report all overdue loans have finally been collected. Money was donated to the Fund in memory of Earl and Florence Yerdon, longtime employees of the Sandy Creek School. Donations were also received in memory of teachers: Mabel Carnrite; Mabel Whipple; Marjorie Norton; Prof Cole and Fred Schug. Money was also donated in Mary Maurer's name. Peggy reported that with a balance of \$2547.50; there is money available for loans.

Sue Bitz ('70) asked for a nomination from the floor that would allow the Alumni Association to purchase a computer software program to update our addresses on a data base. Approval was unanimous.

Sue Bitz ('70) then asked for nominations for association offices. With no nominations, the Chairwoman cast one ballot for the following Slate of Officers: Honorary President Victor Widrig ('49); President Cheryl Good-nough Yerdon ('74); a Vice-President from the class of 1973; Recording Secretary Laura Weaver ('83); Corresponding Secretary May Laveck Hicks ('68); Treasurer Susan Crandall ('67); Executive Chairwoman Sue Bitz ('70); Historian Margaret Hollis Kastler ('51); Chair of the A.Elmo Cole Memorial Fund Peggy Potish Manchester ('70) and Executive Secretary Nancy Potish Ridgeway ('63).

Dan McDougal ('73) introduced Jon Van Eyk, SCCS Superintendent. In his remarks, Mr. Van Eyk spoke about the sports accomplishments of the boys and girls teams; the retirements of teachers Pat Flower; Dawn Penoyer and Harvey Hochberg. He spoke of the strong test results in both the elementary and high school. SCCS has received many grants to help improve academic programs which with the stricter new graduation requirements of 22 1/2 credits should prove helpful.

Mary Laveck Hicks ('68) conducted the roll of the classes. The earliest class represented was that of 1923 with Ellen Corse Potter, a member of the 75 year class. David Meldrum ('98) and Jessica Soule ('98) presented Mrs. Potter with flowers.

Jesse Lounsbury Learned ('28), a member of the 70 year class was presented with flowers by her grandchildren Shawn Learned ('80) and Denise Learned Ivison ('81). Bertha Stevenson Archer ('29) was also presented with flowers by Morgan Reynolds ('98).

The Historian's report was given by Margaret Hollis Kastler ('51). A moment of silence was observed in memory of the departed. Margaret spoke of the many three generational families present at the Banquet.

Donna Kastler Reynolds ('48) welcomed her Class of fifty years. She mentioned that both the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian were present. She then turned the program over to Peter Sprague ('48) who reminisced for their class.

Mr. Sprague ('48) began by thanking Alta and Bill Shirley ('48) and their committee for making the evening so memorable. He said there had been 16 boys and 14 girls in their graduating class. Five of these are now deceased. Mr. Sprague ('48) spoke of the teachers such as Prof. Cole; John Long; John Crichton; Miss Carnrite; Mrs. Killam and Mrs. Rawlings and how each had a special part in educating the class of 1948.

Margo Thibault Hazard ('73) welcomed her 25 year class, saying what a pleasure it was to see everyone again.

Jill Soule Cadieux ('73) reminisced for her class. Jill mentioned many teachers as having been role models for them, such as: Mary Maurer; Paul Sornborger; Mrs. Burke; Kirk Ellis; Mr. Stagnitti and Mr. Hochberg. She spoke of living during the time of free sex, drugs, and Rock and Roll.

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A.ELMO COLE MEMORIAL FUND

The A.Elmo Cole Fund has had a good year. Two loans have been paid in full. Several donations were made this past year by Alumni members. This has all helped to increase our balance and make new loans possible.

We loaned money out this year to one student. We have already had one request from a member of the Class of 1999.

We still now require payments of \$25 per month per loan. We feel this is still a very reasonable pay-back plan and yet will shorten the time of turn-over on our money.

We will gladly accept memorial donations or honorary donations. How about making a donation in memory of or in honor of that favorite teacher or school employee?? Acknowledgment cards will be sent. Donations should be made out to: A.Elmo Cole Memorial Fund, c/o Peggy Manchester, PO Box 98, Lacona, NY 13083.

Minutes continued . . .

Greg Reynolds ('73) welcomed his son Morgan's class of 1998. He spoke about watching them go from playing T-Ball to State softball champs; and having the determination to continue playing football on a team that had the longest losing streak to playing in the Carrier Dome.

Morgan Reynolds ('98) spoke of being a part of the 106th class to graduate from SCCS. He thanked his teachers, family and friends for all their help. He then congratulated his grandmother Donna Kastler Reynolds ('48) on her 50th year and his father, Greg Reynolds ('73) on his 25th.

Dan McDougal ('73) then welcomed the other honored Classes of 1923; 1928; 1933; 1938; 1943; 1953; 1958; 1963; 1968; 1978; 1983; 1988 and 1993. Dan then thanked Nancy Potish Ridgeway ('63) for all her help. He also thanked his committee for their help.

Nancy Potish Ridgeway ('63) said that the Alumni had mailed out 2700 newsletters this year. She also said that it was quite a year for her: her Mother's 55th; her brother-in-law's and sister-in-law's 50th; her 35th; her sister's 25th; her son's 15th and Morgan Reynolds ('98) works for them. She also said you could count on the night of the Banquet to be the hottest night in June.

Paul Fiegl ('73) gave the Benediction and Nikki Porter Wilcox ('72) led the singing of the Alma Mater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Weaver ('83)

**SANDY CREEK HIGH & CENTRAL SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT
JUNE 27, 1998 -APRIL 1, 1999**

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand:	\$6557.95
1998 Interest:	56.76
Total Receipts:	\$6614.71

EXPENSES:

Dinners, RVI-	\$2275.07
Newsletters-	450.00
Programs-	145.00
Name & Address Labels-	42.95
Postage-	550.00
Flowers-	11.00
Cole Memorial Transfer-	308.00
History Fund Transfer-	74.50
Computer Software-	204.35

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$3764.87

**BALANCE ON HAND
APRIL 1, 1999** \$2683.97



SANDY CREEK WEBSITE

The Ainsworth Memorial Library in Sandy Creek is moving into the 21st century. They are currently constructing a website on the Internet.

The Library invites everyone to visit them **WWW.NC3R.ORG/SANDYCREEK** to see what they offer.

They will provide pages on Hometown Happenings; Genealogy Availabilities; Friends of the Library; Volunteer Staff; Library Trustees and a Guest Book page to sign in.

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