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Memories to last a lifetime . . .



50 YEAR CLASS OF 1952

SANDY CREEK HIGH AND CENTRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- Honorary Co-President-James Allen, '53
- Honorary Co-President-Phyllis Kast Allen, '53
- President-Martha Miles Lawrence, '78
- Co-Vice President-Robin Barber Fahnestock, '79
- Co-Vice President-Jean Wheeler Carpenter, '79
- Executive Chairwoman-Nancy Potish Ridgeway, '63
- Recording Secretary-Laura Weaver, '83
- Corresponding Secretary-Mary Laveck Hicks, '68
- Treasurer-Susan Crandall, '67
- Historian-Margaret Hollis Kastler, '51
- Chairwoman A.Elmo Cole Memorial Fund
-Peggy Potish Manchester, '70

Name on Diploma _____ Yr. Grad. _____
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 Mail to: Mary Laveck Hicks
 240 Miller Road, Lacona, NY 13083
 Cole Memorial Fund Donation \$ _____ Alumni Assoc. Donation \$ _____
 History Fund Donation \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

The 2003 Alumni Banquet

I'm sure that you have all heard the expression that what goes around comes around. That's true of this year's Alumni Banquet. Fifty years ago it was held at the school in the cafeteria with a roast beef dinner at a cost of \$2.00 per plate.

The 111th annual Alumni Banquet and Meeting of the Sandy Creek High and Central School will be held on Friday, June 27th at the Sandy Creek Central School in the new cafeteria. A fire late last summer destroyed the River Valley Inn. When approached, the yearbook staff seized the opportunity for a much-needed fundraiser by catering this year's Banquet. They will be serving a barbecued chicken buffet at 7 P.M. The cost will be \$12.50 per person (an increase of 20 cents per year for the past 50 years) and that includes Alumni expenses also.

Diane Porter Archibee, class of '75, and an employee of SCCS, has volunteered to conduct tours of the new facilities. There will be some wheelchairs available at this time. The first tour will begin at 6:00 P.M.

We will be specifically honoring the Classes of 1953 and 1978 as well as this year's graduating class. The Alumni of 1998; 1993; 1988; 1983; 1978; 1973; 1968; 1963; 1958; 1953; 1948; 1943; 1938 and 1933 will also be honored.

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

SANDY CREEK HIGH & CENTRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 27, 2002-May 15, 2003

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand	\$2815.30
2002 Interest	52.00
Deposits after Banquet	2836.00
Total Receipts	\$5703.30

EXPENSES:

Dinners, RVI	\$1611.25
Newsletters	455.00
Supplies	116.75
Transfer to Cole Fund	305.00
Flowers	19.50
RVI Deposit	200.00
Transfer to History Fund	50.00
Postage	615.80
Entertainment	50.00
Program Expenses	50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$3473.30**

BALANCE ON HAND **\$2230.00**
MAY 15, 2003

A. ELMO COLE MEMORIAL FUND

Someone asked me what the requirements are to obtain a loan and so I decided to share that with you. They are:

1. Must be a graduate of SCCS
2. Must have a co-signer
3. Must be pursuing some sort of higher education
4. Must sign a promissory note

We do have money available this spring for anyone interested.

We still now require payments of \$25 per month per loan. We feel this is still a very reasonable payback plan and yet will shorten the time of tu.nover on our money.

We received memorial donations this year in memory of: Duane Fraser, class of 1966; JoAnn Meister Beaumont, class of 1963; Dr. Warren Hollis, class of 1942; Greg Warren and Ron Dealing, class of 1964. Acknowledgment cards were sent to the proper family members.

Donations should be made out to: A.Elmo Cole Memorial Fund, c/o Peggy Manchester, PO Box 98, Lacona, NY 13083.

MINUTES OF THE 2002 ALUMNI MEETING

The 110th 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 28, 2002. Chef/owner, David Haynes (83) served a buffet dinner to 140 members and guests following the invocation by Frieda Mead Janacek (52).

During dinner entertainment was provided by "The Misfits" which include Herbert Smith (53), Vicki Smith Teachout (83), and her husband Lee Teachout.

Since the association was without a President from the class of 1977, Nancy Potish Ridgeway (63) acted as Toast Mistress. She welcomed everyone, thanked the ushers, Jacob Teachout (04), Emily Ferguson (05), and Adrienne Teachout (07), and began the business meeting. The secretary Laura Weaver (83) entertained a motion from the floor by Herbert Smith (53) to dispense from reading the minutes. All were in favor.

Susan Crandall (67), treasurer, reported that as of June 28, 2002, the balance on hand was \$3,413.56, with disbursements for 3300 newsletters at \$525.00, postage \$725.00, ink cartridges, programs, Cole Memorial Fund, and History Fund transfers yet to be made.

The A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund report was given by Peggy Potish Manchester (70). The balance on hand was \$8,800.22. We have three alumni making regular payments and two loans were paid off. We received memorial contributions in memory of: JoAnna Meister Beaumont, Duane Fraser, and Dr. Warren Hollis.

Due to no response from a member of the Alumni Association to help us with the necessary filing of the papers for 501-C3 status, we hired local attorney Tim McClusky to do this for us.

The meeting continued with the election of officers. With no nominations from the floor, one ballot was cast for the following slate of officers: Honorary President-James Allen (53), President- Martha Miles Lawrence (78), Co-Vice Presidents- Jean Wheeler Carpenter (79) and Robin Barber Fahnestock (79) Recording Secretary- Laura Weaver (83), Corresponding Secretary- Mary LaVeck Hicks (68), Treasurer- Susan Crandall (67), Historian- Margaret Hollis Kastler (51), Executive Chairwoman- Nancy Potish Ridgeway (63), and Chairperson of the A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund- Peggy Potish Manchester (70). Denver Miles cast one vote for the slate of officers.

Eva Burrows Holley (38) who was attending her first banquet spoke about how when she graduated, graduation lasted three days and of Prof. Cole. She was glad she was able to spend time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and great great grandchildren, and to attend the banquet.

The Roll Call was read by Mary LaVeck Hicks (68) after correspondences from Elsie Potter Ames and Don Ames (32), Jane Denny (34), Bertha Loop (37), and Marjorie Mahaffey (42). The oldest alumnus attending the banquet was Floyd K. Hagan (30). Mary also shared a list of missing alumni and asked those attending to help her update her records with their addresses.

Margaret Hollis Kastler (51) gave the Historian's report. A moment of silence was observed for those alumni who passed away during the past year.

Flowers were then given to our older alumni: Floyd Hagan (30), Isabelle Chrisman Ballou (32), Nellie Nemier Whiting (34), Walter Cobb (35), Andrew Porter (35), Mildred Kastler

Hill (37), Myrtle Vrooman Lindsey (37), Eva Burrows Holley (38), and H. Stratton Killiam (39). Many two and three generation families were in attendance the Ouderkirks', McDougals', Potters', Janacek-Ferguson, Smith-Teachout, Fuller, Smith, Turner, and Miles.

Margaret then welcomed the 50-year class of 1952 to their banquet and praised the great turnout. She then turned the program over to Malcolm Claflin (52) to do the Reminiscences.

Mr. Claflin spoke of the class officers and remembered fondly their senior year with a new building, the class flower being the red rose, the senior play, *Our Miss Brooks*, the boys basketball team, coached by Mr. Maurer, had twenty-one straight victories and they won the league championship to move on to Sectionals. He also spoke of the Senior Trip to New York City. To the class of 2002 he wished them well. He said, "Life is like toilet paper, it goes faster as it gets to the end." He concluded by singing a song by Elvis Presley, with the words changed to *Are You Lonesome Tonight?*

Betty Bachar McDougal (52) welcomed the 25-year class of 1977.

Michelle Turner Harvey (77) thanked the Alumni Association for recognizing the 25-year and was sorry more of her classmates could not attend the banquet.

Heather Peter (02) spoke on behalf of her class. She spoke of all the fall sports teams that had no home games due to the new school construction. The Junior/Senior Prom was held at the Pierpont Manor Inn on May 11th. The Senior Trip was to Vermont. The end of the year was however tragic for the class. Kyle Holmes a friend and classmate died in an accident. Heather spoke that although this was a tragic time, it brought her class closer together. Seventy-one students graduated on Saturday, June 29, 2002. She concluded by thanking all of the teachers, supervisors, the Principal Ms. Sheil, the Superintendent Mr. Testone, their family and friends for supporting them through the past 13 years of their lives and to Kyle, he will never be forgotten.

Nancy Potish Ridgeway (63) spoke of her disappointment that she could not get a President from the 25-year class of 1977. She thanked Peggy for printing this year's program. She also stated that we sent out 3,200 newsletters and that if anyone has information on the history of our Alma Mater, to please let her know. She thanked "The Misfits" for performing and for everyone attending this year's banquet.

The Benediction was given by Barbara Stevens White (52) and the evening ended with the singing of the Alma Mater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Weaver- Class of 1983

PHOTOGRAPHER AVAILABLE

Creative Images photographer, Dave Lyga, will be taking pictures of every class present. There will be printouts available in your programs the night of the Banquet. You will want to remember this special event in your life with a photo.

100th Birthday

On August 30, 2003 Miss Mabel Carrite will be 100. She is a resident of the Samaritan Keep Home in Watertown, NY 13601, room #411.

Website

Sandy Creek Central School has its own Website. To visit it, go to <http://www.sccs.cnyric.org>

Operation Recognition

Students who left school before graduating to serve in the military during World War II are eligible to receive their high school diplomas as a result of legislation signed into law by Governor George E. Pataki.

In appreciation of the service and sacrifice of veterans who defended our country and defeated tyranny more than a half century ago, New York State has established "Operation Recognition," a program that allows World War II veterans, who were unable for whatever reason to complete their education, to be awarded a high school diploma.

The new program--provided under the Education Law--allows World War II veterans to receive a high school diploma based on knowledge and experience gained while in service.

There is neither a fee, nor any additional requirements necessary beyond having attended a New York State school and having served in the military during World War II.

Veterans interested in obtaining a high school diploma should contact the school they attended immediately prior to joining the military, or its successor if the school has been replaced or merged into a school district.

Veterans needing proof of military service should contact the nearest New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs office for assistance in obtaining documentation of active duty during World War II.

We would be privileged to present these diplomas at the 2004 Banquet.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

All the girls had ugly gym uniforms? All our male teachers wore neckties and female teachers had their hair done every day and wore high heels? They threatened to keep kids back a grade if they failed....And they did? You played baseball with no adults to help kids with the rules of the game? When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited the student at home? Candy cigarettes, wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside, soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles, blackjack, teaberry and clove chewing gum, metal ice cube trays with levers? Having a "weapon" in school meant being caught with a slingshot? War was a card game?

ATTENTION: CLASS of 1963

Forty years have flown by and it's time to come together once again. Please come out for the 2003 Banquet. All will have a good time. Let's see if we recognize one another.

Missing Alumni

Thanks to all who helped us find the "missing" alumni. We are now only missing 363.

Don't Throw Out Those Old Yearbooks

The Alumni Association is trying to gather the missing yearbooks we need to have a complete set. We are missing the following: 1879; 1880; 1881; 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885; 1887; 1888; 1889; 1890; 1891; 1892; 1893; 1894; 1895; 1896 Annuals of the High School; 1907 Annual of Sandy Creek High School; 1911 and 1922 Book of Sandy Creek High School; perhaps memory books of some sort from 1932-1944; The Spade from 1976; 1981; 1994; and 2002.

The Sandy Creek Central School Capital Project

On February 2, 1999 the District voters approved a capital project in the amount of \$28,650,000 to construct additions and alterations to the Sandy Creek Site and to relocate the District transportation storage pole barn. At the same time an additional \$185,000 was approved to construct ball field dugouts and install lighting to the District's athletic fields. That would bring the total estimate project cost to \$28,835,000. Final approval from the State was granted September 8, 2000.

The current proposed project consists of:
Additions to the elementary school: classrooms, library/media center, reading center, cafeteria, dedicated music room, expanded school based health center and school health facilities, special education and therapy rooms.
Additions to the high school: classrooms, inclusive of middle school concept, special education classrooms, new science classrooms, new gymnasium complex, expanded library/media center, new cafeteria and reconditioning of auditorium.
Redesigned Bus Loop with Parent Drop off Points
Athletic fields: new ball fields and lighted football fields and dugouts.
Replacement of existing roofs.
New boiler system for entire campus.
Utility upgrade for entire campus.
Sewer upgrade for entire campus.
Kitchen facility: connected to both cafeterias and upgrade of some equipment and facilities.
Bus garage upgrades: new vehicle lift and new wastewater treatment center.

The Ides of March Claim Long Time Language Teacher

Aileen R. Crichton died March 15, 2003 at her home. She had been in failing health. Mrs. Crichton taught Latin and French at SCCS for 27 years, retiring in 1964. Mrs. Crichton was such a popular teacher, she was so often invited to the Alumni Banquets that the Association made her an honorary member.

Deceased Alumni

Winonah McAuley Walker, 1921
LeNora Tilton Johnson, 1926
Harlow Chase, 1933
Leita Bell Remington, 1934
Howard Archibee, 1935
Ernest Slater, 1935
Vercie Stacy Cary, 1935
Kenneth Murlin, 1937
Wilma Springer Pobins, 1939
Robert DeLong, 1940
Ruby Stowell Zalatan, 1940
Richard Hazard, 1941
Warren Hollis, 1942
E. Rex McNitt, 1942
Milford Tift, 1942
Eleanor Carr Lanigan, 1943
Norma LaTant Ferlito, 1943
Shirley Potter Smith Gibbs, 1950
Paul Bremm, 1955
Eric Lange, 1955
Thyra Miles Kuhn, 1959
Donna Caufield Ford Simoneau, 1961
Linda Green Fisher, 1979
Teacher
Aileen Ryan Crichton