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IMPORTANT VOTE  
at this year's  
banquet!

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ATTN: ALUMNI  
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## Memories to last a lifetime . . .



### 50 YEAR CLASS, 1955

Front (l. to r.) - Darlene Clemons Pickett, JoAnne McDougal Hatz, Theodore H. Ellis, Catherine "Katie" Caufield Ridgeway, Barbara McConnell Harvey, Charlotte Kast Reed, Patsy-Deane Martin Landers, Wanda Petrus Groff  
Back (l. to r.) - Harwood W. "Satch" Yerdon, Ernest O. Stevens, Jay A. Wilcox, Nancy K. Bond, James Parker, Donald M. Kline, Perry A. Yerdon, Marie Daly Alverson, Nancy Taplin Bennett



### 25 YEAR CLASS, 1980

Front (l. to r.) - Kim Fallows Wolff, Ruth Komm Scheppard, Colleen Kehoe Warner, Margaret Hesford Blodgett, Christine Pizon Reed, Julia Wing Jones  
Back (l. to r.) - Vincent M. Agugliaro, Shawn B. Learned, Cindy Bouchard Smith, Jon Hall, Shawn Garvin, Brenda Potter Reynolds, George A. Stevens

### VETERANS AWARDED DIPLOMAS

Vivian Harvey, Sr., new alumni member in the class of 1945, a World War II veteran, received his high school diploma from the Sandy Creek Central School District just this year. He is only the second person to take advantage of this at our school. The first was John "Jack" Parker, class of 1949, a Korean War veteran, who also received his diploma this year.

**IMPORTANT!:** Vietnam War vets who left school before graduating to serve in the military are now also eligible to receive their high school diplomas in New York State.

There is neither a fee, nor any additional requirements necessary beyond having attended a New York State school and having served during WWII, the Korean War or the Vietnam War to be awarded your high school diploma. Contact the school that you attended. [www.veterans.state.ny.us](http://www.veterans.state.ny.us)



Vivian Harvey, Sr. Class of 1945 receives his class flower from his daughter, Leona Harvey Beaumont, Class of 1975.

Name on Diploma \_\_\_\_\_ Year Grad. \_\_\_\_\_

Present Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ Non-refundable dinner reservations @\$17.50= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: "SCCS Alumni Assn." Please make note of separate donations.

**DO NOT SEND ALUMNI MAIL TO THE SCHOOL!**

*Please let us know throughout the year, if your address or name changes.*

Mail to: **MARY LAVECK HICKS**  
240 MILLER ROAD  
LACONA NY 13083-3144

email: scalumni@marysneedleart.com

Phone: 315-387-3961

Fax: 315-387-5903

Alumni Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cole Memorial Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

History Fund Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Volunteer Award \$ \_\_\_\_\_

JoAnn Meister Nursing Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NEW Teaching Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make note if in honor or memory of someone) Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### THE 2006 ALUMNI BANQUET

The 114<sup>th</sup> annual Alumni Banquet and Meeting of the Sandy Creek High & Central School will be on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the school in the high school cafeteria. Tours of the school will begin at 5 p.m. Some wheelchairs are available or you may bring your own. There will be appetizers and punch available from 5 – 7 p.m. We are pleased that the SCCS cafeteria staff, some who are alumni, will again be catering the banquet this year. We want to acknowledge Superintendent Stewart Amell's assistance in coordinating these arrangements.

At 7:00, there will be a buffet that will include ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, meatless ziti, rolls, butter, tossed salad and cranberry sauce. Coffee, tea, water, milk and two sheet cakes will complete the meal. The cost is \$17.50 per person and includes Alumni expenses. Prepaid reservations should be returned to the secretary no later than Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Since 2003, the association has paid for each graduating senior who attends.

All attending alumni will be honored, specifically this year's graduating class, the classes of 1956 and 1981, as well as the classes of 2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1976, 1971, 1966, 1961, 1951, 1946, 1941, 1936 and 1931. Come and join in for an evening of reminiscences and fellowship.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

April 12, 2005 – February 28, 2006

Balance on hand	\$ 1,122.68
Deposits thru July 30, 2005	5,175.00
	\$ 6,297.68
Banquet Expenses:	
Dinners (184)	\$ 2,760.00
Newsletters (3,400)	545.00
Programs and Pictures	75.00
Postage, Labels, Name Tags	850.00
Flowers and Balloons	50.50
Supplies	114.77
Sound Equipment	50.00
Cole Memorial Transfer	128.00
History Fund Transfer	47.00
Nursing Scholarship	86.00
Alumni Volunteer Award	100.00
Total Payouts:	4,806.27
	\$ 1,491.41
Deposits Aug. 2005 – Feb. 2006 + Interest	1,846.08
Payouts Aug. 2005 – February 2006	1,377.79
Balance in account, February 28, 2006	\$ 1,959.70
Petty Cash	75.00
	\$ 2,034.70
History Fund	\$ 261.40
JoAnn Meister Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund	\$ 900.00

### COMETS SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB FORMED

The newly formed Sandy Creek Comets Sports Booster Club was able to achieve its goal in the first year. It has given out seventeen \$100.00 awards, one to a senior athlete in every varsity sport. The booster club can be reached by mail at: P O BOX 63, SANDY CREEK NY 13145.

### WE'VE BEEN BUSY IN BETWEEN BANQUETS

During the past year, alumni members have sold barbecue chicken dinners, shirts, hats, caps, CD cases and umbrellas. We have been open to suggestions and do have other ideas "in the works".

Our purpose is to raise funds to have more money for awards and scholarships for our young people newly graduating. Only a small percentage of our 3,500 or so members have been involved in these projects. We sincerely want more of you to participate. It was mentioned at last year's banquet, if each of the 3,500 members would donate \$1.00, we would "be on top of the world"!

Our filing for 501(c)(3), for non-profit status is in Albany at this time and we are waiting.

### A. ELMO COLE MEMORIAL FUND

We currently have 14 loans out, with 3 of these being paid on regularly; 5 loans are due to be collected; 6 are not yet due.

With this many loans out at this time, our funds have fallen below \$2,000. We need more donations to be able to have money to loan out.

Donations may be sent with your banquet reservation or to: A. ELMO COLE MEMORIAL FUND, C/O Ruth Komm Scheppard, 195 Carr Drive, Sandy Creek, New York 13145.

### Wall of Distinction Induction to Be at This Year's Banquet

Graduates of distinction are those who have achieved a high level of prominence in their personal and professional lives and who represent positive role models to our youth.

The first induction ceremony was last year, in the morning before graduation. At that time, four alumni were inducted. Very briefly, they were: Dr. LeRoy F. Hollis, 1888, physician, who did a great deal to improve life in the local area; John G. Shelmidine, 1971, Social Services superintendent and BOCES school board president, who is dedicated to improving the quality of education; Dennis R. Trumble, 1979, Senior Bioengineer/Research Instructor of Surgery, who has published over 100 articles on modern medicine, received several patents as a result of his work associated with the function of the human heart, and has community volunteerism as a priority; and Steven Thomas, 1983, Clinical Manager of the Dept. of Hematology and Oncology, who also works with the Hospice Program, educating and training volunteers.

We're anxiously waiting to see who this year's honorees will be.

# MINUTES OF THE 2005 ALUMNI MEETING

The 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Banquet was June 24, 2005 in the Sandy Creek Central High School cafeteria. Pre-dinner entertainment included CD medleys from the 1980's and 1950's, as well as tours of the school. Prior to dinner, the invocation was given by **Jay A. Wilcox '55**.

Following an excellent dinner put on by the high school cafeteria staff, Executive Chairwoman **Nancy Potish Ridgeway '63** opened the business meeting by introducing this year's President **Ruth Komm Scheppard '80**, who thanked Nancy and introduced those seated at the head table. She then thanked the cafeteria staff, which included **Debbie Archibee, Barbara Clark Pratt '72, Donna Heselden Jones '73, Sally Nunez** and **Norma Ballou** for all their assistance and a wonderful meal. She thanked the custodial staff, **Rick Halsey, Jim Ballou, Debbie Worden** and **Steve Washburn** for all their help in setting up. Lastly, she thanked **Theresa Horth Crast '82** and **Mary Pappa** of the high school for filling the gap between the alumni association and the school. We could not do it without the support of all these people.

Recording Secretary **Jean Wheeler Carpenter '79** took the podium requesting a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made from the floor and approved unanimously. She presented the slate of officers for the 2005-2006 year noting that **Nancy Potish Ridgeway** was resigning. Nominations were called for. **Mary Laveck Hicks '68** nominated **James R. Allen '53** for Executive Chair with a second from the floor. The slate of officers was approved unanimously.

**Margaret Hollis Kastler '51** spoke of the need for help with the alumni association in the forming of committees. She further stated committees could not be formed unless the constitution were amended. A motion was made and seconded to amend the constitution. It passed unanimously.

**Nancy Potish Ridgeway** then gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of **Susan Crandall '67**. The balance before the banquet was \$5,498.18 with \$1,491.41 remaining after payouts. (See Financial Report.) Nancy noted that although we do not want to carry a large balance, funds are getting tighter and suggested that if everyone sent in a \$1.00 donation, the Association would "be on top of the world".

**Ruth Komm Scheppard** thanked the ushers for this evening, **Aubrey Agugliaro, '06, Josh Scheppard '07, Adrienne Teachout '07** and **Zach Rudd '06** and introduced **Peggy Potish Manchester '70** with the Cole Memorial Fund report and the Alumni Association Award. The balance on hand as of tonight is \$10,073.56 with 4 alumni making regular monthly payments and 5 new loans this year. Memorial donations made this year were in memory of **JoAnne Meister Beaumont '63** and **Mabel K. Carnrite '22**. **Peggy** thanked everyone for their continued support and added that the money is available to all students and all that is required is to sign a promissory note and have a co-signer. [Forms can be picked up from **Ruth Komm Scheppard** or the Guidance Office.]

The Alumni Award, in its second year, was started to recognize seniors who have taken pride in their community by volunteering. Seven seniors submitted profiles this year and the voting was held anonymously. **Nicholas J. Marshall** was this year's recipient.

**Mary Laveck Hicks** read the roll call. **Floyd K. Hagen '30**, from the 75-year Class, was the oldest alumnus in attendance. Correspondences from several alumni unable to attend were read and the newest alumni members in attendance, graduating tomorrow, were announced.

**Margaret Hollis Kastler** gave the Historian's report. A moment of silence was observed in honor of those who have passed on in the past year. Flowers were presented to **Floyd Hagen** by his nephew, **James Allen; Walter S. Cobb '35** by **Joyce Weisenburger Guyette '48** (his flower girl); **Andrew J. Porter '35** and **Isabel Chrisman Ballou '32** (absent); the Class of 1939 – **Robert E. Parker, Margaret Rudd Chase, H. Stratton Killam** and **William A. Hoag** (absent); the Class of 1940 – **John "Jack" Killam, Dora Syfert Traphagan** and **Norma Thacker Ellis**. Two new alumni who received Veteran Diplomas this year were **Vivian Harvey, Sr. '45**, World War II and **John "Jack" Parker '49**, Korean War. Several alumni families were recognized, including the **Parker family** – **Robert '39, John "Jack" '49, James '55** and **Janice '59**; the **Wilcox family** – **Jay '55, Eleanor Wilcox Slater '63, Charlene Slater Kastler '85, Tammy Slater Pratt '86** and **Cassandra Kastler '05**; the **Lindsey family** – **Raymond L. '41,**

**Marie Lindsey Randall '43** and **Melva Lindsey Hilliker '54**; and the **Cobb family** – **Walter '35, Nancy Cobb Reed '59** and **Cheryl Cobb Stagi '63**.

**Margaret** then remembered **Mabel Carnrite** who passed away January 4, 2005 at the age of 101. She graduated in 1922 and held her first teaching job at the Scripture schoolhouse, which was located on Fraser Road, south of the village, and retired from the Sandy Creek Central School District.

**Virginia Mead Smith '54** and **Robin Potter Rudd '79** presented the first **JoAnne Meister Nursing Scholarship**, for the amount of \$500.00, to a graduating senior, **Jan Marie Brown**, going into the field of nursing. She will be attending St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Syracuse.

The podium was turned over to **Supt. Stewart Amell** who spoke about the new Wall of Distinction to honor past graduates' achievements. (See article.) He also spoke of his enthusiasm for such a large and active alumni association and his desire to see it continue.

**Ruth Komm Scheppard** welcomed the class of 1955, the 50-year class.

**Jay Wilcox** responded and reminisced about his years in high school, chorus, graduation and their gift to the school. He invited each member of his class to take home a red rose, their class flower.

**Ruth Komm Scheppard** then welcomed her class, the class of 1980.

**Kim Fallows Wolff '80** reminisced about their class play, class colors and flower, and the inability to get senior privileges until February of 1980, due to some issues from the class of 1979! She also spoke of their senior prom, senior trip to Florida, junior and senior banquets and painting the sidewalk for graduation. She spoke of world events, TV shows, John Lennon's assassination, the Iran hostages, popular music of 1980 and the fact that Hewlett Packard introduced their first computer.

**Julia Wing Jones '80** tearfully welcomed the class of 2005, her daughter **Nicolette Wing's** class, and told of watching them grow, play softball, sing in chorus or squeak their instruments in a band concert. She wished them a good life and asked them to return to their alumni banquets.

**Nicholas J. Marshall** responded for his class, thanking the teachers and administrators for their sacrifices and speaking of the excitement their futures hold for them.

**Ruth Komm Scheppard** then thanked **Nancy Potish Ridgeway** for all of her years of service to the alumni association and presented her with flowers.

In closing, **Nancy Potish Ridgeway** stated there were 3,400 newsletters sent out and 184 present at the banquet. She thanked the printers, **Don and Judy Grant**, and the florist, **Karen's Kountry Flowers**. She reminded the alumni that the 50 and 25-year Presidents "make" the banquet and expressed her thanks and gratitude to them. She then introduced **George A. Stevens '80** who sang and played guitar and spoke of renewing friendships and meeting again next year.

The evening ended with the singing of the Alma Mater.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Wheeler Carpenter '79  
Recording Secretary

## SCCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Our current officers, as of April 7, 2006, are: Executive Chair **James R. Allen '53**, Recording Secretary **Jean Wheeler Carpenter '79**, Corresponding Secretary, **Mary Laveck Hicks '68**, Treasurer **Tammy Munson Miller '87**, President **Janet Gilbert Darou '81** and Honorary President **Rose Finster Graham '56**. Our Historian is **Margaret Hollis Kastler '51**. Cole Memorial Fund Chair is **Ruth Komm Scheppard '80**. Scholarship Committee Chair is **Virginia Mead Smith '54**.

Please note that there will be some changes in these positions if our new bylaws are passed. Voting will be during the business meeting at the banquet.

(For a copy of our original 1892 Constitution, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope. Will also be available at the banquet.)

## IMPORTANT VOTE AT THIS YEAR'S BANQUET!

### Proposed Bylaws of Alumni Association of Sandy Creek Central School District

#### Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1. Name: This association shall be known as the alumni association of the Sandy Creek Central School District, formerly known as Sandy Creek High and Central School alumni association.

Section 2. Purpose: The object of this association shall be to promote the interests of our alumni, our Alma Mater, and to secure to ourselves the advantages of a united organization.

#### Article II – Membership

Section 1. Any graduate of the Sandy Creek High and Central School District shall become a member of this association, and shall be entitled to vote, hold office and enjoy all the privileges granted this association.

Section 2. The members of the faculty/administration of the Sandy Creek Central School District shall be considered honorary members of this association.

Section 3. Rights of membership: Each member shall have the right to be elected to an office and appointed to committees. Each member shall have the right to vote in meetings and at the annual banquet.

Section 4. All graduates are entitled to life membership within the association.

#### Article III – Meetings of Membership

Section 1. The annual meeting of this association shall be held during the banquet.

Section 2. Quorum: A quorum is defined as a majority of the members present, but an officer of the association must be present.

Section 3. Voting: All issues to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority of those present at the meeting in which the vote takes place, providing there is a quorum.

#### Article IV – Executive Committee

Section 1. Officers of this association, known as the executive committee, shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer; all of whom shall be elected by ballot at the annual banquet, and shall hold office for a one year term.

Section 2. Regular meetings: Regular meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Special meetings: Special meetings may be called by the President or Executive Committee. Notification of special meetings shall be made to each officer at least five days in advance.

Section 4. Vacancies: All officer vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term of office.

Section 5. Election procedures: At the annual banquet, nominations may be taken from the floor by members present for the election of the upcoming year's officers.

Section 6. Officer and duties:

President – It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings of the association, appoint all special committees authorized by the association, and have the general supervision of the association.

Vice President – It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assume the duties and responsibilities of the association in the absence of the President.

Recording Secretary – It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep an accurate recording of all meetings.

Corresponding Secretary – It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep an accurate record of all members of the association, to receive all communications and to act thereon as authorized by the association.

Treasurer – It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies belonging to the association and disburse them on the order of the association, countersigned by the President or Corresponding Secretary. A detailed and written report of the receipts and expenditures shall be presented at all meetings.

Section 7. Resignation, termination, and absences: Resignations from office must be sent to the President. An officer can be removed at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

#### Article V – Committees

Section 1. Committee formation: The Executive Committee may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, public relations, scholarship, etc. Committees will consist of a minimum of three members and shall elect the chairperson.

Section 2. Executive Committee: The five officers serve as the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have all the powers and authority, as the board of directors, over all activities of the association.

Section 3. Duties of the 25-year class chairperson: To contact members of his/her class, and to arrange for participation at the banquet.

Duties of the 24-year class chairperson: To become familiar with the proceedings of planning for the next year's banquet, and to assist the 25-year class chairperson.

Section 4. Duties of the 50-year class chairperson: To contact his/her class and to arrange for participation at the banquet.

Section 5. A. Elmo Cole Fund: It shall be the purpose of the A. Elmo Cole Fund to loan money to Sandy Creek Central School District graduates to attend institutions of higher learning.

1. A committee will oversee the application process. This committee will consist of at least three alumni. Applications will be distributed by the guidance office. The committee will verify that the applicant's qualifications are met.
2. Term of office: The committee chairperson's term of office shall be at the discretion of the committee.
3. Duties of the Chairperson: To preside over committee meetings and the activities of the fund.
4. Duties of the association treasurer: To disperse checks in conjunction with the chairperson of the A. Elmo Cole Fund.
5. Application qualifications: Approval will be based on need. A qualified co-signer will also be required to sign a promissory note with the alumnus.
6. Payments will start six months after the student leaves school at an interest rate at the discretion of the committee.
7. Default on payments: The committee has the authority to contact a collection agency if necessary to start proceedings of repayment.

#### Article VI – Amendments

Section 1. Amendments: These bylaws may be amended when necessary by submitting proposed bylaws to the association membership prior to the annual banquet, via newsletter, to be voted upon at the banquet.

## Deceased Alumni

1937 T. Richard Blount, Ruwand Hotaling Stafford,  
Myrtle M. Vrooman Lindsey  
1938 Elvin P. Wart  
1939 Donald F. Robarge  
1941 Maurice Joyner  
1943 William Lyman Castor,  
Marilyn G. Wilder Foley Randall  
1945 Charlotte Ann Sprague  
1948 Alan D. Groves, Donna Kastler Reynolds  
1949 Donald L. Fox  
1950 Joyce A. Jackson, Marie Catherine Virkler Easton  
1951 Joan Rowell Noble, Jane Anne Soule Cowan  
1953 Marjorie Coble Favre  
1954 Stanley W. Robbins  
1956 Mary Stevens Johnson Marsh  
1957 Loretta Bartholomew Yerdon, David G. Corse,  
Norma Lum Larabee  
1959 Rodger A. "Butch" Ridgeway  
1963 Judith E. Sanderson Daugherty  
1965 Karen La Celle Cole  
1966 Lawrence E. Miller  
1975 Elizabeth Babcock Stevenson, Leathel K. Salisbury  
1976 Colleen M. Guyette  
1984 Terry P. Miller

## Teachers

Thomas Clerkin  
Lorraine A. "Sarge" Lauzonis Taber  
Louise Tuell Soule