Memories to last a lifetime...

50 YEAR CLASS, 1956
Front - Rose Marie Finster Graham, Verna Kay "Butch" Caufield, Leo Remp, Jr.
Standing behind - Virginia Brennan Pelsue, Rev. Edward A. Crandall, Mona Carter Collett, Ronald Olin, Laura Mae Coble Zamora, Patricia A. Stevens Haines and Ethel May Smith Otis.

25 YEAR CLASS, 1981
Front - Laurie Naklick West, Janet Gilbert Darou, Denise Learned Ivison.
Back - Jeffrey J. Shirley and Steven J. Rudd.

NOTES

50-Year Class Coordinator, Milferd Potter '57 is requesting his classmates send back their questionnaires to him A.S.A.P. His address is 226 Falls Rd., Richland, NY 13144-4413; milferdp1@aol.com; 315-298-5359.

This year's 25-Year Class Coordinator is Yvonne M. Allen Brown '82. Her address is 1559 Co. Rt. 15, Laconia, NY 13063-3162; wvsseguyas@lcsenet.net; 315-387-5325.

ALL CLASSES: please let the Alumni Association know about your class reunion plans. Then when someone contacts us, we can let that person know whom he or she should contact.

Please send in your memories about your school days for a "Remember When" column in next year's newsletter.

Mark your calendar: next year's banquet is tentatively scheduled for June 27, 2008.

The 2006 Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony was during the Alumni Banquet. Left to right - Thomas Hamer (deceased), photo held by Norman H. Widig, Fay Welch (deceased), photo held by R. Victor Widig, Walter S. Goble, Patricia Robbins McDougal and Linda LeClair Crast were the newest inductees. "Throughout their lives, these extraordinary people have shown a high level of professionalism, distinction, and sufficient moral character as to represent a positive role model to students in the school district." This year's ceremony will be at 6:15 p.m. in the Commons Area, before dinner.
THE 2007 ALUMNI BANQUET

The 115th annual Alumni Banquet and Meeting of the Sandy Creek High & Central School will be on Friday, June 22nd at the school in the high school cafeteria. 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 Amel's assistance in coordinating these arrangements.

Tours of the school will be available beginning at 5 p.m. Some wheelchairs are available or you may bring your own.

Prior to the banquet, the Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony will be in the Commons Area at 6:15 p.m. (This is in the west side of the school, around the old school bell, near the entrance by the flagpoles.)

There will be appetizers and punch available from 5 – 7 p.m. 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, punch, water 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 15th. Since 2003, the association has paid for each graduating senior who attends.


FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Tammy Munson Miller
February 28, 2006 – March 13, 2007

Beginning Balance $1,959.70
Deposits, Interest 4,721.84
Sale of Merchandise 406.05
$7,087.59

Banquet Expenses:
Dinners (152) $2,280.00
Newspapers (3,450) 533.00
Programs 179.00
Postage, labels, name tags 865.58
Flowers 32.22
Supplies 85.13

Other Expenses:
Cole Memorial Fund transfer 381.00
History Fund transfer 31.00
Alumni Volunteer Award 100.00
Treasurer supplies 64.56
Spade yearbook 37.50
Merchandise to sell 795.83
Craft fair booth 25.00
Banner 65.00
Total Expenditures $ 5,474.82

Balance in General Fund $1,612.77
JoAnn Meister Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund $900.00
Donations 630.00
2006 Award - 500.00
$1,030.00

Teaching Scholarship Fund $56.00
Total in Checking Account $2,698.77
Petty Cash $75.00
History Fund - Savings Deposits, Interest, Donations $293.19
TOTAL - Checking, Savings, Cash $3,066.96

ADDRESS CHANGES COST US $100'S

Dear Fellow Alumni,
Please let us know when your address (or name) changes. Each year, we pay between $200 and $300 to the Post Office, when you move and you do not let the alumni association know that your address has changed, and this amount is only going up. This is money we could be spending on our students.

Please notify me (see info on blank above) when your address changes, anytime throughout the year.

Thank you so much!

Mary L. Hicks, Corresponding Secretary

THIS IS YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

Plans have been made to make this year's business meeting, which will begin at 8:00 p.m., following the banquet, shorter and less redundant. Unless the majority objects, the minutes for last year's meeting, the treasurer's report and the Cole Memorial report, will not be read, since they are already in your newsletter. The roll call will be shortened, although the honor classes will still be recognized.

This is your banquet and your alumni association. Please let us know what you do and do not want. And, please plan to participate now and throughout the year.

A. ELMO COLE MEMORIAL FUND

As of March 7, 2007, the balance on hand is $2,119.99. There are 21 loans out to 15 alumni. The outstanding loan amount is $19,650.00. There are 8 loans in repayment for a total of $6,900.00. Only 3 alumni are making regular payments.

We need more donations to be able to have money to loan out for higher education.

Donations may be sent with your banquet reservation or to
A. ELMO COLE MEMORIAL FUND
C/O RUTH KOMM SCHEPPARD
195 CARR DR
SANDY CREEK NY 13145-3196
MINUTES OF THE 2006 ALUMNI MEETING

The 114th Annual Alumni Banquet was June 23, 2006 in the Sandy Creek Central High School cafeteria. Tours of the school were offered to anyone wishing to see all the changes. Prior to the dinner, the invocation was given by the Rev. Edward A. Grandall '56.

Executive Chair James Allen '53 called the meeting to order and thanked the cafeteria staff and the ushers for a job well done. He introduced the people at the head table and the members of the Class of 2006, who were in attendance.

Superintendent Stewart Aremi was then introduced to present the newest addition to the Alumni Banquet - the 2006 Wall of Distinction Ceremony. Craig Ivison, School Board President, thanked the Wall of Distinction Selection Committee, the cafeteria staff, building and grounds staff, administration, the alumni association, the tour guides and the ushers. He commented that the Wall of Distinction is "a lasting tribute to our alumni, our families, and our friends.

Mr. Aremi recognized the members of the Wall of Distinction Selection Committee: Lynn Miller and Mike Hovey, Board of Education members; Sadie Blauvelt, Phyllis McNitt, school district residents; Carolyn Shirley, faculty member and Maureen Shiel, High School Principal. Inducted to the Wall of Distinction were: Mr. Thomas W. Hamer (deceased), Class of 1897, accepted by Norman H. Widrig, Jr. (his grandson) and nominated by Norman H. Widrig, 51, Mr. Fay Welch (deceased), Class of 1915, accepted by Stewart Widrig by phone (his cousin) and nominated by Doug Hoyoke; Isabel M. Chrisman Ballou, Class of 1923, nominated by Virginia Chrisman Peter '50 and Ann Peter Robbins '73; Walter S. Cobb, Class of 1935, nominated by Donald J. Ridgeway '59 and Nancy L. Ridgeway '60; Patricia Robbins McDougall, Class of 1964, nominated by Sue Ann Archibee and Linda LeClair Crest, Class of 1965, nominated by Sue Ann Archibee.

Peter R. Sprague '48 took the podium and reminisced about his mother Anna Adis Sprague and her years of teaching in Redfield. He noted she was a teacher for 30 years until Aug. 20, 2006. Recording Secretary, Jean Wheeler Carpenter '79 opened the business meeting with the Secretary's report. A motion was called for, and received, to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter. A motion was made by William Shaffer '52 and seconded by Jay Wilcox '55. Motion carried.

Tammie Munson Miller '57 presented the Treasurer's report. As of May 31, 2006, the balance in the general fund was $4,130.65. As of June 15, 2006, the balance in the History Fund was $236.56.

Ruth Komm Scheppeard '80, new Chair for the A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund gave a brief history of how the fund was founded and its purpose. The balance at present is $1,801.20 with 14 loans outstanding for a total of $15,850. Nine of these should be in repayment; four students are still in school; and one student filed for bankruptcy. Letters will be sent to all students in July asking for proof of enrollment and reminding them of their payment obligation.

Corresponding Secretary Mary Laveck Hicks '68, received donations in memory of the following people: Jane Fuller Currier '73, Cynthia Bond Bates '57, and Joann Meaing Baumeister '53. She also read correspondence from George Hadley '41, Shirley Yerdon Hull '56, and Sherry Correll Svedberg '68.

Mary also relayed a story of a class ring, belonging to Harold Hays III '87, being found in Weedsport, NY and returned to its rightful owner after many months and the diligence of herself and a woman in Red Creek.

Janet McDougal Parrott '41 sent correspondence saying that in last year's newsletter it had been mentioned that if every alumni member donated $1.00, the Alumni Association would be in "good shape", so she sent a check for $270.00. This was $1.00 for each child and grandchild, who had graduated from SCS, the offspring of Floyd and Mabel McDougall. Their children include: Irene McDougall Noakes '30, Gerald "Cal" A. McDougall '33, Henry L. McDougall '37, Ora McDougall Marcella '37, Rayta C. McDougall Van Epps '39, Lloyd J. McDougall '40, Janet McDougall Pienoppen '41, Iris J. McDougall Parrott '43, Hal R. McDougall '44, Mabel H. McDougill Sheldom/Smith '43, Dona J. McDougall Van Brocklin '47 and JoAnne McDougall Hatz '55. Their grandchildren include: Patricia A. McDougall Ames '53, Richard Oliphant '48, Mildred J. Oliphant White '49, Wayne McDougall '65, Regina Van Epps '60, Yolanda M. Van Epps Bristol '58, Joseph F. McDougall '67, Judy E. McDougall Parker '68, Kevin J. McDougall '72, Michael F. McDougall Mead '73, Jeffrey S. McDougall '77, Jerilyn S. Baker Southard '61, Rhonda McDougall Barron '68, Nancy McDougall Liszewski '72 and Daniel H. McDougall '73.

The roll call of classes was then read with recognition to the Honor Classes.

Historian Margaret Hollis Kastler '51 asked for a vote on the Proposed Bylaws that had been in everyone's newsletter. She said that there needed to be some changes in numbering of some sections, but the wording would remain the same. The new bylaws were approved.

One vote was cast to split the slate of officers as is. Complete with some new titles, the officers are: President James Allen, Vice President Vincent Agugliaro, Recording Secretary Jean Wheeler Carpenter, Corresponding Secretary Mary Laveck Hicks and Treasurer Tommy Munson Miller.

Margaret Kastler gave the Historian's report. Isabel Ballou was the oldest member present. Representing the Class of 1935 were Walter Cobb and Andrew Porter; the Class of 1939, H. Stratton Killiam and Margaret Rued Chase; the Class of 1940, Dora Selfert Traphagan and Norma Ruth Thacker Ellis; the Class of 1943, Phyllis E. Grant and the Class of 1946, Irene Wilder Fuller.

James Allen then announced the Alumni Volunteer Award and explained what is required to receive it. This year's winner was Katie June Oudeirk '66, who was unable to attend.

Virginia Mead Smith '54 and Robin Porter Rudden '79 presented the Scholarship Fund report, which presently has a balance of $1,081.00 in the Nursing Scholarship fund. After the presentation of school guidance counselor, it was determined there was no nursing candidate this year. At the request of the Meister family, the $500.00 nursing scholarship will go to last year's recipient, Janmarie Brown '05 who is in her second year at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing.

Rose Finster Graham '56 then welcomed her class to the banquet, noting that during their meeting today they were asked to come up with one thing that they remembered, and not very many could remember very many things!!! She then introduced Leo Remp, Jr. to reminisce about their class.

Mr. Acuff read that James Jaguars will be the class "ring". He spoke of taking typing with Mr. Bond, and how he tapped a cadence with a little stick and if you looked at your keys he tapped your hand with that little stick, and you would leave his class with bleeding fingers. He spoke of the senior trip to New York City and about a classmate who said she never skipped school, but would come down from Redfield on the bus, get on a Greyhound bus to Watertown, go shopping and catch a movie, ride the Greyhound bus back to Sandy Creek and get on the school bus to go home.

Janet Gilbert Darou '81 welcomed her honored class and spoke of her senior class trip to Virginia and Washington D.C., only to get to their hotels and be told they did not have reservations. They wound up in a hotel with cockroaches in a Washington D.C. ghetto. Janet then introduced Linda Hesseiden Taber '69 to do the reminiscing for the Class of '81.

Linda spoke of our life after school, what we had checked off from them, and what we still needed to do. She spoke of dreaming, and continuing to live life to the fullest. She then read and dedicated a poem, "For the Love of a Tree…", to the Class of '81.

Janet then welcomed the Class of 2006 and introduced Eriku Lynne Henrichsen '06 who provided the response.

Eriku spoke of the numerous activities that have taken place in the past school year -- the many sports activities and their successes, the concerts performed by the band and choirs, and the clubs and organizations that help to foster school spirit and pride. She was especially proud of the senior class activities that created the bonds of friendship that will last for many years to come. She also stated that it was a "comforting thought" that when she and her friends and classmates returned to "the creek" there would be events such as the alumni banquet to bring them back together, and thanked the association for all it has done.

President Allen then made closing comments, thanking everyone involved for making this a success. He then expressed heartfelt appreciation to the superintendent, Mr. Stewart Aremi, and the Board of Education for their never-ending support of the Alumni Association. He also thanked Jean Carpenter, Margaret Kastler and Stewart Aremi for their time and efforts to revise the Constitution.

The evening closed with the Benediction by Linda Taber and the singing of the Alma Mater.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wheeler Carpenter, '79
Recording Secretary

SIGNING THE APPROVAL OF THE NEW BY-LAWS

Following the approval of the new by-laws, the official signing took place on November 1, 2006. Those participating were: front - President James R. Allen, '53; Vice President Vincent Agugliaro, Recording Secretary Jean Wheeler Carpenter, Corresponding Secretary Mary Laveck Hicks and Treasurer Tommy Munson Miller. Back - Historian Margaret A. Hollis Kastler, '51. Also signing, but not in the picture were: Yvonne M. Allen, Brown, '82, Ily Austin Wilcox, '55; Raymond W. Poppa, '59; Herbert H. Smith, '93; Leon Archer, '89; Virginia Mead Smith, '54 and Phyllis Kast Allen, '53.
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LACONA NY 13083-3144

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* See shirts worn by the officers in the picture on the previous page.

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**HISTORIAN'S COLUMN**

By Margaret A. Hollis Kastler

Eighth grade graduation was a rite of passage for students entering higher education. In some cases, eighth grade could be the end of a few young people's education, as they would be required to help at home - to work on the farm or in the woods.

In order to get their children to high school, the parents of those who lived miles from the school would "board" their children in town. The girls usually were "mother's helpers" and the boys might work on a farm closer to the high school. Some students would catch a ride on a farmer's milk wagon on its way to the milk station in Lacona.

School graduation activities included: Eighth Grade Exercises, Baccalaureate, Class Night, High School Graduation, a picnic, prom, and finally, the Alumni Banquet. Over the years, the dance, picnic, and, by 1950, Class Night, were dropped from "Graduation Week." Eighth Grade Graduation continued at least until 1970, when it, too, was discontinued.

If anyone has information of it being a later date, we would appreciate you letting us know.

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**Deceased Alumni**

1936 Carl A. Ridgeway
1937 Leona Clemons Grayson
1939 Margaret M. DesMarais Littler
1942 Laura Widrig Scott
1944 Laura I. Thompson Potter
1946 Fred A. Gove, Elma Jackson Lago
1947 Dora (Jean) Sayler Isgar
1948 Virginia Crast McDougal Reid
1949 John C. "Jack" Thompson
1950 Margaret "Peggy" Lum Gallagher
1954 Nancy Crast Butluck
1959 Peggy Lee Donaleski Zeccolo
1960 Sandra Fuller Clawson
1961 Steve Nemier
1964 Morgan Miller, Jr.
1967 Guy E. Stevens, William H. VanAlsteyne
1970 Michael A. Casler, Lois Yerdon
1971 Roseann Didden McColligan
1979 Rhonda Greer Colvin
1980 Glen Smith

**Teacher**

Anna D. Adsit Sprague (Redfield Union)

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Pictured at left: A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund - Ruth Komm Scheppard; Scholarship Fund - Virginia Mead Smith and History - Margaret A. Hollis Kastler.