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Wall of Distinction
Induction Ceremony
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ATTN: ALUMNI

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, Lacona, NY 13083-3162; wysseguys@tcenet.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. Widrig, Fay Welch (deceased), photo held by R. Victor Widrig, Walter S. Cobb, 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.

Name on Diploma _____ Year Grad. _____

Present Name _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

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

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

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

Mail to: **MARY LAVECK HICKS**
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◆ Thank you very much for any and all donations! ◆

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 Amell'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.

The **meeting** will begin at **8:00**. All attending alumni will be honored, specifically this year's graduating class, the classes of 1957 and 1982, as well as the classes of 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1977, 1972, 1967, 1962, 1952, 1947, 1942, 1937 and 1932. Come and join in for an evening of reminiscences and fellowship.

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	<u>406.05</u>
	\$7,087.59
Banquet Expenses:	
Dinners (152)	\$2,280.00
Newsletters (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	<u>65.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ - 5,474.82

Balance in General Fund	\$ 1,612.77
JoAnn Meister Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund	
Donations	\$900.00
2006 Award	630.00
	<u>- 500.00</u>
	\$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

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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 Crandall '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 Amell 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, buildings 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. Amell recognized the members of the Wall of Distinction Selection Committee: Lynn Miller and Mike Hovey, Board of Education members; Sadie Blauvelt and 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. '74** (his grandson) and nominated by **Norman H. Widrig, '51**; **Mr. Fay Welch (deceased), Class of 1915**, accepted by **R. Victor Widrig '49** (his cousin) and nominated by **Doug Holyoke**; **Isabel M. Chrisman Ballou, Class of 1932**, 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. Potish Ridgeway '63**; **Patricia Robbins McDougal, Class of 1964**, nominated by **Sue Ann Archibee** and **Linda LeClair Crast, Class of 1965**, nominated by **Sue Ann Archibee**.

Peter R. Sprague '48 took the podium and reminisced about his mother Anna Adsit Sprague and her years of teaching in Redfield. He noted she would be 103 years young on Aug. 20, 2006 and "is always the teacher".

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.

Tammy Munson Miller '87 presented the Treasurer's report. As of May 31, 2006, the balance in the general fund was \$4,130.85. As of June 15, 2006, the balance in the History Fund was \$261.56.

Ruth Komm Scheppard '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 \$18,550. 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 Meister Beaumont '63**. She also read correspondence from **George Hadley '41**, **Shirley Yerdon Hull '56**, and **Sherry Cordell Snedeker '86**.

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 Piepenbrok '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 \$27.00. This was \$1.00 for each child and grandchild, who had graduated from SCCS, the offspring of **Floyd and Mabel McDougal**. Their children include: **Irene McDougal Noakes '30**, **Gerald "Cal" A. McDougal '33**, **Henry L. McDougal '37**, **Ora McDougal Marsella '37**, **Rayta C. McDougal VanEpps '39**, **Floyd J. McDougal '40**, **Janet McDougal Piepenbrok '41**, **Iva J. McDougal Parrott '43**, **Hal R. McDougal '44**, **Mabel H. McDougal Shelmidine '45**, **Dona J. McDougal VanBrocklin '47** and **JoAnne McDougal Hatz '55**. Their grandchildren include: **Patricia A. McDougal Ames '53**, **Richard Oliphant, '48**, **Mildred J. Oliphant White '49**, **Wayne McDougal '65**, **Reginald VanEpps '60**, **Yolanda M. VanEpps Bristol '58**, **Joseph F. McDougal '67**, **Judy E. McDougal Parker '68**, **Kevin J. McDougal '72**, **R. Colleen McDougal Mead '73**, **Jeffrey S. McDougal '77**, **Jerilyn S. Baker Southard '66**, **Rhonda McDougal Barron '68**, **Nancy McDougal Liszewski '70** and **Daniel H. McDougal '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.

Secretary **Carpenter** cast one vote to accept 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 **Tammy 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 Killam** and **Margaret Rudd**

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 Ouderkirk '06**, who was unable to attend.

Virginia Mead Smith '54 and **Robin Potter Rudd '79** presented the Scholarship Fund report, which presently has a balance of \$1,081.00 in the Nursing Scholarship fund. After speaking with the 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.

Leo started with five words of advice to all alumni, "Don't lose your 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 hotel 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 Heselden Taber '69** to do the reminiscing for the **Class of '81**.

Linda spoke of our life lists, 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 1981**.

Janet then welcomed the **Class of 2006** and introduced **Erica Lynne Henriksen '06** who provided the response.

Erica 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 choruses, 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 Amell, and the Board of Education for their never-ending support of the Alumni Association. He also thanked **Jean Carpenter**, **Margaret Kastler** and **Stewart Amell** 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, 1953**; Vice President **Vincent M. Agugliaro, 1980**; back - Corresponding Secretary **Mary Laveck Hicks, 1968**; Treasurer **Tammy Munson Miller, 1987**; Recording Secretary **Jean Wheeler Carpenter, 1979** and Historian **Margaret A. Hollis Kastler, 1951**. Also signing, but not in the picture were: **Yvonne M. (Allen) Brown, 1982**; **Jay Austin Wilcox, 1955**; **Raymond W. Pappa, 1958**; **Herbert H. Smith, 1953**; **Leon Archer, 1959**; **Virginia Mead Smith, 1954** and **Phyllis Kast Allen, 1953**.

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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.



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 Bulluck
- 1959 Peggy Lee Donaleski Zeccolo
- 1960 Sandra Fuller Clawson
- 1961 Steve Nemier
- 1964 Morgan Miller, Jr.
- 1967 Guy E. Stevens, William H. VanAlstyne
- 1970 Michael A. Casler, Lois Yerdon
- 1971 Roseann Didden McColligan
- 1979 Rhonda Greer Colvin
- 1980 Glen Smith

Teacher

Anna D. Adsit Sprague (Redfield Union)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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