Memories to last a lifetime...

50 YEAR CLASS, 1957
Front - Edward Curry, Milferd H. Potter, Effie Reed Smith, Betty J. Shirley Miller and Marie Kent Parsons
Back - John F. "Jack" Tanner, Jo Ann Thompson Fields, Kenneth Harold Fish, Diana Stacy Charles, Keith G. Tompkins, Lillian Ward Turner and Mary Ellen Snyder Quencer

25 YEAR CLASS, 1982
Front - Wynn Brown Rodriguez, Carol Caufield Thomas, Yvonne Allen Brown
Back - George S. Waggoner, Kendice Killam Champouillon, and Richard Butler, Sr.

THE 2008 ALUMNI BANQUET

The 116th annual Alumni Banquet and Meeting of the Sandy Creek Central School District will be on Friday, June 27th, at the school in the high school cafeteria. We are pleased that the SCCS cafeteria staff, some who are alumni, will be catering the banquet again this year. We want to acknowledge Superintendent Stewart Amell’s assistance in coordinating these arrangements.

**Tours of the School** will begin 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 20th. Since 2003, the association has paid for each graduating senior who attends.


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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Shirley Yerdon Hull


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**A. ELMO COLE MEMORIAL FUND**

Ruth E. Komst Scheppard

As of March 11, 2008, the balance on hand is $2,704.27. There are loans totaling $18,375.00 out to 15 alumni. Four are making regular payments. Five are still in school. Six have not responded to notices.

We need more donations to be able to have money to loan out for higher education. Donations may be sent in with your banquet reservation or to:

A. ELMO COLE MEMORIAL FUND
C/O RUTH KOMST SCHEPARD
195 CARR DR
SANDY CREEK NY 13145-3196

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**NOTES**

Alumni Association Has Own Web Page - We have our own web page on the school web site. It is http://www.sccs.cnyscric.org/alumni.php. In time, there will be newsletters from past years, "missing alumni" - people for whom we need addresses, class reunion information, reports and more. Please check it out - often!

This year’s 50-Year Class Coordinator is Deanna Bentley Barber ’58. Her address is PO Box 37, Orwell, NY 13426-0037; sunnydbarber@aol.com; 315-296-4385.

This year’s 25-Year Class Coordinators are Vicki Smith Teachout ’82, address: 139 Jerry Look Rd., Richland, NY 13144-4465; 315-298-6624 and Renee Janacek Garvin, ’82, address: PO Box 345, Orwell NY 13426-0345, 315-298-3174. Their joint email address is reneeandvicki1983@yahoo.com.

80-Year Alumni - In preparing the "honored classes" list, I went back to 1933, the 75-year class, and thought maybe I should see if there were anyone earlier than that. I found that we have an 80-year alumna, in the class of 1928! She is Florence Sheldon Russell, 43 E Utica St., Oswego, NY 13126. I spoke with her on the phone and she would love to hear from anyone. Mrs. Russell grew up in a house on South Main Street, Sandy Creek, now The Friendship Shoppe, in a family of eight children, five who are still living. We hope she will be able to attend. I believe the last time we had an 80-year person present was in 1996 - Mable Austin Rawlings from the class of 1916.

40-years, Class of 1968 - Hi, everyone! How about my (Mary Laveck Hicks’s) class having a good turnout for the Alumni Banquet and maybe a class reunion?!?

Next Year’s Alumni Banquet - Next year’s banquet is tentatively scheduled for June 26, 2009. Please mark your calendar.
MINUTES OF THE 2007 ALUMNI MEETING

The 115th Annual Alumni Banquet was June 22, 2007 in the Sandy Creek Central School high school cafeteria. Tours of the school were offered to anyone wishing to see all the changes. Prior to dinner, the Invocation was given by Jay Austin Wilcox ’55, after which, President James Allen ’53 introduced the new Wall of Distinction inductees. (See photo in this newsletter)

At 8:00 p.m., President Allen called the business meeting to order, welcoming everyone in attendance and introduced those seated at the head table.

He then introduced Recording Secretary Jean Wheeler Carpenter ’79 who presented the secretary’s report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the 2006 alumni banquet, as written in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Tammy Munson Miller ’87 presented the treasurer’s report. The balance in the general fund is $5,230.37 and the balance in the history fund is $293.46.

Ruth Kromm Scheppard ’80 presented the A Elmo Cole Memorial Fund report. She reported that the current balance is $897.95. There are 22 loans out, totaling $19,900. Eight of these loans are in repayment status, with only 3 making regular payments.

Corresponding Secretary Mary Laveck Hicks ’68 then took the podium to do the roll call of classes. Special recognition was given to the honored classes of 1957 (the 50-year class) and 1982 (the 25-year class). The class of 1947 (the 60-year class) was also asked to stand and be recognized.

Mary then read a letter from Virginia Chrisman Peter ’50 in regard to her sister, Isabel Chrisman Balloo ’32 and her love of attending the alumni banquet. Unfortunately, Isabel is now in the Samaritan Keep Nursing Home, 133 Pratt St., Watertown, NY 13601 and unable to attend the banquet this year, her 75th year. A very large card was passed around for everyone to sign and send best wishes. A red rose with maroon and silver ribbons was sent with the card. Mary also read a letter from George Hadley ’41 stating that he hoped, someday to be able to attend the alumni banquet.

During roll call, Historian Margaret Hollis Kastler ’51 introduced our oldest member present, Louise Hogan Allen Lawyer ’33 with a rose with white rose and silver ribbons, her class flower and class colors. Margaret requested that her son, Jim Allen present it to his mother. Lottie Rudd ’37, from the 70-year class, was presented with a white rose with blue and silver ribbons.

Fredda McNeilly Benham ’42, from the 65-year class was given a blue and white carnation. Red roses with blue and silver ribbons were presented to the members of the 60-year class, 1947. Those present were Nina E. Cook Lee, Helen Lashomb Clark, Ernest F. “Vic” Lawrence, Richard C. Rawlings, George A. Rudd and Grace Sheridan Davis.

Mary reported that Grace Harvey Lassell ’54, made a donation to the alumni association in memory of her sister Lule Harvey Couglin. ’44. Also, Gayle Archibee Coo ’65 made a donation to the alumni association in memory of two classmates she grew up with in Redfield, Karen Laclelle Cole and Chris A. Hill.

Lastly, Mary welcomed our newest alumni members present this evening, from the class of 2007. Frannie Bray, Jesyka Grossman, Joshua Scheppard, and Ruzena Thibault.

Margaret noted that there were four generations of the Andrew Porter family present: Jesyka Grossman ’07, Tonya Silliam Grossman ’86, John Henry Porter ’64, and Andrew Porter ’35. Tonya’s husband, Gerald A. Grossman ’77 also attended.

Frannie Bray was recognized as a third generation graduate; Gina Harvey Bray Rice, her mother, graduated in 1982, and her grandmother, Keitha Lottie Harvey (deceased) graduated in 1947.

Three generations of the Margaret Rudd Chase family were also in attendance, Ruzena Thibault ’07, Priscilla Chase Thibault ’79, and Margaret Rudd Chase ’39.

Margaret introduced Virginia Mead Smith ’54, Scholarship Fund Chair, who explained that the Volunteer Award goes to a senior showing outstanding community service. This year’s recipient, Ruzena Thibault, has been a very busy young lady. She helped with the American Red Cross blood drive, raised money for Muscular Dystrophy and breast cancer research, interned for a teacher in the school-to-work program, sat at the nursing home at the Veterans Hospital, assisted with church Bible school and took part in the North Country Music System.

Virginia then gave a report on the JoAnn Meister Nursing Scholarship fund. She has received donations this year in memory of Cynthia Bond Bates ’57, Mildred J. Kastler Hill ’37 and Chris A. Hill ’65. As there is no candidate for the nursing scholarship this year, it will be held over for another year.

Our newly established Teaching Scholarship currently has a balance of $116.00.

Secretary Carpenter cast a single vote to accept the slate of officers as follows: President James Allen ’53, Vice President Vincent M. Agugliaro ’80, Recording Secretary Jean Wheeler Carpenter, Corresponding Secretary Mary Laveck Hicks, Treasurer Shirley Yardon Hull ’56. With no other nominations from the floor, a motion was called for, seconded and carried unanimously.

Secretary Carpenter introduced Yvonne Allen Brown ’82, who welcomed the 50-year class, stating she vowed she would NOT introduce them as the AARP class.

Jo Ann Thompson Fields ’57, responded for her class and shared many reminiscences of their years at SCCS. She spoke of teacher Margaret Rudd Chase, who one time threw a book at the back of the room to get the class’s attention, and how well it worked. She also told of Mrs. Chase stomping on Milford Potter’s squat gun with her heels. She spoke of many other “incidents” that occurred with teachers, especially history teachers.

She then turned the podium over to Milford Potter ’57 for his welcome to the class of ’82, the 25-year class, and to Kendice Allen Champouillon, and Carol Gaffney with their reminiscences.

Kendice likened her class to the Harry Potter series and the Hogwarts experience. She spoke of “house masters” Barbara Newton and Sarge Lavorzio, transfiguration (Senior teacher day) and potions (science lab experiments). She told how Richard Butler, Sr. was blamed for everything and their saying became “Butler said it.” She spoke of the band, the Junior-Senior Banquet, drama club productions, Senior study hall, the Senior ball and having the first computer room, complete with floppy discs. Carol spoke of their Senior trip to Myrtle Beach and the bus breaking down, and having to attend third grade at the town hall. She also noted that three of their teachers were retiring this year: James Clark, Barbara Brady Orr and Carolyn Gaffney.

Yvonne Allen Brown then welcomed the class of ’77, the newest members of the association, and advised them to find the things they enjoy as they set out on their own in life.

Joshua Scheppard ’87, responded for his class. Josh thanked the alumni association for their inclusion into the association and stated they would try to uphold the traditions passed down to them and bring honor to their school.

In closing, President Allen thanked the cafeteria staff for their time and commitment, as well as a wonderful meal. He thanked Stewart Amel, Superintendent, for his continued support of the Alumni Association, other alumni society members who served as ushers and tour guides and assisted with setup and clean up. He thanked Mary Hicks for putting together the newsletter and the programs. He gave special thanks to the 50-year and 25-year classes for all of their efforts in recruiting their classmates, attending the meetings, setting up dinner and any other amenities they attended to.

The program concluded with the Benediction, given by George S. Waggoner ’82, and the singing of the Alma Mater.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wheeler Carpenter ’79
Corresponding Secretary

WALL OF DISTINCTION INDUCTION

The 2007 Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony preceded the Alumni Banquet. The year’s inductees are: Left to right - Mark Milnor, 1978, who has his Ph.D. and is a medical doctor with a private practice, who also works in a prison and at a wound clinic; Joseph Heath, 1964, an attorney representing Native Americans, Federal Express against Federal Express, and prisoners in the Attica uprising, among others; Agnes Duane Grant, 1914 (deceased), New York State Mother of the Year in 1953, active in the Red Cross, Gange, Home Bureau, 4-H Clubs, Sandy Creek Fair and Rural Letter Carrier Association and was a newspaper correspondent for several local newspapers; Denver I. Miles, 1940 (deceased), U.S. Army Air Corp in the 15th Army, 456th Heavy Bomb Group, completing 51 missions, middle school teacher for 32 years at SCCS and active member of the Laurens Fire Dept., VFW and Village Players; and Myron E. "Sug" Lewis, 1950, Ph.D., accomplished and recognized educator, developing programs focusing on establishment and growth of technology and business in the U.S. and many foreign countries with extensive experience with the U.S. Department of Defense.
The following alumni didn't stay away from SCCS very long: Building Maintenance Helper - Andrew Ridgeway '87; Bus Drivers - Bethel Harvey Mothersell '78, Sally Harvey Montieth '66, Mary "Julie" Hubbard White '88, Marilyn Kahoe Soluri '70, Melissa Sprague Goodsell '95, Tracy Tessler Sullivan '93; Cleaners - Margaret Clark Ventura '79, Beverly King Harten '92, Lori Minor Freeman '79; Cook - Barbara A. Clark Pratt '72; Curriculum Integration Technology Coordinator - Shelley D. Smith Blodgett '76; Dean of Students - Michael Stevens '84; Food Service Helpers - Ellie Lester Manwaring '88 and Jolene White Potter '84; Grounds Worker - Joseph S. Nelle '84; Head Bus Driver - Robin VanCamp Cashel '86; Librarian - Rachael Ferguson Allen '00; Mechanics Helper - Gregory Shippee '76; Nurse - Laurie Keating Crast '78; School Bus Aides - Edna Archbee Ridgeway '60, Jessica Brown '98, Mary Ann Joyner Crast '74; School Lunch Cashier - Donna Heselden Jones '73; Senior Account Clerk - Lori LeClair Krebs '70; Special Education Aides - Michelle Carusone Warner '86, Brady P. Fannestock '02, Linda Heselden Taber '89, Stephanie Peter Galloway '95; Melissa Richter '94, Kristina Scheppan Carusone '90, Lisa Sneedker Clark '87, Kip J. Yerdon '03; Superintendent of Buildings - Chris Ouderkirk '72; Teachers - Benjamin Archbee '61, 6th grade, Susan M. Blit '70, English, William Fowler '83, 6th grade, Janet Marie Gilbert Darou '81, Kindergarten, Shelly Marie Haines Hathway '81, 5th grade, Kevin E. Halsey '81, Mathematics, Karl B. Haynes Elderbroom '97, Social Studies, Teresa Lynn North Crast '82, School-to-work, Katie Hovey Soluri '99, Mathematics, Roxanne Janacek Ferguson '72, Kindergarten, Joseph LaLell '88, Mathematics, Tiera Manchester Norton '97, 4th grade, Nancy McDougal Liszewski '70, 4th grade, Tamara McNeely Halsey '86, 1st grade, Michelle E. Miller '84, Business Education, Rhonda Olin '87, Kindergarten, (Virginia) Ann Peter Robbins, 4th grade, Valerie Potter Marshall '77, Music, Denise Stafford Elkin '78, 5th grade. Michael Stevens '84, Physical Education and Athletic Coordinator, Herman Trombley '78, Physical Education, Tonya Yerdon Trudell '92, Social Studies; and Teacher Aides - Charlie "Sherry" Weaver Glazier '85 and Jeanne Weaver Peter, '87.

[We hope we didn't leave anyone out.]

Many thanks to Linda Heselden Taber and Tonya Yerdon Trudell for their help with the information for this article.

**HISTORY OF THE SPADE**
Margaret Hollis Kastler, Historian

The original purpose of the spade was the breaking of the ground for the foundation of the original Sandy Creek High School in 1871.

The first class to graduate, decided to keep the spade in use by putting ribbons of their class colors on it for future classes to see and add their class colors, if they wished, year by year.

The ceremony of the Spade Presentation has been a tradition in Sandy Creek since 1891, when Alton Wardell, Class of 1891, first presented it to Roscoe Sargent, Class of 1892.

The Spade symbolizes the unearthing of new knowledge, the dignity of honest labor to attain that knowledge, and the beauty to be found in a simple tool unblemished by rust. Each year, the senior class colors, in ribbon form, are tied to the handle and passed down from the class president to the junior class president.

For many years, this ceremony was conducted during the "Class Night" program. Around 1950, Class Night was discontinued and the Spade was then presented at the Junior-Junior Banquet. Since the discontinuation of the Junior-Junior Banquet, the Spade is now part of the Senior Prom.

"Our students change yearly, our school itself has changed many times, but the Spade has remained through the years, the symbol of the past, the present, of the future." For these reasons, the Class of 1952 decided to name their Yearbook "The Spade". The Yearbook is still called "The Spade" today.

**PRESENTATION OF THE SPADE**
Senior President Harold Wilcox (now deceased), Class of 1957 presents the Spade to Junior President Lois Robbins (Potter), Class of 1958.

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**Deceased Alumni**

**DECEASED ALUMNI**

1930 Marjorie Allen Remington, Floyd K. Hagan
1934 Nellie Nemier Whiting
1939 Dorothy J. Hilton Kennedy
1941 Denver L. Miles
1942 Ella Jane Ridgeway Chrisman
1943 Pauline Woodard Wilson
1944 Robert Sutton
1946 Dorothy Lyons Giddings
1951 Joan Hilton Claflin, Darrell G. Kehoe
1957 June M. Yerdon Ouderkirk
1958 Noel Kuhn Pierce, Betty J. Shirley Miller
1958 Neil Buck
1971 Leo McIntosh
1986 Lisa Stevens

**Superintendent**
Jerald K. Quintky