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2008

Wall of Distinction  
Induction Ceremony  
6:15 p.m.

Official Address  
Sandy Creek Central School District  
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P.O. Box 248, Salisbury Street  
Sandy Creek, NY 13145  
ATTN: ALUMNI  
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*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, Kandice Killam Champouillon, and Richard Butler, Sr.



(1) **Four Generations: Front** - Jesyka Renae Grossman (fourth generation), 2007 and Andrew J. Porter (first generation), 1935; **Back** - Tonya Silliman Grossman (third generation), 1986 and John Henry Porter (second generation), 1964. Andy's daughter, Patricia Porter Silliman (Tonya's mother), 1966 was unable to attend. (2) **Three Generations: Front** - Priscilla Chase Thibault (second generation), 1979; Margaret Rose Rudd Chase (first generation), 1939 **Back** - Ruzena Marie Thibault (third generation), 2007. (3) **Widrig Family 2006:** left to right: Mrs. Norman H. (Elaine) Widrig, mother, (although she did not graduate from SCCS, she worked at school for many years); Norman H. Widrig, Jr., son 1974, William E. Widrig, 1976, son, Norman H. Widrig, 1951, father, Carolyn Widrig LeClaire, daughter, 1989, and Thomas Widrig, son 1978.

(Please list EACH or return a form for EACH alumnus/alumna.) Thank you!

Name on Diploma \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

**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@marysneedheart.com](mailto:scalumni@marysneedheart.com)  
Phone: 315-387-3961  
Fax: 315-387-5903

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

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

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

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

◆ THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!!! ◆

### THE 2008 ALUMNI BANQUET

The 116<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 class of **2008**, and the classes of **1983 and 1958**, as well as the classes of **2003, 1998, 1993, 1988, 1978, 1973, 1968, 1963, 1953, 1948, 1943, 1938, 1933 and 1928**. Come and join in for an evening of reminiscences and fellowship.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Shirley Yerdon Hull

March 13, 2007 - February 29, 2008

Beginning Balance	\$1,612.77
Deposits, Interest	4,483.32
Sale of Merchandise	<u>358.00</u>
	\$6,454.09
<b>Banquet Expenses:</b>	
Dinners (157)	\$2,355.00
Newsletters (3,450)	554.00
Programs	184.00
Postage, labels, name tags	950.00
Supplies	113.98
<b>Other Expenses:</b>	
Cole Memorial Fund transfer	279.50
History Fund transfer	37.00
Alumni Volunteer Award	100.00
Treasurer supplies	21.54
Merchandise to sell	120.00
Dinner Refunds (Honored Guests)	<u>105.00</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ - 4,820.02</b>
<b>Balance in General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,634.07</b>
<b>JoAnn Meister Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund</b>	
Donations	\$1,030.00
	<u>625.00</u>
	<b>\$1,655.00</b>
<b>Teaching Scholarship Fund</b>	
Petty Cash	\$116.00
History Fund	\$75.00
	<u>\$330.91</u>
<b>TOTAL - Checking, Savings, Cash</b>	<b>\$3,810.98</b>

### A. ELMO COLE MEMORIAL FUND

Ruth E. Komm 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 KOMM SCHEPPARD  
195 CARR DR  
SANDY CREEK NY 13145-3196

### NOTES

**Alumni Association Has Own Web Page** - We have our own web page on the school web site. It is <http://www.sccs.cnyric.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](mailto:sunnydbarber@aol.com); 315-298-4385.

This year's **25-Year Class Coordinators** are **Vicki Smith Teachout '82**, address: 139 Jerry Look Rd., Richland, NY 13144-4465, 315-298-6924 and **Renee Janacek Garvin, '82**, address: PO Box 345, Orwell NY 13426-0345, 315-298-3174. Their joint email address is [reneehandvicki1983@yahoo.com](mailto:reneehandvicki1983@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 115<sup>th</sup> 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, welcomed 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 Komm 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 Ballou '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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 Hagan Allen Lawyer '33** with a white rose with blue 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.

**Freda 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 Sheldon Davis**.

**Mary** reported that **Grace Harvey Lasell '54**, made a donation to the alumni association in memory of her sister **Lula Harvey Coughlin '44**. Also, **Gayle Archibee Coe '65** made a donation to the alumni association in memory of two classmates she grew up with in Redfield, **Karen LaCelle 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 Silliman 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 Lortie Harvey** (deceased) graduated in **1947**.

Three generations of the **Margaret Rudd Chase** family were also in attendance: **Rozena 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, **Rozena 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 R. Allen**, Vice President **Vincent M. Agugliaro '80**, Recording Secretary **Jean Wheeler Carpenter**, Corresponding Secretary **Mary Laveck Hicks**, Treasurer **Shirley Yerdon 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 **Milferd Potter's** squirt gun with her high heels. She spoke of many other "incidents" that occurred with teachers, especially history teachers.

She then turned the podium over to **Milferd Potter '57** for his welcome to the class of '82, the 25-year class, and to **Kandice Killam Champouillon**, and **Carol Caufield Thomas** with their reminiscences.

**Kandice** likened her class to the Harry Potter series and the Hogwart's experience. She spoke of "house masters" **Barbara Newton** and **Sarge Lauzonis**, transfiguration (Senior teacher day) and potions (science lab experiments). She told how **Richard Butler, Sr.** was blamed for everything and their saying became "Butler did it." She spoke of their prom, 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 '07, 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 '07**, 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 Amell, Superintendent**, for his continued support of the Alumni Association, the Honor 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 Minor, 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 Espresso 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, Grange, 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 Lacona 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.

## SOME WHO GRADUATE FROM SCCS STAY AT SCCS!

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 Montlieth '66**, **Mary "Julie" Hubbard White '88**, **Marilyn Kehoe Soluri '70**, **Melissa Sprague Goodsell '95**, **Tracy Tessier 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 Bidgett '76**; Dean of Students - **Michael Stevens '84**; Food Service Helpers - **Ellie Lester Manwaring '88** and **Joiene White Potter '84**; Grounds Worker - **Joseph S. Nellis '84**; Head Bus Driver - **Robin VanCamp Cashel '86**; Librarian - **Rachel Ferguson Allen '00**; Mechanics Helper - **Gregory Shippee '76**; Nurse - **Laurie Keating Crast '78**; School Bus Aides - **Edna Archibee Ridgeway '60**, **Jessica Brown '98**, **Mary Ann Joyner Crast '74**; School Lunch Cashier - **Donna Heseiden Jones '73**; Senior Account Clerk - **Lori LeClair Krebs '70**; Special Education Aides - **Michelle Carusone Warner '89**, **Brady P. Fahnestock '02**, **Linda Heseiden Taber '89**, **Stephanie Peter Galloway '95**, **Melissa Richter '94**, **Kristina Scheppard Carusone '90**, **Lisa Snedeker Clark '87**, **Kip J. Yerdon '03**; Superintendent of Buildings - **Chris Ouder Kirk '72**; Teachers - **Benjamin Archibee '91**, 6th grade, **Susan M. Bitz '70**, English, **William Fowler '83**, 6th grade, **Janet Marie Gilbert Darou '81**, Kindergarten, **Shelly Marie Haines Hathway '91**, 5th grade, **Kevin E. Haisey '81**, Mathematics, **Kari B. Haynes Elderbroom '97**, Social Studies, **Teresa Lynn Horth Crast '82**, School-to-work, **Katie Hovey Soluri '99**, Mathematics, **Roxanne Janacek Ferguson '72**, Kindergarten, **Joseph Lasell '98**, Mathematics, **Teira Manchester Norton '97**, 4th grade, **Nancy McDougal Liszewski '70**, 4th grade, **Tamera McNett Haisey '89**, 1st grade, **Michele E. Miller '84**, Business Education, **Rhonda Olin '87**, Kindergarten, (Virginia) **Anni Peter Robbins**, 4th grade, **Valerie Potter Marshall '77**, Music, **Denise Stafford Elkin '78**, 6th grade. **Michael Stevens '84**, Physical Education and Athletic Coordinator, **Herman Trombly '78**, Physical Education, **Tonya Yerdon Trudell '92**, Social Studies; and Teacher Aides - **Charis "Sherry" Weaver Glazier '65** and **Jeanne Weaver Peter, '67**.

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

Many thanks to Linda Heseiden 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-Senior Banquet. Since the discontinuation of the Junior-Senior 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, of 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.

### Deceased Alumni

#### DECEASED ALUMNI

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

#### Superintendent

Jerald K. Quimby

