

This is your alumni newsletter!

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

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Memories to last a lifetime . . .



50 YEAR CLASS, 1958

Front - Lois Robbins Potter, Deanna Bentley Barber, Joyce Williams Dumas, Suzanne Lewis Conn, Peter Prescott
Back - Richard Potter, Dale Huyck, Yolanda VanEpps Bristol, Raymond W. Pappa, Marcia Stub Huffstater, Albert L. Potter, Cecelia Williams LeRoux, James B. Horth, Ruby Hutchins Woolson, Phillip R. Crandall, Ira P. Learned, Earl Ridgeway



25 YEAR CLASS, 1983

Front - Vicki Smith Teachout, Renee Janacek Garvin, Larry Burda, Shelly Valley Austin, Evonne Clark Lorini
Back - Debbie Porter Hamilton, Brian Salisbury, Richard VanDyke, Michele Barber Frank, Michael Sheldon, Candace Perkins Mack, Laura L. Weaver, Kim Thompson Howard



Photos Left to Right, 40-YEAR CLASS, 1968-Front, Rita Brosch Beaver, Ella E. Hilton, **Back**, Diane Jones Barbur, Mary Laveck Hicks, Kathy Brownell Rinefierd (Photo by Rita's husband, Wayne); **CAFETERIA STAFF**-Sally Henry Nunez, '66, Cook Manager Debbie Archibee, Norma Haynes Ballou '65, Ellie Lester Manwaring '88, Jolene White Potter '84, Barbara Clark Pratt '72, Holly Warren Miller '80; **CLASS OF 2008**-Sabrina M. Howland, Lyndsay Rowell, Troy J. Shirley, Ashley Haskins, Joseph A. Felo, Brittnea A. Bryden, Cameron C. Thibault, Elizabeth A. Lawrence, James B. Macklen, Scott A. Luberto, Sarah J. Stevens and Kathleen A. Hurd, winner of the Outstanding Community Service Award given by the Alumni Association.

(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.

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Alumni Donation \$ _____ Cole Memorial Donation \$ _____
 History Fund Donation \$ _____ Alumni Volunteer Award \$ _____
 JoAnn Meister Nursing Scholarship \$ _____ Teaching Scholarship \$ _____
 Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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

**(Make note if in honor or memory of someone)
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!!!**

THE 2009 ALUMNI BANQUET

The 117th annual Banquet and Meeting of the Alumni Association of the Sandy Creek Central School District will be on Friday, June 26th, 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 Supt. 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 cake 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 19th. **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 **2009**, and the classes of **1984** and **1959**, as well as the classes of **2004, 1999, 1994, 1989, 1979, 1974, 1969, 1964, 1954, 1949, 1944, 1939, 1934** and **1929**. Come and join in for an evening of reminiscences and fellowship.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ~ Our General Fund will be near zero because we have stepped back and started over to obtain our 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Status from the I.R.S., hiring a law firm who has previous experience in getting this status for alumni associations. This will use most of our reserve funds, but is worth it, considering that, in the past, we have been unable to receive donations of any great size without it. Also, we recently looked into applying for a grant and one of the requirements for applying was having the 501(c)(3). This Non-Profit status is necessary in many ways for our organization. To help us replenish our treasury, it might be nice to make a donation in memory or in honor of someone. Any size donation will be appreciated. Thank you, in advance!

**NOTE: Next year's banquet is tentatively
 scheduled for June 25, 2010.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Shirley Yerdon Hull

February 29, 2008 - February 28, 2009

Beginning Balance	\$3,810.98
Deposits, Interest	5,567.15
	<u>\$9,378.13</u>
Banquet Expenses:	
Dinners (187)	\$2,805.00
Newsletters (3,500), Supplies & Flowers	1,783.64
	<u>\$4,588.64</u>
Other Expenses:	
Cole Memorial Fund transfer	\$409.50
Alumni Volunteer Award	100.00
Total Expenditures	<u>-\$5,098.14</u>
JoAnn Meister Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund	\$1,655.00
Donations	480.00
	<u>\$2,135.00</u>
Teaching Scholarship Fund	\$116.00
Donations	115.00
	<u>\$231.00</u>
History Fund	\$350.91
Petty Cash	\$75.00
Balance in General Fund	\$ 1,563.08
TOTAL - Checking Account & Cash	<u>\$4,354.99</u>

A. ELMO COLE MEMORIAL FUND

The committee wishes to thank the very generous anonymous donor from the Class of 1972 and all of our donors. Your donations will assist many alumni and continue Mr. Cole's legacy.

The revolving student loan fund was created in May of 1952. The only criteria then and now: loans will be made to worthy graduates, who might need some financial help to complete their college work. These loans are to be truly "character loans". In this way the fund will revolve and serve a useful purpose for many years to come.

The balance on hand as of March 3, 2009 is \$12,452.98, with an outstanding loan total of \$14,202.00. Three Alumni are making regular payments, six are confirmed students and four are not attempting to repay their loans.

Donations may be sent in with your banquet reservations or to: A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund, Chairperson Ruth Komm Scheppard, 195 Carr Dr Sandy Creek NY 13145; email: aelmocole@gmail.com.

Graduation Traditions

By Historian Margaret Hollis Kastler

Sidewalk Painting On Halloween night 1968, PULASKI was painted on the front walk of Sandy Creek Central School. Custodian Fay Reid painted over PULASKI with white paint, and for several years, continued to paint over the remains of the graffiti. About 1978, students asked permission to paint a few blocks with white paint and spell SANDY CREEK in blue. Each cement block had one letter, spelling out the school name. In 1984, multi colors of paint were added to the project. Over the years, artwork has flourished. Remembrances, favorite sayings, as well as senior signatures, are to be seen. The graduation processional is formed in the driveway, and, along with their flower children, the graduates march upon their "walk of fame" to become another class of alumni. (Thanks to those who helped in this research.)

Deceased Alumni --

1935 - Dorothy Hughes Miles, Marguerita Jeanes Snyder; **1938** - Beatrice Yerdon Mothersell; **1939** - Leita Chapman Gardner; **1940** - Nelson Clifford, Joyce L. Hamer Chrisman; **1943** - Frances DesMarais Brace; **1945** - Shirley Fox Tallarico; **1944** - Betty Blodgett Martin, Helen Falke Martin; **1947** - Ernest R. Clafflin, Nina E. Cook Lee; **1949** - Malcolm Noble, Marilyn F. Weston Wheeler; **1950** - Ruth Martin Town; **1951** - Robert L. Wilmot; **1955** - Perry A. Yerdon; **1956** - Ila Dean Fraser; **1976** - Christine Lapham Reed; **1989** - Scott Snyder.

MINUTES OF THE 2008 ALUMNI MEETING

The 116th annual Alumni Banquet was June 27, 2008 in the high school cafeteria. Tours of the school were conducted. Prior to dinner, **Jay A. Wilcox '55** gave the Invocation and introduced the Wall of Distinction Inductees.

At 8:00 PM, Pres. **James R. Allen '53** called the business meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced those seated at the head table. He then introduced Supt. Stewart Amell who presented high school diplomas to World War II veteran, **Lester Poole '47** and Korean and Viet Nam War veteran, **James Weisenburger '48**.

Pres. **Allen** then thanked Mr. Amell and the school board for continuing to allow us the use of the school for the banquet. The cafeteria staff was thanked, as well, for another tremendous dinner.

Pres. **Allen** introduced Rec. Sec. **Jean Wheeler Carpenter '79** who presented her report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the 2007 alumni banquet with one correction. Paragraph 9 of the 2007 minutes should read "Grace Harvey Lasell '54 made a donation to the alumni association "in honor of" her sister **Lula Harvey Coughlin '44**", instead of "in memory of". A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

In the absence of Chair **Ruth Komm Scheppard '80**, Sec. **Carpenter** gave the A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund report. The balance as of June 23, 2008 is \$6,735.15. Fourteen alumni have outstanding loans totaling \$14,525. Two alumni have paid off loans this year; four are making regular payments and six are still in school. Four have not responded to notices. A big thank you goes out to all who have supported the endeavor.

Treas. **Shirley Yerdon Hull '56** presented her report, which had been included in the newsletter.

Corr. Sec. **Mary Laveck Hicks '68** did roll call of classes. She reported that the alumni association received donations this year in memory of **Pauline Woodard Wilson '43** and **Darrell Kehoe '51**. She also received correspondence from the following alumni: **Sally Hoag Whitehurst '46**, **Virginia Chrisman Peter '50**, **Bruce Fraser '65**, **Judy Hill Tompkins '60**, **Keith G. Thompkins, '57**, **Dannie Branche '60**, **Cori Hauer Dowling '93** and **Eva Fowler Raczka '98**. **Viola Finen Alexander '38** wrote to report she had fallen and broken her shoulder and would not be able to attend. She would love to hear from anyone who would care to renew old friendships. Her address is 37152 Estelle Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33541.

Special recognition was given to the honored classes of **1958** (the 50-year class), **1983** (the 25-year class) and **2008** - our brand new alumni.

After roll call was completed, **Mary** asked the soon-to-be-graduates to come up and briefly tell about their future plans.

Historian **Margaret Hollis Kastler '51** read a list of those who have passed on in the past year, followed by a moment of silence. She announced the large number of families/generations in attendance. (See photos.)

Flowers were presented to **Louise Hagan Allen** and **Paul Kenway**, **Class of 1933**; **Walter S. Cobb** and **Andrew J. Porter**, **Class of 1935**; **Ruth L. Ellis Smith Bousquet**, **Class of 1938**; **Margaret Rudd Chase** and **H. Stratton Killam**, **Class of 1939**; **Dora Seifert Traphagan** and **John E. "Jack" Killam**, **Class of 1940** and **Barbara Tryon Perkins**, **Class of 1943**.

Pres. **Allen** introduced Scholarship Comm. Chair **Virginia Mead Smith '54** who presented the community service award to **Kathleen Hurd '08**. She also reported on the various scholarship funds. The **JoAnn Meister Nursing Scholarship** fund has a balance of \$1,930, but, once again, there are no nursing candidates in the senior class. The newly developed teaching scholarship fund has a balance of \$213.00.

Donations were given to the scholarship funds in memory of: **Doris L. Matthews '26** by **Leitha A. Matthews Wills '45**; **JoAnn Meister '63** by

Georgia Smith Gola '63 (her classmate) and **Mary Meister Guay '62** (her sister). A donation was also received from **Grace Harvey Lasell '54** in honor of her sister **Lula Harvey Coughlin '44**, a nurse for over 30 years.

Sec. **Carpenter** conducted the election of officers. Calling for nominations from the floor, **Jay Wilcox** was nominated and elected president with the past officers remaining the same, carried unanimously.

Michelle Barber Frank '83, from the 25-year class welcomed the 50-year class. Her mother, **Deanna Bentley Barber '58** responded. Deanna spoke of how everything she remembered from high school, nobody else seemed to remember, and of putting a mouse in Mrs. **Chase's** desk drawer. **Peter Prescott '58** spoke of how his love of reading and his imagination were opened up by a speaker at the alumni banquet 50 years ago. He also spoke of how the school, the teachers and the community had influenced his life. **Deanna**, in turn, welcomed the **25-year Class of 1983** and introduced **Laura L. Weaver '83** to do the reminiscences.

Laura stated there were 83 students in the **Class of '83** and talked of attending part of elementary school at the BPE while the modular classrooms were being put in and the thrill of calling in the milk order to the cafeteria every day. She recalled that her senior year was the first year the SCCS football team went to the Carrier Dome, and the girls' and boys' basketball teams both won Frontier League Championships. She talked of their senior trip to Washington, D.C. and their senior ball at the Eis House. She joked that when she was in school, a blackberry was a fruit, and now it is a form of communication.

Vicki Smith Teachout '83 welcomed the newest members of the alumni association, the **Class of 2008**, and asked them to remember where they came from, and to make the most of every moment.

Elizabeth Lawrence '08, daughter of **Martha Miles Lawrence '78** and granddaughter of the late **Denver I. Miles '41**, responded for her class and noted what a great organization the alumni association is and she looked forward to coming back.

For his last official duty, Pres. **Allen** thanked the cafeteria staff, the maintenance staff, the ushers (members of the National Honor Society), the present alumni association officers and the 50 and 25-year class chairs for all of their hard work and dedication.

As the new president of the alumni association, **Jay Wilcox** presented **Jim Allen** with a plaque, in appreciation of his 3 years of service and his dedication to the alumni association.

The program concluded with the Benediction given by **Jay Wilcox** and the singing of our Alma Mater.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wheeler Carpenter '79
Recording Secretary



Veterans' Diplomas - Receiving their high school diplomas over 60 years after leaving school were Korean and Viet Nam War veteran **James Weisenburger '48** and World War II veteran **Lester Poole '47**. Pictured are Bd. of Ed. Pres. **Craig T. Ivison**, **Weisenburger**, **Poole** and Supt. **Stewart R. Amell**.

> If you left school to serve in any of these three wars, you may be able to get your diploma, too. Go to http://www.veterans.state.ny.us/operation_recognition.html.



WALL OF DISTINCTION INDUCTION

The 2008 Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony preceded the Alumni Banquet. This year's inductees are (l to r): **Randy Yerden '70**, who has a career in Cell Culture, is an inventor and is President and Founder of Biospherix, LTD, which manufactures and sells an extensive range of products used for biochemical research, including stem cell research; **Joshua Pitcher '03**, who has received two Purple Hearts and the Navy Achievement Medal for Valor during his career in the United States Marine Corps, and was previously inducted to the Technical Honor Society, while attending BOCES; **David Sperbeck '72**, Doctor of Clinical Psychology who worked with the world-renowned V. A. Medical Center, Bath, NY, in the area of Forensic Psychology, consultant to several Crime Task Forces, including the Green River Killer Task Force and the Washington Area Sniper Task Force, is Chair of the Alaska Psychology Licensing Board and an Associate Clinical Professor; and **James Allen '53**, retired union carpenter, who built custom homes in Texas and Senior Housing in Oswego County, was a Little League coach and umpire, Boy Scout leader, Assistant Chief and member of the **Sandy Creek Fire Department** and Past President of the **Annie Porter Ainsworth Memorial Library**, **Sandy Creek**, most recently, volunteer Clerk of the Works on the 2008 Renovation Project.



PHOTOS, Top to Bottom, Left to Right, #1-Michele Barber Frank '83, Deanna Bentley Barber '58, Robin Barber Fahnestock '79; **#2-Front,** Nancy Flower Soule '49, Gordon E. Soule '48, **Back,** Matthew G. Fults '01, James E. Soule '77, Julie Soule '71, Andrew J. Fults '05, Jessica Soule Kimball '98, Jill Soule '73; **#3-**James Weisenburger '48, Darcy Weisenburger Stevens '64, David Weisenburger '49; **#4-Front,** Gail Brownell Pennock '61, Kathy Brownell Rinefierd '68, **Back,** Kimberly Brownell Rowell '84, Lyndsay Rowell '08; **#5-**Joseph L. Hurd '78, Kathleen Hurd '08; **#6-Front,** Mary Laveck Hicks '68, **Back,** Jonna Hicks, '89; **#7-**Barbi Rohrmoser Kirk '94, Lorraine Yerdon Rohrmoser '58, Elaine Clark Brown '81, Timothy Clark '87, Evonne Clark Lorini '83; **#8-Front,** Sherry Kenway Steele '67, Paul Kenway '33, **Back,** George Steele '87, Paula Kenway Steele '66; **#9-**Rodger L. Porter '58, Andrew J. Porter '35, John Henry Porter '64; **#10-Front,** Ruth Ellis Smith Bousquet '38, **Back,** Cheryl Gola Miller '87, Georgia Smith Gola '63; **#11-Front,** Priscilla Chase Thibault '79, Margaret Rudd Chase '39, **Back,** Cameron C. Thibault '08, Ruzena M. Thibault '07; **#12-**Candace Perkins Mack '83, Barbara Tryon Perkins '43; **#13-Front,** Virginia Mead Smith '54, Frieda Mead Janacek '52, Lowana Randall Davenport '59, Herbert H. Smith '53, **Back,** Shelley Smith Blodgett '76, Vicki Smith Teachout '83, Roxanne Janacek Ferguson '72, Renee Janacek Garvin '83, Judy Randall Huyck '60, Dale Huyck, '58; **#14-**Ira P. Learned, '58, Denise Learned Ivison '81.

(A very special thanks to Phyllis Kast Allen '53 for taking the pictures for this newsletter. Well done! Don't you agree?)