Memories to last a lifetime...

50 YEAR CLASS, 1959
Seated - Donald J. Ridgeway, Janice Parker Parker, Sandra Stewart Althouse
Standing - Robert Tifair, Ralph C. Miller, John Williamson, Leon Archer, Brenda Pratt Smith, Lowana Randall Davenport, Judith Robbins Stucky, Laura Tryon Kehoe, Lorraine Yerdon Rohrmoser, Bertha Reed Griffin and Margaret Delp Marinelli

25 YEAR CLASS, 1984
Kimberly Brownell Rowell, Lisa Bulluck Howland, Michelle Hurtibus Slade (behind), Yvonne M. Barber Maddox, Michael C. Kastler, Matthew Wall and Ralph P. Albrecht

70 YEAR CLASS, 1939

40 YEAR CLASS, 1969
Front - Jacoba VanRy Spearance
Back - Linda Heselden Taber, Linda Joyner Booth, Georgia Lattimer and Janyth Killam Bonney

37 YEAR CLASS, 1972
Front - John G. Didden, Jr., Stephen E. Kappesser
Back - Carol E. Hiltiter, Barbara Clark Pratt, Denise Miles Yerdon and Roxanne Janacek Ferguson
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.
NOTE: If you graduated in 1940 or earlier, you and a guest are FREE, but please mail in this form to let us know you’re coming.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ALUMNI MAIL TO THE SCHOOL!
Mail to: MARY LAVECK HICKS  
240 MILLER ROAD  
LACONA NY 13083-3144
Alumni Donation $ ___________________________
History Fund Donation $ ___________________________
JoAnn Meister Nursing Scholarship $ ___________________________
(Check if in honor of or memory of someone)
Alumni Volunteer Award $ ___________________________
Teaching Scholarship $ ___________________________
Cole Memorial Donation $ ___________________________
Total Amount Enclosed $ ___________________________

Please list EACH or return a form for EACH alumnae/alumnus. Thank you!

THE 2010 ALUMNI BANQUET

The 118th Annual Banquet and Meeting of the Alumni Association of the Sandy Creek Central School District will be on Friday, June 25th, 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, meatballs, 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 18th. 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 2010, and the classes of 1985 and 1960, as well as the classes of 2000, 1995, 1990, 1980, 1975, 1970, 1965, 1955, 1950, 1945, 1940, 1935 and 1930. Come and join in for an evening of reminiscences and fellowship. [NOTE: Next year’s banquet is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2011.]

FINANCIAL REPORT
Treasurer Shirley Yerdon Hull
March 1, 2009 - February 28, 2010

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Total Expenditures $(8,709.22) $4,354.99

If you do the math, you will find that our General Fund is in a negative position. We have had to use, temporarily, $385.55 from our reserve funds. Thank you to all who helped with higher donations last year at banquet time. Later, we had a chicken barbecue. Then the Sports Booster Club allowed us the money collected at the door of the Alumni Basketball game, along with a 50/50 raffle and bake sale at the same time. By the time you read this newsletter, we will have had another chicken barbecue, so we may have "broken even". Only a "handful" of alumni work on these events. We can always use more people power.

Also, we need to ask for your help, once again, because we have more legal fees to follow. We hope to have our Non-profit status very soon.

Thank you to all who donate their money and/or their time; and thank you to the Sports Booster Club. Because of all of you, we have one of the stronger alumni associations in the area.

Thank you in advance!
The 117th annual Alumni Banquet was June 26, 2009 in the high school cafeteria. Once again, tours of the school were conducted for those who wished to see the recent renovations.

Prior to dinner, Pres. Jay A. Wilcox ’56 introduced Stephen E. Kappesser ’72, who gave the Invocation. He then proceeded to introduce this year’s Wall of Distinction inductees: Ira P. Learned ’58, Susan III, Blitz ’70, Dr. Patricia Ledden-Chapman ’70, and William Fowler ’83. He thanked Bld. Pres. Creg T. Vison and Stupt. Stewart R. Amell for their continued support of the alumni association. He thanked the cafeteria staff, the custodians, the National Honor Society and all the students and staff at SCSS.

After a delicious meal and sumptuous desserts, Pres. Wilcox opened the business meeting by introducing Jean Wheeler Carpenter ’79 who gave the secretary’s report. A motion was made by James P. Allen ’53 and seconded by Thomas W. Hoag Christopher ’76 to accept the secretary’s report as presented. Motion carried.

Shirley Yerdon Hull ’58 then presented the treasurer’s report, with a balance of $4,354.99. A motion was made by Tom Christopher and seconded to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

Ruth Komn Scheppard ’80 gave a detailed report on the A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund. The balance on hand, as of May 19, 2009, was $12,809.12. Twelve alumni have outstanding loans of $3,672. Three are making regular payments, five are confirmed students and four are making no attempt to repay their loans. The Cole committee has met and will mail notices to those not making payments - the first letter will be a warning and the second notice will be mailed to the co-signer. A motion was made by Peter J. Kappesser ’76 and seconded by Tom Christopher to accept this report as presented. Motion carried.

Mary Levek Hicks ’86 then took the podium for roll call and recognition of the 50-year class, the Class of 1959, and the 25-year class, the Class of 1984. Prior to this, she shared a few correspondences she had received from alumni. Dora Selfert Trehpahen ’40 wrote that she was unable to attend this year as she had a grandson who was graduating, and Myron E. Lewis ’50 wrote that he had planned on coming but had to go out of town. Mary also noted that she had received donations from Etill Stowell Barber, ’42 in memory of her cousin, Nina Cook Lee ’47, and from Margaret Delp Marinelli ’59, in memory of her brother and sister, Charles and Patricia Delp.

During roll call, there was recognition of our senior alumni who had received flowers earlier: from the Class of 1933 - Louise Hagen Allen, 76 years; the Class of 1935 - Walter S. Cobb, 74 years; the Class of 1939 - William A. Hoeg, H. Stretton Killam, Robert E. Parker and Bessie H. Vrooman Weber, 70 years; the Class of 1940 - Vance Carpenter and John E. “Jack” Killam, 69 years; the Class of 1943 - Phyllis E. Grant, 66 years; and the Class of 1944 - Paul L. Yerdon, 65 years.

Upon completion of the roll call, Mary asked our newest alumni in attendance, members of the Class of 2009, to come forward and give brief synopses of their future plans.

Historian Margaret Hollis Kastler ’51 presented her report, and, following the reading of a list of alumni who had departed this life within the past year, there was a moment of silence.

Pres. Wilcox again took the podium and presented the Outstanding Community Service award of $100.00 to Patricia Charleen Sawchuck ’09 and the John Heizer Nursing Scholarship of $500.00 to Anne Marie Bacon ’09. He then introduced Virginia Blain Smith ’54 who gave a brief report on the scholarship funds.

Rec. Sec. Carpenter presented the slate of officers for 2009-2010. With no nominations from the floor, a single vote was cast for the slate of officers and carried.

Kimberly Brownell Rowell ’84 welcomed the 50-year class, the Class of 1959, followed by reminiscences by Janice Parker Parker ’59.

Anna Margaret Delp Marinelli ’59 welcomed the 25-year class, the Class of 1984, with Michelle Hurittus-Braze ’84 doing the reminiscing for her class.

Rounding out the evening was the welcome to our newest members of the alumni association, the Class of 2009. Robert Tynfier ’59 welcomed his granddaughter’s class and noted “Privilege comes with age. Age has its privileges.” His granddaughter, Tiffany Marie Howlett ’09, gave the response for her class.

Pres. Wilcox then gave closing remarks, thanking everyone for making the alumni banquet a success and introduced Leon Archer ’59, who gave the Benediction.

The evening ended with the traditional singing of our Alma Mater.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wheeler Carpenter, ’79
Recording Secretary

Deceased Alumni

1933 - W. Theodore Prescott
1934 - Jane Kiburn Denny
1935 - Jerry Elmer LaCelle
1936 - Esther Sheldon Huwyler
1937 - Amy Darling Joyner
1938 - Meda Perry Yerdon
1940 - Charles Miles, Jean Blount Culver.
Mildred Chase Lustig Reid,
Norma Ruth Thacker Ellis
1942 - Gertrude Anken Morrissey,
Marjorie Clark Mahaffy
1943 - Dicia Briggs Whipple
1944 - Jean Bacon Roberts, Lula Harvey Coughlin
1945 - Vivian Harvey, Sr., Muriel Stockton Gardner
1946 - Jonathan Rugg
1947 - LaVerne Mizener
1948 - Walter Virkel
1949 - John A. “Jack” Parker
1955 - Harvey W. Whiting
1956 - Vera Kay “Butch” Caufield
1958 - William Birdslow
1963 - George N. Pierce
1965 - Jerry R. Fox
1967 - Greg Reynolds
1975 - Brian K. Archibee
1977 - Gerald Tierney
1980 - Lori England Meazik
1986 - Benjamin Ridgeway
1987 - Scott A. Felio

Teachers - Frances Boyle Hollis and David Orr
In 1950 and 1951, the first addition was made to the 1927 school building, so there was no gymnasium that school year. Also, in the fall of 1950, our coach, Fred Tully, resigned for health reasons. Martin Maurer was hired in December of 1950 as gym teacher and coach for the boys. The basketball team practiced in the gym at Mannsville School after supper and the Pulaski High School gym was used for home games. In spite of the hardship, Sandy Creek went on to win the Oswego-Jefferson League 14 to 0. (Baseball games were played at the Oswego County Fairgrounds because of the construction at the back of the school building.)

To show their appreciation to the basketball team, the cheerleaders decided to give them a banquet. The upstairs of the First Methodist Church was the site of the gala affair. Invitations were sent to Prof. and Mrs. Coe, the principal, Mr. and Mrs. Crichton, Mr. and Mrs. Maurer, Rev. and Mrs. Halstead and the basketball team. The gentlemen, including the team, arrived wearing suits or jackets and ties. The day was the hottest day of the year and the dining room at the church was stifling hot -- no air conditioning in those days. One of the mothers cooked homemade spaghetti sauce and the young teenage girls proceeded to prepare the rest of the meal. The table was carefully set with salad that quickly wilted to a blob and butter that turned to liquid. The pasta, while cooking, stuck together in a gluey ball. The sauce scorched to the bottom of the pot and then the ice cream melted to flavored milk.

George Corse, the writer of a weekly column in the Sandy Creek News titled “As I See It,” heard about the cheerleaders’ disaster. In one of his next columns he stated that he believed the young people of our community and school should be recognized for their endeavors.

After his article, the Block Letter Dinner, honoring the athletic teams, was started and continued until 1975 when the assembly of 200 became too large for the Masonic Hall to accommodate. Among their speakers early in the 1960’s was Ernie Davis, All-American football player and Heisman Trophy winner from Syracuse University, and, in 1965, champion boxer Carmen Basilio, who later inspired the construction of the International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, NY.

Members of the basketball team for 1950-1951 were Bob Bottles, Dick Brennan, Albert (Jake) Cole, Rich Curry, Odie Sayler, George Scott, Claire Soule, John Sprague, Norm Widrig, Dick Yerdon and Tom Yerdon.

The cheerleaders were Nancy Crast (Soulie), Margaret Hollis (Kastler), Celestine Samson (Ken), Jane Soule (Cowan) and Beverly Weston (Gilmour).

(Thanks to Norm Widrig, Roy Hunt and Kirk Ellis for their info.)