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

Alumni Association of the
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Memories to last a lifetime . . .



50 YEAR CLASS, 1959

Seated - Donald J. Ridgeway, Janice Parker Parker,
Sandra Stewart Althouse

Standing - Robert Tyfair, 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 Maddex,
Michael C. Kastler, Matthew Wall and Ralph P. Albrecht



70 YEAR CLASS, 1939

William A. Hoag, Bessie H. Vrooman
Weber, Robert E. Parker and
H. Stratton Killam



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. Hilliker, Barbara
Clark Pratt, Denise Miles Yerdon and
Roxanne Janacek Ferguson

(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.

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.

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LACONA NY 13083-3144

email: scalumni@marysneedlear.com
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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 \$ _____

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!!!

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, 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 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 2005, 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

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Beginning Balance, Deposits, Banquet Expenses, Other Expenses, Total Expenditures, Teaching Scholarship Fund, History Fund, and TOTAL - Checking Account & Cash.

A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund

Committee Chair Ruth Komm Scheppard

The committee reports a balance on hand as of March 19, 2010 of \$11,935.51.

The outstanding loan balance including interest is \$15,547.25.

Of the 11 loans, 2 are confirmed students, 1 alumnus is making regular payments. Since the banquet, we have made 2 additional loans and 1 alumna has paid her loan in full.

The committee is restructuring to comply with the Alumni by-laws. If you need a loan please allow time for the committee meet before issuing the loan.

Donations may be sent to:

A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund
Ruth Scheppard, Chairperson
195 Carr Dr.
Sandy Creek NY 13145

>Last year, donations were made by former teacher Frances Boyle Hollis in memory of her husband, John Hollis '48 and by Janice Parker Parker '59 in memory of John A. "Jack" Parker '48.

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.

When we attain our Non-profit status, we should be able to get money through grants and larger, tax-deductible donations, so we can do more for our students.

Thank you in advance!

MINUTES OF THE 2009 ALUMNI MEETING

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 '55** 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 M. Bitz '70**, **Dr. Patricia Ladden-Chapman '70**, and **William Fowler '83**. He thanked **Dr. Creg T. Iverson** and **Supt. 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 SCCS.

After a wonderful ham and turkey dinner, **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 '56 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 Komm 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 \$13,872. 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 letter 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 Laveck Hicks '68 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 Seifert Traphagan '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 **Ettie 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. Hoag, H. Stratton 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 **JoAnn Meister** Nursing Scholarship of \$500.00 to **Anna Marie Bacon '09**. He then introduced **Virginia Mead 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 **Jarvice Parker Parker '59**.

Anna Margaret Delp Marinelli '59 welcomed the 25-year class, the **Class of 1984**, with **Michelle Hurtibus Slade '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 Tyfair '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

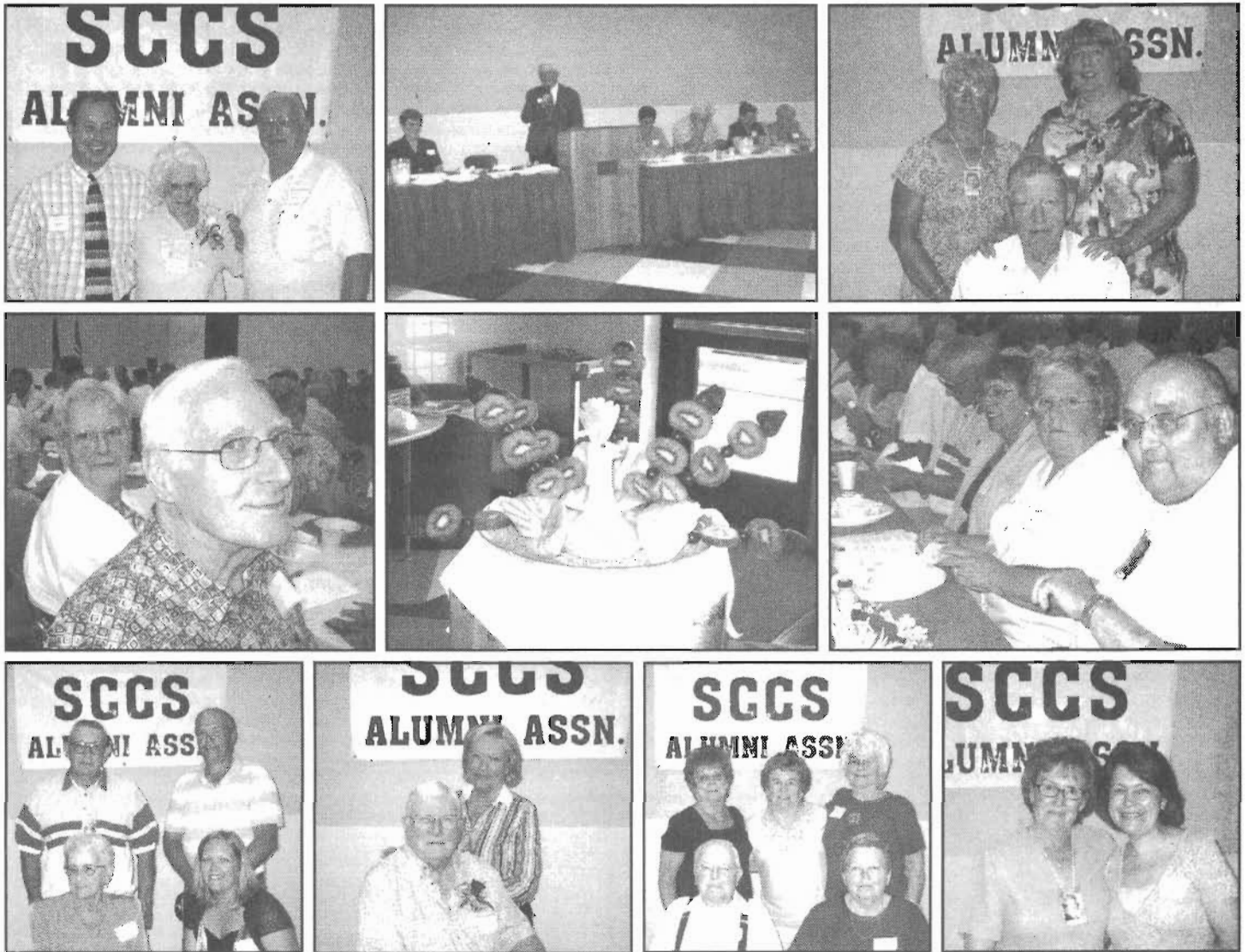


WALL OF DISTINCTION INDUCTION

The 2009 Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony preceded the Alumni Banquet. This year's inductees are (l to r): **William Fowler '83**, a teacher since 1990, at SCCS since 1996, who teaches over and beyond textbooks, making sure students are understanding the subject matter, a successful coach who has taken teams to State Finals and has been nominated for numerous Coach of the Year awards; **Ira P. Learned '58**, taught Industrial Arts for 34 years, operated "Art's & Ike's Bikes", where he also taught students to learn a trade, a founding father of the Salmon River Hockey Assn., former officer of our alumni association, volunteer fire fighter, member of the Sandy Pond Sportsmen's Assn. and Community Park Assn., member and officer of the Boylston Snowmobile Club, member and trustee of the Pulaski Wesleyan Church, Eagle Scout, Boy Scout leader and while in Florida, volunteers with a local church, feeding the homeless; **Susan Bitz, '70**, a teacher at SCCS, who is a strong supporter of the students and community, involved in school drama productions and numerous other functions, involved in Little League, Dollars for Scholars and the Sandy Creek Teachers Assn.; **Dr. Patricia Ladden-Chapman, '70**, first woman to become a doctor from Sandy Creek, graduated Valedictorian of her class, Magna Cum Laude from Boston University, graduate of SUNY Upstate Medical University and was the first graduate from Syracuse to be accepted into the Rochester Family Medicine Program. She is currently a physician at Pulaski Health Center and an associate professor at SUNY Upstate University, actively teaching in the Rural Medicine Program and the medical clerkship programs. She is currently a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Medicine, past president of the Oswego County Medical Society and the recipient of the Health Care Hero award of Oswego County.

Deceased Alumni

- 1933 - W. Theodore Prescott
 - 1934 - Jane Kilburn 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 Rudd
 - 1947 - LaVerne Mizener
 - 1948 - Walter Virkler
 - 1949 - John A. "Jack" Parker
 - 1955 - Harvey W. Whiting
 - 1956 - Verna Kay "Butch" Caufield
 - 1958 - William Birdslow
 - 1963 - George N. Pierce
 - 1965 - Jerry R. Fox
 - 1973 - Greg Reynolds
 - 1975 - Brian K. Archibee
 - 1977 - Gerald Tierney
 - 1980 - Lori England Meizlik
 - 1986 - Benjamin Ridgeway
 - 1987 - Scott A. Felio
- Teachers - Frances Boyle Hollis and David Orr



PHOTOS, Top to Bottom, Left to Right, #1 - David Spencer '92, grandson, Louise Hagan Allen '33, great grandmother and James R. Allen '53, grandfather; **#2** - Head Table, Treasurer Shirley Yerdon Hull '56, President Jay A. Wilcox '55, Recording Secretary Jean Wheeler Carpenter '79, Glen W. Hall, Corresponding Secretary Mary Laveck Hicks '68 and Historian Margaret Hollis Kastler '51; **#3** - *Front*, Frances P. Kehoe '45, uncle, *Back*, Laura Tryon Kehoe '59, mother and Colleen Kehoe Warner '80, daughter and niece; **#4** - Walter S. Cobb '35, Esther Cobb, Natalie Odell VanEgmond '52 and Harvey L. Odell '50; **#5** - "Fruity Peacock" created by Cafeteria Manager Debbie Archibee, **#6** - Robert Tylair '59, Ralph C. Miller '59, Patricia Burkhard Miller '61, Nancy L. Potish Ridgeway '63 and Donald J. Ridgeway '59; **#7** - *Front*, Lillian Miller Casler Salley '49, Shannon Cronk Robinson '99, *Back*, Ralph C. Miller '59 and Faron K. Cronk '79, **#8** - Robert E. Parker '39, father and Janice Parker Parker '59, daughter; **#9** - Robert Wayne Pratt '50, Nancy Joy Adsit Pratt '54, Brenda Pratt Smith '59, Marilyn Pratt Griffis '53 and Shirley Pratt Emm '58; **#10** - Lowana Randall Davenport '59 with cousin Roxanne Janacek Ferguson '72, who was her flower girl at her graduation in 1959. (Photos by **Phyllis Kast Allen '53**)

BLOCK LETTER DINNER

Historian Margaret Hollis Kastler

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. Cole, 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 Bortles, Dick Brennan, Albert (Jake) Cole, Rich Curry, Odie Saylor, George Scott, Claire Soule, John Sprague, Norm Widrig, Dick Yerdon and Tom Yerdon.

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

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