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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, 1960

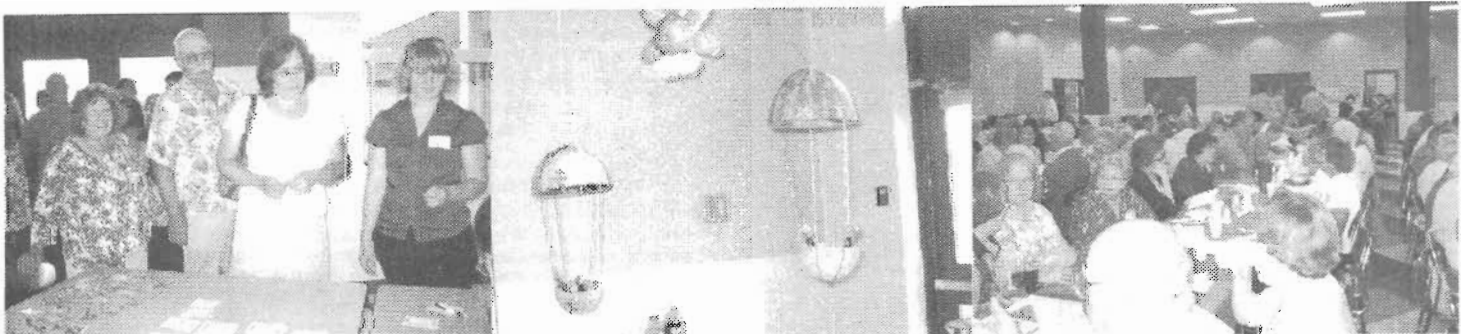
Seated - Edna Archibee Ridgeway, Ann Potter Emond, Sally Lindsey Scott, Dolores Garvin Reese, Carol vonGeldern Flournoy, John W. Crandall, Jr.

Standing - Patricia Snyder Goslin, Dean D. Clemons, Carol Kehoe Hill, Judy Hill Tompkins, Dan Branche, Geraldine Yerdon Archer, Bethel Yerdon Robertson, Jean Tubbs Beers, Lana Sweet Hallock, Joanne Grant Curran, Robert E. Heath II, Lawrence H. Smith, Judith Randall Huyck, Robert H. Hill, Kathie Pennock Dupont



25 YEAR CLASS, 1985

Christina Komm Mead, Michael Gilbert, John A. Wilson, Jr., Charlene Slater Kastler, James S. Rowell, Dale McNitt and Howard Mills



Arriving at the Banquet - Mary Skufca Komm '59 with her husband, Bill, Christina Komm Mead '85 and niece Nicole E. Scheppard '10

Wonderfully Creative Food (again) by cafeteria Cook Manager Debbie Archibee - grapefruit and cauliflower sun and clouds, and melon hot air balloons carrying grape passengers with carrot shreds noses, whole cloves eyes and clover blossoms hair, complete with carrot birds on top.

Enjoying the banquet - 190 attendees this year

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

NOTE: If you graduated in 1941 or earlier, you and a guest are FREE.

However, you must mail in this form to let us know you're coming.

Name on Diploma _____ Class Year _____

Present Name _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Attending Banquet _____ Non-refundable dinner reservations @\$18.50= \$ _____

Make checks payable to: "SCCS Alumni Assn." Please make note of separate donations.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ALUMNI MAIL TO THE SCHOOL!

Mail to: MARY LAVECK HICKS
240 MILLER ROAD
LACONA NY 13083-3144

email: scalumni@marysneedleart.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 \$ _____

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!!!

THE 2011 ALUMNI BANQUET

The 119th annual Banquet and Meeting of the Alumni Association of the Sandy Creek Central School District will be on Friday, June 24th, 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 **Banquet 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 \$18.50 per person and includes Alumni expenses. (This is a \$1.00 price increase, due to cost increase.) 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 **2011**, and the classes of **1986 and 1961**, as well as the classes of **2006, 2001, 1996, 1991, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966, 1956, 1951, 1946, 1941, 1936 and 1931**. Come and join in for an evening of reminiscences and fellowship. **[NOTE: Next year's banquet is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 22, 2012.]**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Shirley Yerdon Hull
March 1, 2010 - February 28, 2011

Beginning Balance	\$2,433.86
Deposits, Interest	9,171.77
	\$11,605.63
Banquet Expenses:	
Dinners (190)	\$2,850.00
Newsletters (3,500), Postage, Programs, Supplies	1,892.50
	\$ 4,742.50
Other Expenses:	
Cole Memorial Fund transfer	\$202.50
Alumni Volunteer Award	100.00
2 Nursing Scholarships @ \$500	1,000.00
501(c)(3) Legal Expenses	1,298.58
Chicken Barbecue Expenses	515.00
Lottery Payout	290.00
	\$3,406.08
Total Expenditures	(\$8,148.58)
JoAnn Meister Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,032.50
Donations	110.00
2 Nursing Scholarships @ \$500	(1000.00)
	\$ 1,142.50
Teaching Scholarship Fund	\$401.00
Donations	242.50
	\$643.50
History Fund	\$385.91
Donations	50.00
	\$435.91
General Fund	\$1,235.14

Again, thank you to all who helped with higher donations last year. **We now have our 501(c)(3) - Non-Profit status!!!** And the General Fund is back in the black! Since the banquet, we've had two chicken barbecues. The Sports Booster Club allowed us half of the money collected at the door of the Alumni Basketball game, and we had a 50/50 raffle and bake sale at the same time. Our "June Lottery Calendar" sales went very well, also! (Two winners donated their winnings back.) Only a "handful" of alumni work on these events; we can always use more people power. Thanks 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 a very strong alumni association.

WE HAVE OUR TAX EXEMPT STATUS!

We have attained our tax exempt status, our 501(c)(3), from the I.R.S. After many trials and few tribulations until now, we are "qualified to receive bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code". We will be able to apply for grants, and hopefully, raise more money to use for our students, as a result of this status. We ask anyone with ideas to contact us.

A huge "Thank You" goes out to President Wilcox and former President Jim Allen, for their diligence and hard work in this matter. We also thank the law firm of Hiscock and Barclay in Syracuse, who, after correcting our incorporation status, obtained our 501(c)(3). They were the ones who obtained this status for the alumni association in Pulaski, so were knowledgeable in the process.

A while ago, we were contacted regarding someone making a donation (we never knew the amount), and, when they found out that we did not have our own tax exempt status, the donation was not given. This won't be a problem in the future.

We wish to thank everyone who supported us, with your donations and encouragement in this effort. Thank you all!

A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund

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 February 8, 2011 is \$16,216.39, with an outstanding loan total of \$12,316.04, including interest. Nine alumni have outstanding loans: five are making payments; three are current students and one is not attempting to repay her loan.

Donations may be sent in with your banquet reservations or to:

A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund,
Chairperson Ruth Scheppard,
195 Carr Drive
Sandy Creek NY 13145,
email: aelmocole@gmail.com

MINUTES OF THE 2010 ALUMNI MEETING

The 118th Annual Alumni Banquet was held June 25, 2010 in the Sandy Creek Central School District high school cafeteria. Opening remarks were by **Pres. Jay A. Wilcox '55**, thanking the cafeteria staff for their hard work and dedication to our alumni banquet dinner, and also thanking the **Supt. of Schools, Stewart R. Amell**, for his continued support of our association.

Mr. Amell and Brd. of Ed. Pres. Creg T. Ivison then introduced this year's Wall of Distinction inductees: **Alice Carnrite Teal '45, Peter Sprague, '48, Ralph Albrecht '84, Dr. Michael Gilbert, '85 and Dr. Scott Stern '88.**

Jay Wilcox gave the Invocation and another fine dinner was had by all.

At 8:00 PM, **Pres. Wilcox** commenced the business meeting by introducing those seated at the head table. The secretary's report given by **Jean Wheeler Carpenter '79**, followed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the 2009 alumni banquet meeting.

Shirley Yerdon Hull '56 presented the treasurer's report. She reported a balance of \$2,358.33 as of December 31, 2009. Deposits to this date were \$8,165.00; expenses were \$6,934.88, leaving a balance of \$3,588.45.

Ruth Komm Scheppard '80 reported on the A. Elmo Cole Fund. The balance as of June 7, 2010 was \$13,396.62. There are ten outstanding loans in the amount of \$13,964.00 with four alumni still in school, three making regular payments and three with questionable status.

Corr. Sec. Mary Laveck Hicks '68 took the podium for the traditional roll call of classes and recognition of the honor classes. She read correspondences from the following alumni: **Ettie Louise Stowell Barber '42, June Billings Ingraham '45, Virginia Chrisman Peter '50** and the daughter of the late **Viola Bass Abel '31.**

She also reported donations had been received from **Kathie Elaine Pennock Dupont '60** in memory of **David Ballou** and from **Janet M. Lundgren '61** in honor of her sister, **Kristen Lundgren's 50th year, 1960.**

An additional correspondence to **Margaret Hollis Kastler '51**, from **Betty Gardner Stevens '50** was received, complimenting **Margaret** on what a great job she is doing as **Historian.**

Special recognition was given to the honor classes of 1960, the 50-year class, and 1985, the 25-year class, and 2010, our brand new alumni. Flowers had been presented to the older alumni attending. Once again, special recognition was given to **Louise Hagan Allen '33** as the oldest member of the alumni in attendance, followed closely by **Walter Cobb '35** of the 75-year class. **Walt** noted that his flower girl, **Joyce Weisenburger Guyette '48** was in attendance and **Alice Carnrite Teal** noted that her flower girl, **Edith "Edie" Stevens Caster**, was also present. **Mary** then asked members of the graduating class of 2010 to come forward and give a brief statement of their future plans.

Margaret Hollis Kastler presented the historian's report, noting that a 4th generation member of the **Crast** family was graduating this year - **Timothy J. Crast**, son of **Timothy S. Crast '81** and **Theresa L. Horth Crast '82.** A special surprise of the night was the welcoming of the entire **Maurer** family to the banquet - **Martin Maurer**, an elementary physical education teacher at **SCCS**, who just celebrated his 90th birthday, and his 5 sons, **David '64, George '65, Michael '70, Peter '73 and Paul '75.**

A moment of silence was held in honor of those who have departed this life in the past year.

Virginia Mead Smith '54 updated us on the nursing and teaching scholarships, reporting that \$110.00 in donations was received for the nursing scholarship and \$192.50 for the teaching scholarship. **Kimberly Presley Hitchcock '01** made a donation to the nursing scholarship in honor of her aunt, **Marylou Presley Scutier '70**, and **Velma Marie Thompson Jones '32** (95 years young) made a donation to the teaching scholarship in memory of teacher **Irene Herriman Killam '15.**

Virginia then announced the Outstanding Community Service award winner - **Timothy J. Crast.** This year, two **Joanne Meister Nursing Scholarships** were given - one to **Eden Renee Caufield** and one to **Matthew L. Smith.**

Rec. Sec. Carpenter called for nominations for officers, from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented, with **Kimberly Presley Hitchcock** taking over the position of **Recording Secretary.**

Vice Pres. Jennifer Howe '07 extended a welcome to the 50-year class of 1960, followed by Reminiscences by **Carol Kehoe Hill '60.**

Lawrence H. Smith '60 welcomed the 25-year class of 1985 for whom **Christina "Tina" Komm Mead** did the Reminiscences.

Dean D. Clemons '60 extended a warm welcome to our newest members of the alumni association, the class of 2010. **Nicole E. Scheppard '10**, niece of **Tina Komm Mead**, did the honors of responding for her classmates.

The evening came to a close with **Pres. Wilcox** making closing comments and **John W. Crandall, Jr. '60** giving the Benediction. Honored classes and anyone else wishing to have pictures taken were asked to remain in the cafeteria. The traditional singing of the Alma Mater ended the evening.

[Note: A problem with the sound system was unfortunate. We plan to have that remedied this coming year.]

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wheeler Carpenter '79
Recording Secretary



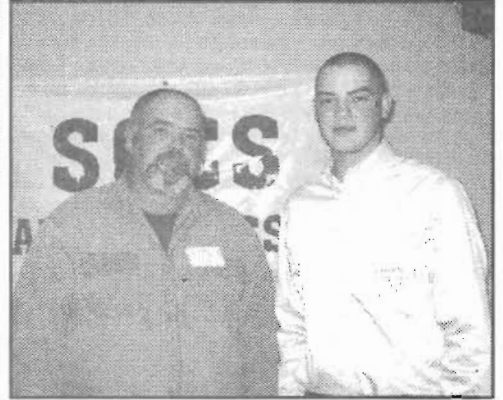
WALL OF DISTINCTION INDUCTION

The 2010 Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony preceded the Alumni Banquet. This year's inductees are (l to r): **Alice Carnrite Teal '45** worked 27 years in the editorial/business office of *Holstein-Friesian World* magazine; editor of several publications including *The Empire DAR News* (Daughters of the American Revolution), *The New Jersey Mayflower Society Newsletter* and *The Mayflower Quarterly*, received several awards for her ongoing service and dedication to ancestors of America's Pilgrims and Revolutionary War; past Regent of the Rhadamanth Chapter NY DAR, past Governor of the NJ Society of Mayflower Descendants, serves on the board of Pilgrim John Howland Society and a Trustee of Historic Cold Spring Village in Cape May Co., NJ; **Peter R. Sprague '48** - Attorney (Williams & Sprague), County Court Judge for Allegany Co., NY, member of the Allegany Co. Board of Legislators, organized the Allegany Co. Area Charitable Foundation, involved in many community activities including Boy Scout Master, Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, on the Brd. of Dir. For Cuba Circulating Library, member of the Cuba Methodist Church and Sunday school teacher, and an active member of the Cuba-Friendship Masonic Lodge; **Ralph P. Albrecht '84** (accepted by his mother Mrs. Hans (Hella) Albrecht) - Intellectual property lawyer (patents), past President of the Bar Assn. of the District of Columbia, law firm partner, previous positions in law offices and IBM Corp., worked on Trident Submarine Command and control system development, and on Avionic System Development, incl. The V-22 Osprey Controls and Displays; **Dr. Michael Gilbert '86** - worked in human services since 1989, including foster care, group home and hospital settings; a school psychologist in Syracuse City Schools; an adjunct professor at local colleges; founder of a non-profit clinical and resource center, "It's About Childhood & Family, Inc."; opened the "Center for Change", providing families an alternative to the traditional mental health system; worked on evaluating non-medication and non-labeling approaches with children exhibiting challenging behaviors; has given presentations to parents and professionals in NY and nationally, held numerous fundraisers and hosted many presentations by top-selling authors, including **Dave Pelzer** and **Mitch Albom**; has completed 11 marathons, including NYC and Chicago; **Dr. Scott Stern '88** - attended SUNY Binghamton, graduated from medical school at SUNY Health Science Center in Syracuse, completed his residency in Sayre, PA, now practicing as a Family Physician at North Medical Family Care in Liverpool, NY; teaches Sunday school, plays racquetball and is a big fan of SU Basketball and the NY Yankees.

Note: We are currently selling the June Lottery Calendars for June 2011. The price is \$10.00. The deadline is before the evening NYS Number Drawing, June 1st. Please call the phone number on your reservation form or any officer. For details, go to www.sccs.cnyric.org, click on *Community*, then *Alumni*.

Deceased Alumni

- 1928 - Florence Sheldon Babcock Russell
- 1932 - Isabel M. Chrisman Bailou (Teacher)
- 1933 - Louise Hagan Allen Lawyer
Paul A. Kenway
- 1937 - Mavis Fox Stanton (Redfield Union)
William H. Polson
Lottie Rudd
- 1940 - Dora J. Syfert Traphagan
- 1942 - Harwood Chrisman
Eleanor Presley Russo Betz
Hazel L. Rodgers Joyner
- 1944 - Margaret E. Caufield Dence
- 1945 - Chester D. Rudd
- 1948 - William M. Shirley
- 1952 - Claire Soule, Jr.
- 1955 - Lyle G. Bush
- 1958 - Rodger L. Porter
- 1964 - James R. Currier
- 1967 - Philip R. Harvey
- 1974 - Susan K. Reid Henderson



PHOTOS, Top to Bottom, Left to Right, #1 - Recording Secretary Jean Wheeler Carpenter '79, who resigned this year, Kimberly Presley Hitchcock '01, our new Recording Secretary, elected the evening of the banquet, Vice President Jennifer Howe '07 and President Jay A. Wilcox '55; **#2** - The Maurer Family, Seated - George Maurer '65, retired Physical Education teacher Martin Maurer, 90 years of age, David Maurer '64, Standing - Michael M. Maurer '70, Paul K. Maurer '75 and Peter J. Maurer '73; **#3** - the 65-year Class, 1945 - Francis P. Kehoe and Alice Carnrite Teal; **#4** - our brand new alumni, the Class of 2010 line up to tell of their plans for the future; **#5** - three generations - Seated - Frieda Mead Janacek '52, Roxanne Janacek Ferguson, '72 and Rachel Ferguson Allen '00; **#6** - Timothy S. Crast '81 and Timothy J. Crast '10, a fourth generation member of the Crast family to graduate from SCCS; he also won our \$100 Outstanding Community Service Award.



FLOWER CHILDREN TRADITION

Historian Margaret Hollis Kastler

One of the longest traditions at graduation is the procession of the graduates and their flower children. Told to me by Agnes Duane Grant (class of 1941), the first known flower presentation was to the 1888 class of two - LeRoy F. Hollis and William F. Canough, by high school girls, one of whom later became LeRoy's wife.

In an article written by Ambrose F. Widrig 1883, the 1888 graduation exercises were held on the third story of the Buckley Opera House, a brick building. It burned in 1890 and was replaced with a building that is now the Laundromat and Post Office. Another article written by an "Old Grad" (no name, no date) - "The girls of the class had flower girls. The boys didn't rate any flowers." On one graduation invitation, it stated "no flowers". Graduates were usually presented bouquets from older children. The 1915 class picture shows one boy, Howard Sargent, about the age of 10, holding flowers. The class of 1927 has 13 children who appear to be about 6 or 7 years of age. Graduation was held in various buildings, most generally in the Sandy Creek Methodist Church.

The "new" school, built in 1929, had an auditorium with a stage. The flower bearers, carrying large baskets of wild flowers, usually picked at home or from a neighbor's yard, would parade up on the stage, and after the presentation to the graduates, the children would stand behind their baskets, along the front of the stage, making a lovely floral display, while proud parents and grandparents, friends and family looked on. With changes over the years, the children became younger and the baskets became smaller.

Now graduation is held out-of-doors on the front lawn. The graduates, with their young charges, line the driveway on the east side of the school, march down the driveway, across the front of the school and up the front sidewalk. This practice makes it easy to see the little ones dressed in their best, and is a great opportunity for picture taking.

>Editor's error in last year's Block Letter Dinner article - the name should have been Nancy Crast (Bulluck).

FLOWER CHILDREN TRADITION ~~~

The Class of 1927 - (We hope our identifications of the graduates are correct) third row - Helen Kast (Brown), Marian Snyder, Catherine LeClair (Bates), Minnie Colwell (Pratt), Gertrude Nemier (Stevens), Syrena Ridgeway, back row - Kenneth Chase, Fred Lawrence, John Thompson, Schuyler Shoecraft, Edgar Grant, the Teacher (?), George A. Earl, Jr. and Winford J. Smith. We do not have the names of the flower children in this picture. If anyone knows who they are or if there are any corrections, please let us know.

Alice Carnrite Teal '45 and her flower girl, Edith "Edie" Stevens Caster '61

James R. Allen '53 and his flower girl, Darleen Chase '68