Memories to last a lifetime...

50 YEAR CLASS, 1960
Seated - Edna Archibee Ridgeway, Ann Potter Emond, Sally Lindsey Scott, Dolores Garvin Reese, Carol vonGeldern Flounroy, John W. Crandall, Jr.
Standing - Patricia Snyder Goslin, Dean D. Claymans, Carol Keohoe Hill, Judy Hill Tompkins, Dan Branche, Geraldine Yerdon Archer, Bethel Yerdon Robertson, Jean Tubbs Beers, Lanna 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
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.

Mail to: MARY LAVECK HICKS
240 MILLER ROAD
LACONA NY 13083-3144
Alumni Donation $ ___________________________
History Fund Donation $ ___________________________
JoAnn Meister Nursing Scholarship $ ___________________________
(Make note if in honor or memory of someone) ___________________________

Total Amount Enclosed $ ___________________________

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!!!

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 Amel’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 held 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 to 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.


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

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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 those 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 exemption 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 Hiscoc 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 Scheppner, 195 Carr Drive, Sandy Creek NY 13145, email: elmocole@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. Wilson, President of the Sandy Creek Alumni Association 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 Dr. of Ed. Pres. Creg T. Wilson then introduced the annual Wall of Distinction inductees: Alice Carmine Teal '48, Peter Sprague '48, Ralph Albright '94, Dr. Michael Gilbert '85 and Dr. Scott Storr '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 was 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 Yorkent Hutt '56 presented the treasurer's report. She reported a balance of $2,356.33 as of December 31, 2009. Deposits to this date were $8,165.00; expenses were $6,934.88, leaving a balance of $3,230.12.

Ruth Kopp Scheppeard '80 reported on the A. Elmo Cole Fund. The balance as of June 7, 2010 was $13,323.71. There are ten outstanding loans in the amount of $13,964, 000 with Board of Education, school three, making regular payments and three with questionable status.

Carr. Sec. Mary Lavenick 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 '62, June Billings Ingram '45, Virginia Christian Peter '50 and the daughter of the late Viola Bass Abel '31.

She also reported obituaries had been received from Kathie Elaine Penney Dupont '60 in memory of David Ballou and from Janet M. Lundgren '51 in honor of her sister, Kristen Lundgren's 50th year, 1980.

An additional correspondence to Margaret Hollis Kastler '61, from Betty Gardner Stevens '50 was received, complimenting Margaret on what a great job she is doing as Historian.

Special recognition was given for the honor classes of 1960, the 50-year class, and 1965, the 25-year class, and 2010, our brand new Alumni. Flowers were 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 Cob '35 of the 75-year class.

Walt noted that his flower girl, Joyce Weisenburger Guyette '48 was in attendance and Alice Carmine Teal noted that her flower girl, Edith "Edie" Steveny Castle, was also present. Many other members of the graduating class of 2010 came to forward and give a brief statement of their future plans.

Margaret Hollis Kastler presented the historian's report, noting that a 49th generation member of the Cast family was graduating this year - Timothy J. Cast, son of Timothy S. Cast '81 and Theresa L. North Cast '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 SCS, who just celebrated his 90th birthday, and his 5 sons, David '84, George '85, Michael '76, 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 $110,000 in donations was received for the nursing scholarship and $192,500 for the teaching scholarship. Kimberly Pressley Hitchcock '91 made a donation to the nursing scholarship in honor of her aunt, Mary Lou Pressley Scott '70, and Velma Marie Thompson Jones '32 (95 years young) made a donation to the teaching scholarship in memory of teacher Irene Herriman Killen '15.

Virginia then announced the Outstanding Community Service award winner - Timothy J. Cast. This year, two Joanne Menes Nursing Scholarships were given - one to Edens Renee Garfield 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 Pressley 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 30-year class of 1968 in memory of whom Christian "Tina" Kopp Mead did the Reminiscences.

Dean D. Clemens '60 extended a warm welcome to our newest members of the alumni association, the class of 2010. Nicole E. Scheppeard '80, niece of Tina Kopp Mead, did the honours of introducing 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 front of 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

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.cnmi.org, click on Community, then Alumni.

Deceased Alumni

1928 - Florence Sheldon Babcock Russell
1932 - Isabel M. Chrisman Ballou (Teacher)
1933 - Louise Hagan Allen Lawyer
1937 - Mavis Fox Stanton (Redfield Union)
1947 - Chester D. Rudd
1948 - William M. Shirley
1952 - Claire Soula, Jr.
1955 - Lyle G. Bush
1958 - Roger L. Porter
1964 - James R. Currier
1967 - Philip R. Harvey
1974 - Susan K. Reid Henderson
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 a 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 1923, 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 Carnite Teal '45 and her flower girl, Edith "Edie" Stevens Caster '61

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