



# ALUMNI NEWS

## *The 1993 Alumni Banquet*

The *101st annual Alumni Banquet and Meeting* of the Sandy Creek High and Central School will be held on Friday, June 25, 1993 at the River Valley Inn. A steamship round of beef buffet will be served at 7:00 P.M. at a cost of \$12.00 per person (this includes meal, drink, gratuity and Alumni expenses). Prepaid reservations should be returned to the secretary no later than June 18, 1993.

We will be honoring the Classes of 1918, 1943, 1968 as well as the present graduating class. We are always trying to locate former teachers. If you have any addresses, please include them with your reply.

Our *101st Banquet* promises to be as colorful, as tasty and as memorable as last year.



### ***Sandy Creek High and Central School Alumni Association***

Honorary Co-President - Daisy Olin Rayo, '43  
Honorary Co-President - Ret. Lt. Col. Phyllis Grant, '43  
President - Rhonda McDougal Barron, '68  
Co-Vice President - Steven Timmerman, '69  
Co-Vice President - Richard Hazard Jr., '69  
Recording Secretary - Brian Killam, '75  
Corresponding Secretary - Betty Bachar McDougall, '52  
Treasurer - Susan Crandall, '67  
Executive Chairwoman - Sue Bitz, '70  
Chairwoman: A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund - Peggy Potish Manchester, '70  
Historian - Margaret Hollis Kastler, '51  
Executive Secretary - Nancy Potish Ridgeway, '63

# History of Our District Schools



*Redfield School - Built 1872*

## **Redfield**

Between 1795 and 1798 the first settlers mostly from Connecticut, came to Redfield. The town was taken from Mexico, as part of the Oneida county, March 14, 1800. On February 20, 1807 Arcadia was annexed to Redfield. The 21st of February 1843, Arcadia was erected into a town called "Greenboro," and a post office was established on the state road near the Boylston line. It was reannexed to Redfield the 1st of March 1848.

The first church in Oswego County was established in Redfield in 1802 by the Rev. Joshua Johnson and still is in use today. He taught the first school, beginning in 1801, in his home.

The school and church in Redfield flourished and in the years of 1817 and 1818 the town voted to raise for schools three times the amount received from the State - a very unusual proceeding. By 1860 the town had nine school districts, attended by 393 children. By 1870 ten school districts had been formed.

This small rural village, District No. 1, built a handsome two story school at Redfield Square, in 1872, as a grade school, with two departments, liberally sustained. This building is now the town barn. By 1892 districts in the town had grown to 12 with 141 pupils and 13 teachers.

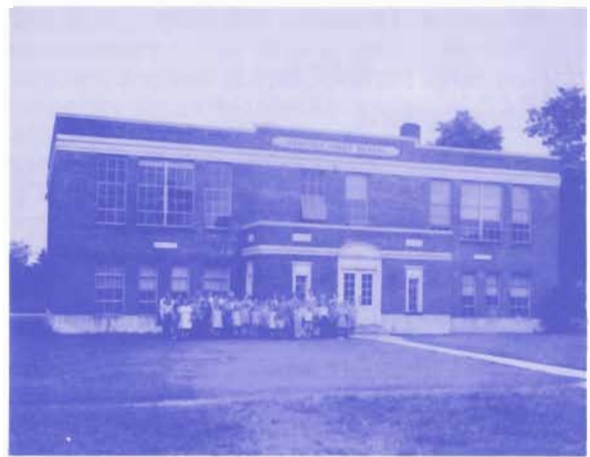
To receive a high school education students were "boarded" out in various school districts: Sandy Creek, Pulaski or Camden. Many students worked off their room and board by doing housework, child care or farm chores.

In 1922 a 2-year high school was chartered by the State of New York. In 1927 the brick school-house was built. It is now an apartment house, with the town government and post offices, and library on the first floor. A 4-year high school was chartered in 1932 and in the next ten years 55 proud Redfield students graduated.

In 1942 under New York State ruling, the First Supervisory District of Oswego County (Towns of Boylston, Orwell, Redfield and Sandy Creek) centralized smaller schools with nearby larger facilities. All Redfield high school students were bussed to Sandy Creek with the first to graduate in the Class of 1943. In 1970 the Redfield building was closed and all students were bussed to Orwell or Sandy Creek.

### **Redfield District Schools**

1. Village
2. Quinn
3. Bourne
4. Balcom (State Road)
5. Castor (Caster is correct spelling)
6. Otto Mills (Livingston)
7. Cooper
8. Greenborough (Button, 1885 Geog. and 1895 Landmarks)
9. Taylor
10. Clifford
11. Little John
12. South Woods (Bolarine)



*Redfield Village School - 1927-1970*

## **Orwell**

The first settlers came to Orwell in 1806 and located near the hamlet of Molino or Pekin. The first school was taught by Jesse Aiken in 1810, in Pekin.

The Town of Orwell was formed from Richland on the 28th of February, 1817 and at that time included the present town of Boylston, which was set off February 7, 1828. At the first town meeting, in April 1817, double the amount received from the state was voted for the benefit of the schools.

In 1818 the town comprised two school districts. During the summer of 1818 a small frame school-house was erected just north of Orwell village. The funds were not sufficient to plaster it, but wood was abundant, and huge fires kept the children warm, on alternate sides, while the snow came down outside.

By 1892 11 districts had been formed with 310 scholars taught by 12 teachers.

School district, No. 4, Orwell village school, was formed in 1841-1842. A two-story frame building was erected. For many years second-year high school subjects were taught. This continued until about 1935 when they taught only eight grades. In 1942, Orwell became part of the Sandy Creek Central School District, with the other towns of the First Supervisory District.

The new grade school built in Orwell, between 1949 and 1952, had six grades at its start. Now children attend Kindergarten through grade three there.

### **Orwell District Schools**

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Potter         | 7. Vorea         |
| 2. Castor         | 8. Stillwater    |
| 3. Pekin          | 9. Pine Meadows  |
| 4. Orwell Village | 10. New Scriba   |
| 5. River          | 11. Beacherville |
| 6. Chateaugay     |                  |



*Orwell School - Original portion built 1842  
Addition put on late 1800's*

## History continued -

### Boylston

The first settlers came in the spring of 1812 and located in the northwestern part of the present town of Boylston, which was then a part of Richland. As soon as 1817 the half-dozen families then in town were determined to have a school-house. They built one of logs, and covered it with bark, near the site of the Methodist Protestant Church (North Boylston, Rudd Corners). Teachers were then paid principally by the parents of the pupils. There was not enough of them to support a teacher, so the unmarried men of the settlement agreed to contribute, thus a sufficient amount was raised to hire Polly Allport to teach the first school in Boylston.

On application to the legislature, an act was passed on the 7th of February 1828, forming the Town of Boylston from Orwell, following the lines of the old survey Town of Campania.

By 1892-1893 there were nine school districts, with nine teachers serving 219 pupils.

Boylston had only common school districts with one-room school-houses, going as far as the eighth grade. During the late 1940's and early 1950's, these were slowly closed and the students bussed to Sandy Creek.

#### Boylston District Schools

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Wart                  | 6. Palmer          |
| 2. North Church (Lillie) | 7. Joint District  |
| 3. Van Auken             | 8. Boylston Centre |
| 4. Hemlock               | 9. Smartville      |
| 5. Phelps                |                    |

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## Minutes of the 1992 Alumni Meeting

The 100th annual banquet of the Sandy Creek High and Central School Alumni Association was held Friday evening, June 26, 1992 at the River Valley Inn in Mannsville, NY.

Following an invocation offered by Sandra Crouse Comstock, '67, 256 members and guests, our largest crowd ever, sat down to a roast beef and turkey buffet. With two buffet lines everyone was served quickly and efficiently, avoiding service problems we have had in the past. The food was also plentiful and delicious.

While we were eating we were entertained by the Sandy Creek High School Jazz Band under the direction of Stephanie Pierce, '86, acting in the absence of her mother.

The business meeting was opened by Sandra Guyette Hughs, '67, our Toast Mistress for the evening.

Brian Killam, '75 presented the Secretary's Report with the minutes being approved as read.

Sandra Guyette Hughs, '67, gave the Treasurer's Report indicating a balance on hand of \$2,069.82.

Peggy Potish Manchester, '70, presented the A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund Report. After discussing the status of past due loans she read a letter from a distressed Alumna who felt it was sad that some of our members have not repaid us as they had agreed. Peggy reported a balance on hand of \$5,256.76 with \$3,645.30 in past due loans.

Sue Bitz, '70, Chair of the Executive Committee, conducted the Election of Officers. The following slate was elected unanimously:

President	Rhonda McDougal Barron '68
Honorary President	Sally Kastler Bettinger '43
Co-Vice Presidents	Steve Timmerman and Rick Hazard '69
Recording Secretary	Brian Killam '75
Corresponding Secretary	Betty Bachar McDougall '52
Treasurer	Sandra Guyette Hughs '67
Executive Chair	Sue Bitz '70
Chair, A. Elmo Cole Fund	Peggy Potish Manchester '70
Historian	Margaret Hollis Kastler '51
Executive Secretary	Nancy Potish Ridgeway '63

Supervising Principal, Jerry Quimby, gave his 10th Annual Report on the just ended school year.

During the 1991-92 school year there were 1096 students enrolled in the S.C.C.S. system, supported by a budget of \$7.1 million. Rhonda McDougal Barron, '68 was elected to the Board of Education this year.

67 students were candidates for graduation and were to receive \$10,695 in awards at graduation exercises the next day. \$9,600 in scholarships were to be given out, 55% of the class was going on to college, 13% into the armed forces. There were 13 students inducted into the National Honor Society and there were 2 foreign exchange students.

The girls basketball team won their league championship and the girls softball team went on to sectional play with a 24-1 record.

According to Mr. Quimby, Sandy Creek is as good as, or better than, any school in Oswego County by many objective measures.

Betty Bachar McDougall, '52 called the roll of the classes. The oldest member present was Mabel Rawlings from the Class of 1916. Also present were Josie Hedger, '21; Mabel Carnrite, '22; Gladys Archer and Ellen Corse Potter, '23; Kathryn Hamer Widrig and Eva Randall Yerdon, '25; Ila Smith Chanley, '26; 13 members of the Class of 1942; 13 members of the Class of 1952; 14 members of the Class of 1967, and 4 members of the Class of 1992 were also in attendance.

Margaret Hollis Kastler, '51 gave the Historian's Report. Her first duty was to call the roll of the deceased after which we observed a moment of silence for our departed friends.

Margaret called our attention to the invitation to, and a speech from the first banquet, that were reprinted in her annual handout.

Peter Albrecht, Salutatorian of the Class of 1992, and the youngest member, presented flowers to Mable Rawlings, the oldest.

Margaret noted that Mabel Carnrite, '22 was attending her 68th banquet.

The four Albrecht brothers and sisters were in attendance and it was noted with great pleasure that their family had given us 3 valedictorians and 1 salutatorian.

The Widrig family had 2 sets of three generations in attendance and the Allen family was here with 4 generations - Louise Hager Allen, '33; James Allen, '53; Sue Allen Spencer, '74; and David Spencer, '92.

Also at this time Ella Jane Ridgeway Chrisman was presented with a silver vase with blue and white flowers on behalf of Ronnie Slater, '58 who was her flower boy in 1942.

Margaret pointed out her annual history display which included the spade handed down from one class to the next for so many years.

## Does Anyone Know . . .

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. . . the whereabouts of, or addresses of, the following Sandy Creek School Alumni? If you have any information please notify the secretary.

Jean Rattray Burns, 1967  
Babs Schulz, 1967  
Trudy Schulz, 1967  
William VanAlystyne, 1967  
Mary Ann Jaques, 1967  
George Johnson, 1967  
Guy Stevens, 1967  
Robert Iredale, 1968  
Daniel Hughes, 1963  
Robert Bumpus, 1968  
Maurice Newman, 1943  
Glorie Moyer, 1984  
George Scott, 1951

### AFGHAN RAFFLE

In 1992, Mildred Carnrite Balcom, Class of 1933, made and donated a beautiful afghan. The proceeds, \$350.00 were to benefit the History Fund. The drawing was held the night of the Banquet. Georgia Edgar Perkins, Class of 1966 was the lucky winner.

We are grateful to Mrs. Balcom for thinking of us.

**YES!**

I am planning to attend the 1993 Alumni Banquet

Enclosed is my donation/support of the SCCS Alumni Association

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Reservations &  
Operational Expenses for \_\_\_\_\_ (x \$12.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Cole Memorial Fund \_\_\_\_\_

History Fund \_\_\_\_\_

The Class of 1942 was welcomed by Andrea Chrisman, '92, whose grandparents, Harwood and Ella Ridgeway Chrisman, are members of the 50 year class. She remarked at how impressed she was at the thought of all the people who had gone before her as members of the S.C.H.&C.S. Alumni Association.

Responding was Ella Jane Ridgeway Chrisman who thanked her classmates for coming and she also thanked her granddaughter for her warm welcome.

Dr. Warren Hollis shared reminiscences of the Class of 1942, who express gratitude for the "honor of being honored." He shared memories of his first banquet - 1938. He had not graduated but it was his grandfather's 50th year - there were only 2 members of the Class of 1888 - Leroy F. Hollis and William F. Canough.

The Honor Class of 1967 was welcomed by Floyd Joseph McDougal, a member of that class.

Rick Presley responded for his class, sharing reminiscences. He offered special congratulations to the Classes of 1917, 1942 and 1967 as well as the Class of 1992. He noted that the first three are linked by the tragedies of World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War and was grateful that the Class of 1992 was going out into a somewhat more peaceful world. He also singled out the teachers who had had the greatest effect on him - Mrs. Rawlings, Mr. Clerkin and Mr. Hunt (who talked him into going to college.)

Paulette Potish Lindsey, '67, welcomed the Class of 1992 of which her son was a member. She compared school then and now and offered the following advice from Shakespeare to her son and his classmates: "To thine own self be true."

Aaron Lindsey responded for the Class of 1992, thanking his mother's class for their warm welcome. Aaron noted that as he listened to his mother's classmates reminisce they did not remember the statistics, who did what or how much, but the experiences they shared with their friends, their joys and their despairs. He also asked that every one remember Corinna Allen, a classmate who died in an automobile accident in January.

Sandy Guyette Hughs, '67 welcomed the 75, 70, 55, 40, 35, 20, 10 and 5 year classes and presented flowers to members of these classes.

Following a benediction by Sue Crandall, '67 the meeting closed with the singing of the Alma Mater.

Respectfully Submitted  
Brian Killam, '75

### A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund:

After careful consideration, the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association decided to turn over all the unpaid and past due loans to a collection agency. It is the hope of this committee to get these past due funds collected and then to make this money available to future graduating alumni.

There are seven loans now overdue totaling an amount of \$4360.00. Hopefully next year's report will show this amount much lower.

Thank-you to everyone who continues to contribute to the Cole Fund. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to: A. Elmo Cole Memorial Fund and mail them to: P.O.Box 98, c/o Peggy Potish Manchester, Lacona, NY 13083.