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Homecoming Weekend Brings Many Back to Sidney*

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The SCSAA moved a large step forward in its goal of joining with the School to increase interest and support in Homecoming Weekend by moving the 5th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to September 22, 2007.

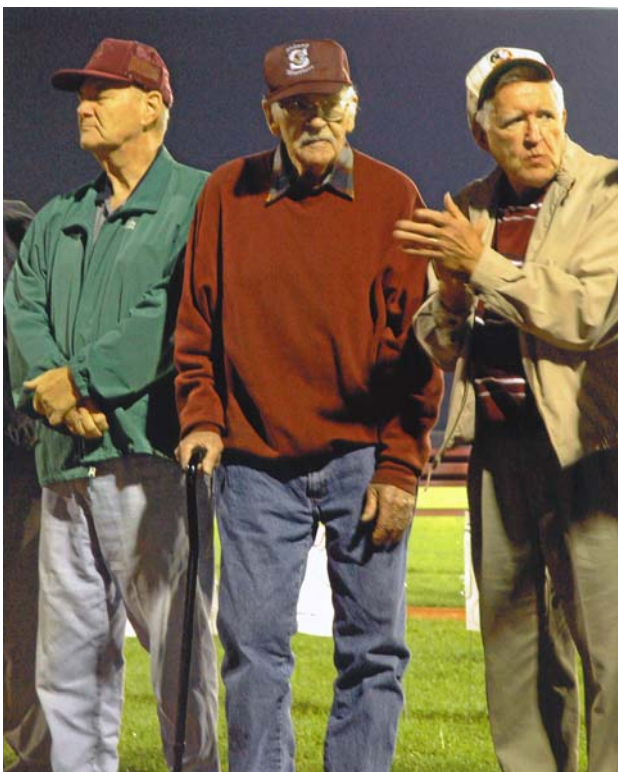
The Association's involvement inspired the student body to bring back Homecoming traditions among students for the first time in many years. A new tradition of holding the SHOF inductions has now been started.

At the Homecoming football game on September 21, hundreds of Alumni ranging from graduates of the 1940s through 2007 showed up to cheer on the football Warriors and also to pay tribute to the Class of 2007 Inductees and the inaugural Legacy Award recipients during a special halftime ceremony.

The 1950 football team was honored at the ceremony along with the newest Hall of Fame inductees, Kermit Marble ('55), Mike Gallup ('63), and Vinny Lynch ('77). The coach of the 1950 team, Fran Redmond, joined his former players on the track for halftime introductions. Some of the guys from that team (7-0 League champs that season) came from as far away as California, Arizona and Florida.

Following the football game, the party continued at the Sidney VFW, where stories of past athletic glories were shared.

On Saturday night a record 170 guests attended the Sports Hall of Fame Induction dinner held at the American Legion in Sidney. Greg Davie was Master of Ceremonies again this year and guided everyone through a wonderful evening of memories of Sidney's Athletic history.



Coach Fran Redmond (center) with two of the players on the Championship 1950 Football team.

After being introduced by her neighbor, Bill Dann '61, Mrs. Dorothy Drake accepted the award for her late husband, Alan. Mrs. Drake thanked all the players who worked so hard under her husband's direction—especially those who were on the baseball teams who make the incredible 33 game winning streak (1962-63) possible.

Kermit Marble ('55) was introduced by son, Charlie. Kermit was a stellar three-sport All Star. While he never got to play ball in college, Kermit's exploits at Sidney were even more impressive given the fact that he worked two jobs while living by himself in a boarding house. It was his decision to do that, after his father died and his mother and brother moved to Bainbridge.

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It Took a Village (With Apologies to Hillary)

By Mike Gallup '63

When Greg Davie emailed me last spring with news that I had been nominated to the Sidney Central School Alumni Association Sports Hall of Fame, I was thrilled. Born and raised in Sidney, with my teenage years revolving around sports, strong memories returned of a very important part of my life. There are days when I strain to remember what I did very recently. (As an example, my wife insists I saw the play "Hairspray" last summer in our hometown of Boston. I have no, none, nada, zero recollection of it. So of course, I deny it!) But I can recall specific plays on the football field or basketball court from 1962 as if they were last week!

When Greg said that I was expected to make a few remarks at the induction dinner, I began to think about what had really transpired back then. The more I thought about it, the more I realized what had really happened. How I was not just raised IN Sidney, but how I was raised BY Sidney.

I was raised by the shopkeepers and public employees. They all knew who you were, and more importantly, whose child you were. My fellow eighth graders will recall when we "terrorized" the public library by simultaneously popping balloons we had smuggled in. By the time we had rallied a Cables Ice Cream Shop to gloat, my father had been called and had driven down to round us up and take us to the police station. So much for that life of crime. The paper even had a front page story branding us 'Rowdies' (Ah, to be a rowdy boy again.)

I was raised by teachers and coaches. In retrospect men
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SCSAA Plans For 10th Anniversary in 2008

The Board of Directors of the SCS Alumni Association is officially proclaiming 2008 our 10th anniversary year and is planning a series of activities to honor the past 10 years.

All of you are officially invited to submit ideas and to help in any way possible. The 10th Anniversary Committee is seeking ideas and of course your presence at as many events as possible.

For the spring issue of Reflections we would like to gather as many memories of the last 10 years as possible. For example, do you remember - the "Millennium" Photo, our first March of the Classes, the winners of all of the Alumni Golf Tournaments, the "King" of the March of the Classes, 2000, or the very first issue of Reflections?

We would like you to share memories of past weekends in words and pictures. Please send your idea, memories and pictures to the Editor at karencycon@yahoo.com or the Association address SCSAA, P.O. Box 2186, Sidney, New York. Let's make 2008 a year to REMEMBER!



*Golf Champs!
Winners of the SCSAA Alumni Golf Tournament, 2007
The team of John Ross, Sean Larose '94,
Brian Birdsall, '95, Craig Dawson '97*

**Cast Your Vote for SCSAA Board
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70th Reunion—July 2007

Class of 1937—Senior trip to Washington DC. (l-r) Marie Louise Steiner Nickerson, Bard Chestney, Ken Harris and Betty Smith Rowe. Betty recently attended her 70th reunion along with several in her class who were responsible for creating the All Class Reunion Luncheon in 1987. That luncheon provided the basis for Alumni Reunion Weekend and the SCSAA which will be celebrating it's 10th year in 2008.

Straight From the Gavel

By Terry Dermody ‘65

“Our First Decade”

The Sidney Central School Alumni Association will celebrate its 10th Anniversary in 2008. A whole decade has passed since Bob Chantler’44 and I announced the formation of the Sidney Central School Alumni Association_(SCSAA) when we were guests on Sidney radio station, WCDO. It seems like only yesterday. Though we had no idea what to expect, we were excited over the prospects. As I reflect back on our first decade, I can say that this has been one of the most exciting and rewarding journeys that I ever taken, and I look forward to the SCSAA’s next 10 years.

The Association has developed beyond anyone’s wildest dreams. Today the SCSAA is an organization that creates opportunities to bring together all generations of Alumni and it is recognized as making a positive affect on the School and Community... *and to think it all started with a vision.*

As we prepare to celebrate our 10th anniversary, it seems appropriate to highlight some of the achievements of the SCSAA in its first decade. The highlights are drawn from previous “Straight From the Gavel” columns and titles, which serve as progress reports of the SCSAA

It began in 1998 with “**Transforming the Vision**”, when our plans for an Association were announced with our hopes and aspirations for creating an organization to unite alumni, community, and school with a common bond.

“**Building the Bandwagon**” validated our vision. It document the alumni’s enthusiastic response to, support for, and genuine interest in the Alumni Association’s being formed. This column confirms that the design of the Association was a true grass roots effort. In the case of the SCSAA, the alumni are the “grass roots” and among the suggestions they made were:

- All-Alumni Weekend
- Alumni Website
- All-Alumni Golf tournament,
- Alumni Scholarship Fund for seniors at Sidney High
- Alumni Directory

“**Talk of the Town**”, describes how our Association had become the **Talk of the Town** and captured the imagination of the entire community. This was the phase in our development that advanced our purpose of becoming as a major community organization.

In 2002 “**Coming of Age**” chronicled our arrival as a bona fide organization and set the stage for future growth and undertakings.

- Formal elections of Directors were held sanctioning the Association as the official voice of the Alumni Community,
- By-laws were formalized,
- 501 c.3 statuses was achieved
- Website expanded and a permanent webmaster appointed.
- Membership expanded and the Association became financially sound.

This was a critical period for the Association. The Association had gained the momentum to move the vision forward The future of the Association looked bright and its potential seemed unlimited.

As our momentum grew, and our optimism thrived, the next step was “**Where do we go from Here?**”. Now that we had “Come of Age” and continued to grow as an organization, we were faced with some important decisions about our future. There were many options available, so the question became which direction we should go, or what initiative should be our priority. Our guiding principle from the beginning was to “stay true to our purpose” and so it was during this stage that I declared my assurance that no matter which path we took it is was my fervent commitment that we would not deviate from the founding purposes of our organization. We analyzed

our choices for every project, event, and undertaking to be consistent with these purposes. This is a standing commitment of the Association. To guide us through this stage, we found we were able to consider some of the suggestions and ideas that were proposed during the “Building the Bandwagon phase, which we were unable to implement due to the lack of the resources. New initiatives were:

- SCSAA Sports Hall of Fame,
- SCSAA Alumni Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni,
- Locating a permanent meeting facility,
- Creating a Homecoming event,
- Expanding our relationship with the School and Community
- The Pleasant Street School.

As each new initiative become a reality over the next 4 years, they inspired my columns “ **Saving the Pleasant St School,**”, “**United in Celebration,** “ **A Special Invitation for a Special Moment**” and “**Rising to the Challenge**”.

“**United in Celebration**” chronicled and recognized the “Alumni Sports Hall of Fame (SHOF)”, one of the most popular activities of the Association. The “Hall of Fame” was established for the purpose to **celebrate** the **long standing tradition** of excellence and accomplishments of the Sidney High Sports Programs, and to pay tribute to the athletes and coaches who distinguished themselves and who made significant contributions in perpetuating this tradition. This tradition is honored and recognized because it embodies the ideals of our founding purposes by capturing the imagination, and exciting, inspiring and serving as a unifying force for the alumni, school and community.

“**A Special Invitation for a Special Moment**” celebrated the inauguration of the “Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Educators. This was a very special moment for the Association

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The editor’s corner



Here is the fall, 2007 issue of Reflections. Some of you will note that this is the 10th year that this newsletter has been in existence. In the last ten years, we have grown along with the SCSAA.

Looking back at some of the earlier issues, I realize how much I have learned about the physical presentation of the paper, but it is really clear how much all of you have been a part of the growth of the newsletter. We now print a 20 page publication, send it to a roster of nearly 4000, and it is filled with articles and pictures that you have contributed!

In the first paper, we had a small number of people who told us about their lives since graduation. In this issue we have some 8 pages of news and pictures. It couldn’t be done without your participation.

Be sure and read about Alumni Weekend 2007. It was a great weekend with many alumni making the trip to Sidney, and it wasn’t hard to believe that the rainbow on Friday night really did end in our hometown. The reunion pictures and descriptions can only begin to tell you how much fun everyone had

The articles and pictures of Homecoming Weekend will give you an idea of what a special time it was and maybe you’ll be inspired to plan to come next year.

Please take a moment to read the biographies of the candidates who are running for a term on the Board of the SCSAA and then cast your vote. Remember that you must be a current member of the Association for your vote to count. If you are not a current member, please send your dues.

I hope you enjoy this issue and will be inspired to send your own stories or articles for the next one.

Karen Cycon Dermody
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An Association Wish List

The SCSAA is preparing to celebrate its’ 10th anniversary and we are seeking your help. One of the ways you can participate is to help us with our Holiday Wish List.

1. Give the gift of SCSAA Membership. For \$10/year (\$5 for age 65 and over) you can give friends and family a membership in the Association. Make sure that every alum in your family is a current member of the SCSAA.
- 2.Send a book to the 1000 Book Challenge. With nearly 700 books donated, this is the perfect time to add an item to your gift list. Send a book or money to the Association address and we’ll make sure it arrives at the High School Library.
3. Buy a Raffle ticket for the Newport Beach, CA Timeshare property. This is a chance for you to own a week at this fabulous Marriott Resort. The property value is \$29,000. Your cost is \$100. Only 500 tickets to be sold. Give the gift of your support in this major fund raising event. See details at www.sidneyalumni.org
4. Hold a fund raising event of your own for the SCSAA. It could be a wine tasting party, a backyard picnic, a dinner cruise or an idea of your own. Charge each person a donation with the proceeds to benefit the SCSAA.
5. Join an SCSAA committee – become a volunteer and help your association.
6. Start a communication network with your classmates and spread the word about the SCSAA. Encourage membership and participation.

Happy Holidays!

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1931. Theodore F. “Ted” Elliott. Spouse: Larue Haynie. Vocation: Doctor of Optometry, retired in 1996. Hobbies: family history and photography. Favorite travel destinations: Jekyll Island, Georgia and Provo, Utah. Two children: Nancy and Robert. Six grandchildren: Brooke, Jane, Colin, Michael, Scot, and Lance. Five great grandchildren: Peter, Jessica, Margaret, Laura, and Ryder.

1933. Marjorie Elliott Rynas. Spouse: Stephen Rynas. Vocation: Research – retired in 1981. Hobbies: bridge, tennis, the computer, and cooking. Favorite travel destination: the beach. Two children: Christopher and Patricia. Three grandchildren: Tim, Emily, and Adam. “My brother, Ted Elliott, regularly participates in Alumni Weekend. This year I plan to join him.”

1934. Ruth “Ruthie” Soules Germond.

Spouse: Russell Germond. Two children: Russell and Carolyn. Seven grandchildren. Twelve (and still counting) great grandchildren. “Wish them all well and much happiness.”

1937. Mary Kales Witherbee. “I enjoy occasionally seeing a familiar name and was interested to read more details of that awful flood. I will be moving to West Virginia next week [May 2007]. Our family will be really scattered across the United States! My daughter and son-in-law, Claudia and Tom Fisher, who built a nice home in the town of Jefferson, barely out of Otsego County, are moving to New Mexico. Their daughter, Amanda, has been a Pastry Chef (since graduating from the Culinary Institute of America in 2000) in Seaside, OR and, since 2003 in Cannon Beach, OR. She loves it there, as does her mother. I will be living in a new home in West Virginia with my son, Kermit, and his wife “Maggie” Gallien Baker. They were classmates in Oneonta High School and re-met at their 30th reunion. We loved her immediately; this is the second marriage for both. The move should work out well unless the trip makes me even lamer than I am now! (87’s no fun but arthritis seems to be my only problem.) My ’85 Honda, my “salvation from stagnation”, finally did not pass inspection – the left wheel could come rolling off!”

1939. Louis “Lou” Wyss. Spouse: Ruth. Retired in 1985. Two children: Greg and Larry. Two grandchildren: Evan and Kyle.

1940. R. Eleanor Hollenbeck. Vocation: Cafeteria Manager. Hobbies: sewing, knitting, and square dancing. Favorite travel destination: Arizona. Three children: Donna, Joanne, and Richard. Six grandchildren: Keith, Kristie, Richard, Catherine, Richard III, and Brandy. Four great grandchildren: Austin, Tate, Triston, and Grayson.

1941. Isabel “Izzy” Plossl McIntosh. Spouse: Burt McIntosh. Vocation: Volunteer on the museum staff of Native American Arts & Cultures, Photographs, Heard Museum Library and Archives, Phoenix, AZ. Experience as instructor in Native American Arts and Cultures at all grade levels; care and maintenance of collections; collections records; organization and administration of major Native American Art and other exhibitions. I worked with artists, researchers, professional associates, and the general public. Hobbies: fiber arts and other crafts, music, reading, and family history. Favorite travel destinations/activities: historic sites, museums, churches, etc. Three children: Charlotte, Barbara (died in 2005), and Richelle. Six grandchildren: Christine, Charline, Karin, Erica, Brenda and Valerie. Fourteen great grandchildren: their surnames Caldwell (3), Hardwick (3), Huey (3), Pettinger (2), and Richardson (3). “I have been a Phoenix resident for over 25 years: with the Air Force (husband) in the 1950’s and 1960’s, and now since 1990. We made many many moves since 1941. I now care for my daughter Charlotte, who has multiple sclerosis, plus an older husband. I volunteer at the Heard Museum Library one day a week using my education and experience to catalog old photographs and archival collections. I would love to hear from some high school classmates!”

1942. Norma M. Miner Crandall. Spouse: **Richard L. Crandall, Sr. (‘42)** –deceased January 15, 2005. Vocation: Engineering Designer, retired 1985. Hobbies: oil painting. “Designed four grip sticks for the Black Hawk helicopter – hold one patent for guard on grip stick.”



Vic and Flossie Miller and family

Geraldine “Gerry” Sherman Martin. Spouse: Clarence Martin. Retired in 1982. Two children: Steve and Wayne. Three grandchildren: Colby, Kaylei, and Kendall. “We keep busy here on the farm [FL]. Clarence looks after 100 cows and has a big garden. I am the church clerk, am on the Senior Citizens’ Board and am Vice President of our retired teachers’ association. I enjoyed the mini-reunion with Dot and Lois last year. I hope to meet them again next year. Your paper is excellent.”

Betty J. Avery Shofkom. “I have been a widow since 1981. I also lost a son that year (at age 31) in an accident, but I had the joy of a good friend for 22 years, when he passed away. I worked at Madison County [NY] Office of the Aging as an outreach worker until the age of 82. I have three daughters and two sons. I have 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. My oldest granddaughter is a Special Education Teacher. I am 84 ½ years old now [as of July 2007].”

1943. Irma M. Suttle Donaloio Rahr. Spouse: Fred Rahr. “I taught music in Elementary School from 1959-1962 and in Junior High from 1962 – 1976. I am now retired. Hobbies: church choir, playing the organ, walking, bicycling, swimming, reading, and tutoring. My favorite vacation activity is visiting my family. My daughter, Brenda Ann Donaloio, was married to George Douglas Lee on September 30th at the United Methodist Church in Mount Upton. Brenda has Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Environmental Engineering from Vanderbilt and Clemson Universities, respectively; she has her own engineering firm in Galveston, TX. Her husband has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX. He owns a creative consulting business, Act Now Productions, and he built and operated The Electric Theatre in Houston, TX. Among his other achievements in the arts, he has released three single records and four albums. He wrote the script for the movie “Laughing Boy”, which was produced in 2004; it has been distributed internationally. He and Brenda are involved in the San Jacinto Neighborhood Association; they reside in Galveston, TX.”

Elizabeth “Betty” Zurbruegg Simpson. Vocation: retired August 1, 1987. Favorite travel destination: Maine (annually). One child: Sheryl. Three grandchildren: Cindy, Amy, and Jaime. Eight great grandchildren: Isabella, Brett, Sara, Madison, Connor, Sophia, Hudson, and Brady.

1945. Janet Moore Caswell. Spouse: **Ralph Caswell (‘43).** Vocation: Accounting, retired 1972. Hobbies: gardening and crafts. Favorite travel destination: seashore. Two children: Andy and Dan. Four grandchildren: Keith, Liana, Carly and Jamie. Three great grandchildren: Gavin, Tyler, and Natalie. “I was blessed with two more great grandchildren bringing the total to three... Tyler Jason was born on January 9, 2007, and Natalie Nicole born March 3, 2007. Also I really enjoy the paper and thanks to all the people who work so hard to make it happen.”

Walter Canfield. “My wife, June and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary, July 26, 2007. I grew up in Sidney and worked three years during Jr. High School delivering milk door to door for Bonnie Ayr Farms. Henry Jurgensen, Dick Cole and I showed on our pedometers that each of us ran 13 miles every day of the week for our \$3/week pay. My last three years of school, I spent after school and Saturdays with Carr and Landers Furniture and Undertaking. I still have my Homburg hat

for funerals. I a World War II vet and served during the end of the war as a Navy Aircraft Mechanic on the flight crew of a four engine PB4Y-1 photo reconnaissance plane.” The Canfields live in Columbia, SC.

Robert Moss. Retired in 1985. Four children: Bob, Jerry, Tim and Tom. Eleven grandchildren: Mike, Mary, Adam, Heidi, Justin, Owen, Walt, Steve, Anna, Danny, and CJ. Three great grandchildren: Kimberly, Tyler, and Landon. “I live in Florida for 10 months of the year and I return to my Walton home for summer vacation. I look forward to getting Reflections. I play country music and horse shoes in the winter.”

1946. Nicholas “Nick” Mazzarella. Spouse: **Leslie Schorling Mazzarella (‘67).** Two children: Scott and John. Two grandchildren: Meghan and John. “We live at Seneca Lake all year long and would like to hear from all of you.”

Victor “Vic” Miller. Spouse: **Flossie Fisk Miller, (‘47).** Retired in 1986. Hobbies: bowling and golf. Favorite travel destinations: South Carolina, New England and Florida. “On July 28th, our 2 daughters Vicki Kulze and Cheryl Sofra got together and had our 2nd or 3rd family reunion, at Vicki’s home on Overlook Dr. in Sidney. For the first time, every member of the family was present. There were my 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Cheryl, her husband David, son Patrick, and daughter Victoria (Tori) were there from Raleigh NC; grandson Matthew DeMatteo, his wife Molly, and their children Leah, Emma, and Benjamin from Groton NY; granddaughter Jenny (Kulze) Rudock, her husband Eric, and their children Joshua and Emily from Kirkwood NY; granddaughter Maureen (Kulze) McCormick and her husband Russell from Rochester NY; Granddaughter Johanna DeMatteo from Sidney; Grandson Michael Dombrowski, his wife, Carol, and their children Austen and Collin, from Mt. Holly near Charlotte NC. Later in the day John DeMatteo joined us, for refreshments. John was the husband of my departed daughter, Brenda. There were 26 of us altogether!”

1947. Milton “Milt” Alger. Spouse: LaVerna. Vocation: retired in 1986. Hobbies: fishing and traveling. Seven children: Patricia, Michael, Susan, David, Mark, Douglas, and Timothy. Nine grandchildren. Five great grandchildren.

Phyllis Hyatt Ostrander. Spouse: Carroll. “Love the paper. Please continue.”

Joyce MacDonald Alexander. Spouse: Bruce Alexander. Retired homemaker. Favorite travel destinations: California, Saranac Lake, NY, and Minnesota. Three children: Sue, Donna, and Ralph. Four grandchildren: Geoff, Andrew, Greg, and Austin.

1948. Sheldon “Shelly” Barnes. Spouse: Lucille Canfield. Vocation: Shelly - OB-Gyn, retired; Lucille - beautician, retired. “Lucille and I have four children, nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Three of our grandchildren are in Iraq. I am a graduate of R.P.I. (1952) and Upstate Medical School at Syracuse (1956). I delivered 10,262 babies – I was a physician in the US Navy from 1956 – 1965 (LCDR (MC)) and then had a private practice in Ob-Gyn from 1965-1986 in Miami/Hialeah, Florida. I was a professor in medical school from 1965-1986. I retired from practice in 1986 and we travel all over the world as tour hosts for Educational Opportunities, a Christian tour company. Our hobbies and interests include travel, medicine, and gardening. Great meeting last month [July 2007 Alumni Weekend]. Dick Dickson keeps us posted. Hope Bunker Halbert is better.”

Irmgard “Cyd” Beyen Parsons. Spouse: Richard. Vocation: Administrative Assistant, retired in 1987. Three children: Christine, Richard Jr., and Carol. Six grandchildren: Thomas, Timothy, Steven, Sara, Katherine, and Spencer. “Reflections is outstanding! My husband and I read each issue cover-to-cover. We have had a good life with lots of travel since our retirement. Our last trip was with our entire family to the Galapagos Islands in celebration of our 50th anniversary. All of us, from the youngest to the oldest loved it. My bad back pretty much now precludes us from more international travel, but we have great memories.”

Louise “Lou” Niles Westlund. Spouse: Donald Westlund. Vocation: Administrative Assistant, retired 1991.

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Hobbies: quilting and travel. Favorite travel destinations: Mt. Rushmore, the Grand Canyon, and Alaska. Three children: Nels, Anna, and Mark. Five grandchildren: Amber, Karl, Nelsson, Ethan, and Elise. “We have 54 years of married life. We have so many memories of places we have been and things we have seen. It is great to be back “home”.

Janice Prindle Williams. “Twin great-grandchildren were added to my family tree: a boy and a girl were born March 12, 2007 to my granddaughter and her husband in Portland, Maine. This makes 7 greats!”

1949. Charles “Charlie” Davis. Spouse: Carolyn George. Vocation: Manufacturing Engineer, retired in 1991. Hobbies: antique cars, electronics, and computer tasks. Favorite travel destinations: the western United States or Europe. Two children: Jeffrey and Sandra. Three grandchildren: Austin, Jacob, and Zachary. “I missed the 2006 reunion activities, which were cancelled because of the flood. I usually take the nature trail walk, breakfast at the Elks’ Club, and then the Sunday luncheon. Three or so 49’ers participate in the March of Classes. I love the sociability with so many alumni from other classes, and I wish I were young too. Carolyn and I enjoy children and young people but we just can’t “keep up”.

Miriam Hellerud Palmer. Spouse: John E. (Jack) Palmer. Vocation: Process Planner, retired. Hobbies: sewing and reading. Favorite travel destinations: Washington, DC, Baltimore, MD, and Baldwinsville, NY. Four children: Peter, Barbara, Jean and Rob. Two grandchildren: Mitchell and Cole. “My son Peter was inducted into our Wall of Fame this year. I’m thrilled that my youngest son, Robert, and his wife moved to Baldwinsville, NY (above Syracuse) and now we can visit our two grandsons: Cole is 8 years old and Mitchell is 12.”

Gwen Perry Payne. Hobbies: traveling. Favorite travel destinations: Arizona and Florida. Three children: Gary, Jerry, and Terry. Three grandchildren: Lee, Kelly, and Brian. “Hope you are in good health!”

1950. Virginia “Jinny” Wagner Compton. Spouse: Alfred Compton. “Another year down the drain but we’re both still standing and as they say ‘no news is good news’. We are looking forward to 2007 activities, God willin’ and the river don’t rise!”

1951. Dorothy Kalicki West. Four children: Walter, Raymond, Nancy, and John. Six grandchildren: Amanda, Adam, Patricia, Robert, Analesa, and Marissa. Two great grandchildren: Hanna and Aiden. “Enjoy Reflections very much. I like to read about my classmates. Our 50th reunion was one of the most memorable occasions of my life. Since then a small group of us have been meeting once a month for lunch.” [See **Marjorie Wickes Dean**, ‘51].

Nathan Kinne. Spouse: Dorothy. Vocation: Accountant - retired in 1989. Hobbies: active in church work, camping, hunting, and golf. Three children: Jeanne, Jodi, and Nathan II (all married). Six grandchildren: Johnathan, Melody, Kevin, Connie, Sara and Nathan III. “My wife and I have been enjoying our retirement years for over 18 years and I really recommend retirement life to everyone. I would like to have a list of my classmates from the class of 1951 who have passed away. Wishing you all good and enjoyable years.”

Marguerite “Rita” Place Hoag. Vocation: Administrative Assistant, retired in 1994. Hobbies: reading and gardening. Two children: Debra and Mary. Three grandchildren: Lisa, Christopher, and Mandy. Eight great grandchildren: Makayla, Ty, Olivia, Brytni, Brydget, Dylon, Devynn, and Teresa. “Enjoy meeting monthly for lunch with classmates during the summer months and would enjoy hearing from others anytime.”

Marjorie Wickes Dean. “A group of us welcome anyone who would like to join our monthly lunch group. We meet during the spring and through the fall months at different area restaurants [in the area of Sidney]. The tradition was begun after the class of 1951’s 50th class reunion. **Our group is (and all are welcome): Joyce Hard Butts, Kittie Williams Gabaccia, Doris Reynolds Barnard, Mary Schmidt Potter, Gladys Bowker Jacques, Marguerite Place Hoag, Doris Wilson Puffer, Genevie Puffer Mott, Dorothy Kalicki West, Nancy Boardman Francisco, and me, Marjorie Wickes Dean. My phone number is 607-563-8445.**”



Hanging out near the Liberty Street entrance to the former High School (l-r) John Coulter, ‘49, Bunker Halbert, ‘48 and Bob Eldridge, ‘49)4

1952. Carol Goldshine Mayer. Spouse: Robert. Vocation: Volunteer at a hospital. Hobby: knitting. Favorite travel destination: East Falmouth, MA (Cape Cod). Four children: Donald, Steven, Charles, and Judith. Eight grandchildren: Stephanie, Samantha, Jaime, Geoffrey, Cameron, Jennifer, Suzanne, and Katherine. “We are very involved with the Cancer Center of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. I have had breast cancer and oral cancer, while Bob battles skin cancer. Our family all live within an hour of our home.”

Erma Scott-MacDonald. Retired and residing in Flemington, NJ. Two children and two grandchildren.

William “Bill” Ostrander. Spouse: **Kaveda Blakeslee.** Four children: Bob, Karen, Heidi, and Maria. Ten grandchildren: Chelsie, Sarah, Audry, Michele, Cody, Ian, Alli, Ben, Maggie, and Jacqueline.

Tom Rogers. Spouse: Ronna. Vocation: Retired. Hobbies: camping, hiking, travel, and model railroading. Three children: Jill, Mike, and Megan. Six grandchildren.

Lawrence “Larrie” Sheldon. Spouse: Jean Prince. Retired in 1992 from a career in Security.

Barbara Tacea Smith. Spouse: **Robert “Bob” Smith, ‘51.** “We always look forward to receiving our copy of Reflections. All our friends are envious of our Alumni Association. To all that make the reunion weekends possible – a huge thanks! Looking forward to seeing many in June! [May 2007].”

1953. Albert Bruetsch. Spouse: Dorothy. Vocation: Aerospace Engineer in private industry (Douglass Aircraft/Aerojet) and Military. Involved with development etc. of rocket missiles and engines; and military aircraft such as the A-10 Attack Aircraft while at McClellan Air Force Base, California. Favorite travel destinations/vacation activities: Land tours and cruises to Europe, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the US – for example, Alaska, Hawaii and New Mexico.

Gloria DeBevoise Mabie. Spouse: J. Donald Mabie. Vocation: Science Coordinator, retired in 1999. Hobbies: gardening, exercising, skiing, and traveling. Favorite travel destinations: I have traveled on all the Earth’s oceans and continents. In September I will lead a group to Italy. Three children: Jackie, Pam, and Eric. Seven grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. “After 51 ½ years of marriage, Don passed away (after 5 ½ years of illness). Fortunately, my family lives nearby. In addition to traveling, I keep very busy doing volunteer work for PBS WCNY and OASIS; I am also a substitute teacher.”

Mary Lu Glazier Mathis. Spouse: Charles Mathis. Vocation: Elementary School Music Teacher, retired 1998. Hobbies: choir, volunteering, reading, and sewing. Favorite travel destinations: Elderhostel trips, Arizona, and Baja Peninsula (Mexico). Two children: Rebecca and Kenneth. Four grandchildren: Becca, Matt, Noah, and Anna. “My father was Reverend Glazier at the Sidney Methodist Church and my mother was a substitute teacher at the Pleasant Street School. I was at Sidney High for only my senior year but I have great memories when I pass the Sidney exit when we come to visit my brother, Bruce, and his wife, Louise.”

Patricia “Pat” Greene. Vocation: Principal Clerk/Office Management – retired in 1999. Hobbies: bowling, golf, reading, and puzzles. Favorite travel destinations: anywhere and everywhere – day trips, cruises and tours. Two children: Kimberly and Karla. Four grandchildren: Justin, Trisha, Zachary, and Emily. “I retired after 37 ½ years from the NYS Police Troop C, Sidney, NY. I was the Principal Clerk which was like being a comptroller of any large company. I was elected president of the NYS Federation of Women’s Clubs in 2004 for a two-year term. I was inducted into the Tri-County Bowling Hall of Fame in 2007. I have traveled to many parts of the world – from Scandinavia to Southeast Asia, Israel, Egypt, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Japan, England, most of the continental USA, Hawaii and, most recently, Alaska. I enjoy my grandchildren and attending their sports, music, and school activities. I served on the Alumni Association Board of

Directors as a Director and for several years I have organized the memorial service on Alumni Weekend.”

Maryon Karlson Bramley. Spouse: James Karlson. Vocation: Medical Office Manager and Consultant. Hobbies: reading, travel and needlework. Three children: Debra, David, and Douglas. Four grandchildren: Erin, Matthew, Steven, and Jordan. One great grandchild: Shylah. “We are busy with travel and family. I’m still working part time but this year I intend to retire for the 2nd time. I hope to see everyone next year.”

Shirley Segall. Vocation: Registered Nurse, retired in April 1996. Hobbies: classical music and reading. Favorite travel destination: the Southwestern United States. Two children: Jennifer and John. “I have lived in North Carolina since April 1996. My mother passed away here at the age of 97. I enjoy reading Reflections. The staff does an outstanding job in keeping the Alumni Association active.”

Fay Wilson Sawdy. Vocation: semi-retired Store Manager and Store Clerk. Hobbies: line dancing and walking. Six children: Del, Kim, Vicki, Nancy, Becky, and Lisa. Seven grandchildren: Christi, Darci, Chad, Brandy, Shannon, Brianne, and Cameron. Three great grandchildren: Kairra, Julian, and Kylie. “I like reading Reflections; please keep it coming. You do a great job putting it together.”

1954. Walter “Walt” Bruetsch. “Thanks for a great alumni website and for a good “Reflections”. It does bring back memories. Best wishes for no more floods.”

Margaret Ellis Aubrey. Spouse: William Aubrey. Vocation: Elementary School Teacher, retired. Favorite travel destination: Punta Gorda, FL for 6 months each year (November to May). Three children: Jennifer, Amy, and Beth. Six grandchildren: Anna, Stephen, Rachel, Zachary, Aubrey, and Meg. “I enjoy the mailing and hearing about what you are all doing. We enjoy our “northern” home on the Great Sacandaga Lake and then our “warm” weather home in Florida.”

Charlotte “Peg” Mangan Simonds. Spouse: Benjamin Simonds. Vocation: Rural Route Mail Carrier - retired in 1995. Hobbies: camping and Bingo. Five children: Ben, Sue, Bill, Peg and Dee. Twenty-five grandchildren. Eight great grandchildren: Kyrach, Destiny, Ethan, Corbin, Connor, Camden, Xavior, and Scarlett. “I enjoy reading Reflections. Keep up the good work!”

Betty Marriott Winchester. Spouse: **Ernie Winchester (‘53).** Retired August 31, 1999. Three children: Terry, Danny, and Robin. Five grandchildren: Brent, Jennifer, Christopher, Nikki, and Casey. “My husband Ernie died of cancer in 2006. Our children and grandchildren are all grown up. The last one will be graduated from Mt. Upton/ Gilbertsville High School in June 2007. They all graduated and we are proud of every one of them.”

1955. Joann Conklin. Vocation: OB-Gyn Nurse Practitioner; retired in 2002. Hobbies: cats and bridge. Favorite travel destination: France.

Kermit Marble. Spouse: Katherine. “My wife Katherine and I have been married for 49 years. We have three sons: Charles, David, and Donald. We also have

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six grandchildren (3 grandsons and 3 granddaughters) and one great granddaughter. We live in Missouri. Love to golf, shoot pool, and play cards.”

Donald “Don” Puffer. Spouse: Joan Bergeron. Vocation: Manager, manufacturing company, retired. Hobbies: reading and travel. Favorite travel destination: Belize, Finland, Texas, and Florida. Six children: Susan, Vicki, Donald, Jeffrey, Anita and Wayne; stepsons – Tom, Mike and David. Twenty-nine grandchildren. Nine great grandchildren. “First marriage – four children; second marriage – two children and three stepchildren. We moved to Holyoke, MA, in 1953. I sure did miss Sidney Central High School. I graduated from Holyoke Trade High School and worked at a local company for almost 39 years. I retired in 1998 and moved to Arcadia, FL, for five years. My wife missed the kids up north so we moved back to MA in 2003. I still miss Florida very much. I would love to hear from Sidney classmates. Please publish my address and telephone number: 177 Batchelor Street, Granby, MA, 01033; 413-467-7968. Great job on the SCSAA paper.”

Irma Tognola Haller. Spouse: Rudy Haller. Vocation: Teacher, retired in 2002 - member of SCS faculty from 1964-2002: 8th grade Social Studies and English, 9th grade Social Studies and English, 10th grade English and 12th grade Journalism, Government, and Economics. I was an advisor for girls’ noncompetitive bowling at Chenango Valley (60 girls). Hobbies: reading and walking. Favorite travel destination: Switzerland.

1956. Joan Brush Wilson. Vocation: Clinical Chemistry, retired in 1996. Hobbies: machine embroidery and fiber arts. Favorite travel destination/ activity: any place I have time or money for!” Two children: Bruce and Mark. Two grandchildren: Kathryn and Benjamin. “I’m sorry I couldn’t make it to the reunion this year. Sometimes life gets in the way. Before I retired, I was in manufacturing development in the clinical chemistry field, working on making the materials and equipment used for hospital blood tests.”

Donna Garrison Domingo. “I received my copy of the Alumni Directory - 2007 a couple of week ago. An excellent job was done on getting this together. I have a short article as a follow-up on the article you did in the Spring issue on me and the vineyard here in Spain. We enjoyed a big grape harvest, some 25,000 pounds of Palomino grapes this September in the South of Spain’s town of Trebujena near the famous Spanish river, the Guadalquivir (up which sailed ships from the Atlantic to Seville, laden with the gold from the Americas in the distant days of yesteryear). Trebujena is a wine-growing region near the capital of the world renowned Sherry wine-making town of Jerez, Spain. Sherry in Spanish is Jerez. My cousin Nancy (Garrison) Francis and her husband, Douglas Francis, traveled from Albuquerque, N.M. to this small town to help us harvest the juicy and sweet white grapes that are now fermenting into Sherry.”

Richard “Dick” Green. “Many thanks for Reflections – enjoying the articles.”

Robert H. Hunt. Spouse: Betty. Vocation: Teacher – Math at SCS for 31 years. Married for 40 years. Three step children, five grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Areas of particular interest: church and real estate.

Murray Logan. Spouse: **Pat Searle Logan (’56).** Favorite travel destination: Grand Canyon. Three children: Barb, Tom and Sandy. Five grandchildren.

Carl Karlson. Spouse: **Norma Turtur (’58).** Retired in 2003. Hobbies: traveling, fishing, and building/ construction projects. Two children: Kristina and Eric. Two grandchildren: Sam and Ben.

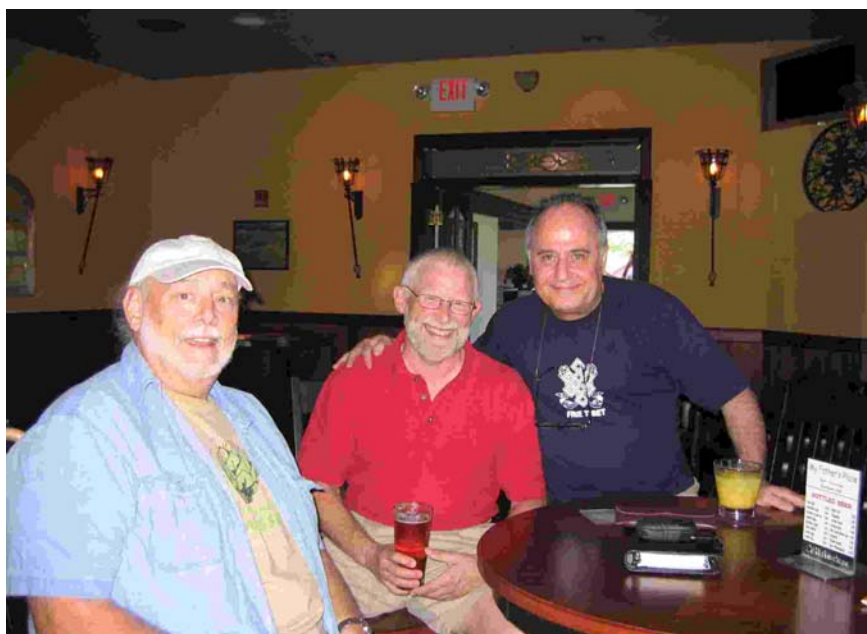
1957. Richard “Barney” Barnes and Patricia Caswell Barnes. Vocation: New York State Police, retired. Favorite activity: traveling. Three children: Cindi, Rick and Connie. Eleven grandchildren: Matt, Megan, Michael, Derek, Trevor, Chris, Erica, Owen,

Marannda, Stephanie, and Kyle. “Dick and I enjoy reading the alumni paper. Keep up the good work!”

Donna Donofrio Ambrose. “My husband James died in 1992; we were married for 35 years. I reside in Port Crane, NY. Four children (3 boys and 1 girl); 10 grandchildren. I am retired although I do work part time – it keeps me young (ha ha). I love to golf and to travel to California, Virginia, and New Jersey to visit my children and grandchildren.”

Janet M. Glasner Wright. “I am now retired and single. I was married in 1960 and was an Air Force wife for 25 years. It was a great life and I saw a lot of the country. Four children; eight grandchildren. I returned to Sidney in 1993. I love small town life. I have met so many great people here. Sidney is still a great place to raise a family or retire.”

Tom Hamilton. Vocation: Accounting/Finance, retired. Hobbies: listening to the great recording of the 1930’s, 1940’s and 1950’s music. “It was wonderful growing up in Sidney during WWII and on into the 1950’s.”



Jim Britton, ’61, Linc Blaisdell, ’61, and Vic Messales, ’60

Joan Tiska Reilly. Spouse: Gene Reilly. Vocation: Teacher - retired. “I live in Walpole, MA, with my husband, Gene. We have two children, Kate and Tim.”

1959. Richard “Rich” Alcott. Spouse: **Susan “Sue” Gloeckler Alcott (’59).** Vocations: Rich – Electrical Engineer; Sue – Registered Nurse, retired – Rich in 2006 and Sue in 2005. Hobbies: golf, camping, kayaking, sewing, knitting and reading. Favorite travel destinations/activities: Letchworth State Park, Williamsburg, VA, and Bar Harbor, Maine – seeing the sites and sights and just relaxing. Three children: Lisa, Cynthia, and Christine. Three grandchildren: Joshua, Samantha, and Matthew. “Sue retired in December 2005 and Rich retired in March 2006. We spent the summer of 2006 cleaning up Sue’s mother’s home in Sidney after the flood. It is now rented and we are hoping to sell it. Things have been status quo since then. We enjoy our grandchildren, Josh (10), Samantha (9), and Matt (7). We have to be quick to stay ahead of them! To all our classmates – be healthy and safe. We hope we will have had the chance to see you at the Alumni Weekend 2007.”

Anna Aldrich Crosby. “I have two grandsons in the Army and a granddaughter in the Air Force. Grandson Joseph Oliver has been to Iraq twice and his brother, Matt Oliver, once. Matt also served 2 ½ years in Korea. Granddaughter Myranda Privett has been in England for 2 years and is coming home in November. I am so proud of them !! Even if we don’t agree about the war, we need to be proud of and support these young men and women!”

Dawn Tyler Wright. Spouse: Jim Wright. Vocation: Professional Balladeer and Folk Singer. Hobbies: gardening. Favorite travel destination: the “high meadow” of my grandfather’s farm – back in Sidney, NY (now owned by my brother, **James Tyler (’61)**; also Portland, ME and Charleston, SC. Two children: Lisa and Suzanne. Two grandchildren: Logan and Aurora (Rory). “As a Balladeer, a storyteller who sings the story, I am still ‘passing it on’ (please don’t leave the ‘it’ out!!) through the balladeering: authentic playing and singing about whales and ships at sea, wagons moving westward, the railroad, the slave fields, and the Underground

Railroad, the path of Johnny Appleseed, the Revolutionary fight for freedom, the revolution in song, the 1960’s, and much much more. Our lives are glorified with grandson Logan (now 4 years old) and Aurora, one year old (born in 2006.)

James “Jim” Axtell. Spouse: Susan. Vocation: College Professor. Hobbies: book collecting. Favorite travel destination: Maine. Two children: Nathaniel and Jeremy. Two grandchildren: Clark and Zoe.

1960. Robert “Bob” Gill. “The Spring 2007 Reflections was a great issue! Charles Brooks’ ‘Reflections from an Ol’ Sidney Boy’ and R. E. Smith, Jr.’s ‘A Walk in the Past’ articles brought back a lot of good memories of my youth in Sidney. Did Floyd Fisher find the Fountain of Youth? He hasn’t changed a bit since we were teammates – good for him.”

Linda Landers Burke. Vocation: Horse Show Management Services, Inc. Favorite travel destination: any beach. Two children: Matthew and Michael. Two grandchildren: Ella and Devon.

Carol Loller Michalak-Swenson. Spouses (both deceased): James Michalak and Ron Swenson. Retired in 1995 from suburban Rochester school district and hospital administration. Hobbies: Travel, reading, decorating and landscaping new homes, and biking; serve on some not-for-profit boards. I am currently doing bereavement counseling. Three children: Rob, Christopher, and Tara. Six grandchildren: Tommy, Amanda, Cameron, Evan, Emma, and Jack. “Where has the time gone for all of us? Without “Reflections” we would not know what our classmates are doing. Kudos to all for the hard work done to keep us informed. Welcome to Medicare to my fellow friends in the class of 1960.”

William “Bill” Teetz. Hobbies: birding and RV travel. Son: Mark.

1961. James “Jim” F. Britton. Spouse: Elizabeth. Vocation: Engineer and Musician; Horse Rancher. “I’d like to comment on my attendance at this year’s reunion events. This was a really special reunion for me. Last spring, I got back in touch with **Victor Mesalles**, the Spanish AFS student who lived with my family in Sidney in 1959-60 and graduated with the class of 1960 from SHS. Once he learned that my Mom was still alive and well, he decided to come over for a visit. I had not seen him since 1971 in Ann Arbor, MI, and my Mom had not seen him since she and my Dad visited with Vic and his family in Spain in 1975. We had a great reunion at my brother Rick’s place in Gloucester, MA, and then Vic accompanied me and my wife, Elizabeth, to the 2007 school reunion in Sidney. He had a wonderful time reconnecting with old friends at the reunion events. We also visited the campus of Hartwick College in Oneonta, where Vic graduated with a degree in Economics in 1964. At that time, his parents came over from Spain and visited with my folks in Massachusetts, where they had moved in 1961. Another feature of this year’s reunion was an alumni jam at the Saturday night bash, organized by Greg Davie (’76). I had a 12-year musical career (1968 - 1980) and was very happy to participate. My wife, Elizabeth, also sang with the jam band, and there was a photo in the Tri-Town News. It was, as always, a rewarding revisiting of my old home town, but it was greatly enhanced by these events. I hope we can do this again. I spoke with Victor yesterday. He is on his way to London to help his son Lucas, 22, get settled in his new place. Lucas is beginning a Master’s degree program in Geology at University of London after graduating from the University of Paris last spring.”

Joseph “Joe” Hager. Spouse: **Sharon “Barnie” Barnhart Hager.** Vocation: Joe – US Army and High School Teacher, retired 1999; Sharon – Middle and Primary School Teacher, retired 2004. Hobbies: Joe – golf and woodworking; Sharon – reading and quilting. Favorite travel destinations/vacation activities: visiting children and grandchildren, taking a cruise when possible, driving to interesting places, and visiting friends and family. Three children: Matthew, CathyAnn, and Christine. Six grandchildren: Weston, Cassidy, Paige, Brady, Landry, and Lily.

Robert Mathewson. Spouse: Constance. “Connie and I have been married almost 40 years. We have two sons: Robert teaches 7th grade Social Studies; Scott is with the Vermont National Guard and is soon to get his Lieutenant’s bars. I volunteer with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Aquatic Education Program, teaching kids to

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fish. Conni keeps things running smoothly, and she paints and makes porcelain dolls in her spare time.”

Judith “Judi” Merk Custer. Spouse: Robert “Bob” Custer. Vocation: Teacher of Gifted Education in Florida schools from which I retired in 2005. I am now teaching for the Department of Defense. Hobbies: singing and traveling. Favorite travel destination: from our home in Rota, Spain, we travel to see as much of Europe and North Africa as we safely can. Two children: Christopher and Jennifer. Two grandchildren: Reid and Nicholas. “Bob and I are thoroughly enjoying our home on the cliff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in Rota, Spain, as I continue to teach for the Department of Defense. As we travel through Europe, we are constantly amazed by the age of the villages and buildings. In the States, our oldest community, St. Augustine, FL, dates back to 1565. That’s OLD! But in Europe, old communities were built during the Roman Empire, some in years BC! Incredible!! Sure does make Bob and me feel young!!! To bring Rota a bit closer to you Sidneyites: I participate in chapel services and activities with SCS alumna **Donna Garrison Domingo** (’56), and Bob’s physical therapist is Carrie Dreyer, daughter of Deb **Woytek Puffer** (’68). What a small world we live in!”

Mary Sherman Wilder. Spouse: Jack Wilder. Vocation: Teacher (ESE), retired. Hobbies: oil paintings, children, and business brokerage. Grandchildren: Hunter and Brighton. “Jack still working but I finally retired this year (2006). I am looking forward to spending more time with the grandchildren. Wonderful job with Reflections and the SCSAA.”

1962 Richard Campbell. Spouse: **Delores Hawkins** (’64). Two children: Richard II and Michael. Two grandchildren: Chase and Hailey.

Patricia “Pat” Gray Tancredi. Spouse: John. Retired in 1970. Hobby: golf. Favorite travel destination: anywhere in Europe. Two children: Heather and Beth. Four grandchildren: Jackie, Nicky, Iain, and Christian. “We have lived in NY, CT, MD, WV and NJ and have been in KS for 10 years. John and I both love it here but we are too far from our grandchildren. My Dad lived in PA and died this year at the ripe old age of 93! John and I love to golf and travel. He is still working but we have established residency in Florida, where we plan to retire.”

Roberta Meehan. Spouse: Anthony DeMarchi. “Many thanks and much applause to **Dolores Hayes Breunig** (’62), **Marty Burdick Benson** (’62), **Gail Ward Morey** (’62), and **Ann Petrosky Philpott** (’61), to their committees and to their long-suffering spouses for leading and managing a very successful and fun “Pal-Up” reunion for the Classes of 1962 and 1961. It was a great time even if some of “the boys” (and you know who you are) don’t recognize a great hat when they see one.”

Rosemarie Mirabito Weed. Spouse: **Arthur Weed** (’62). Vocation: SCS Faculty – Mathematics – 9/66 to 1/68, 9/71 – 11/72, 9/77 – 6/99; retired in 1999. Coached cheerleading from ’66 to ’67. Hobbies: reading, knitting and traveling. Favorite travel destinations: Italy and Alaska. Two children: **Patricia** (’86) and **Joann** (’91). Three grandchildren: Celia, Lauren, and Brayden.

1963. Christine Cacciottoli Bianco. “I continue to receive the Sidney paper as a way of keeping in touch with the old hometown and in the September 20th issue there was the article about the Sports Hall of Fame Dinner. When I saw the picture of Mr. Drake, it made me remember his World History class in the 9th grade. Every time we studied a new country, he would make us draw a map of the country as homework. I remember I spent hours on those maps, tracing them with tracing paper, outlining the different areas and coloring them in with magic markers. I always got an A+ on my maps. I don’t remember much else about the class, including anything we learned about the particular country, but I remember those maps! I just returned from a marvelous trip to Central Europe. It was an 11-day pilgrimage organized by a local church. We were a group of 30 people, including two priests who were our spiritual directors. We visited five countries in Central Europe, Austria, Hungary, Slovak Republic, Poland and Czech Republic. We stayed in four of the countries and drove through the Slovak Republic, making several short stops along the way. We saw many, many historic sites, monuments and churches. It was an absolutely amazing experience and I am so happy I was able to make the trip! I was also happy to return to the United States, because there is no place like this country and home.”

Mary Pat Gilbert Lemieszek. Spouse: Walter Lemieszek. Vocation: retired after a career as a Mammographer. “I retired in December 2006. We have four children: two girls and two boys, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild.”

Jim Hawkins “Well this has been an interesting year. Mom died and we have the farm in Masonville on the market. I completed some radiation therapy for prostate cancer in June and am now cancer free and an official survivor. I am a discussion leader in Bible Study Fellowship, a Hunter Safety Instructor for the State of Arizona and started drawing Social Security in July. I have a part time job slicing meat in a local deli about 25 hours a week. I am honing my golf game and pretty much having a ball. Sheryl (child bride trophy wife) is teaching Math at Arizona State and we do weekend trips to Sedona, Tombstone, Winslow (got a picture next to the flat bed Ford) and are enjoying Arizona. But I think the highlight of the year was hooking up with “the Posse” and going up to visit with Fred Stevens in Prescott. I had not seen Paul Possemato since graduation



Fred Stevens, ’63, Paul Possemato, ’63, and Jim Hawkins, ’63

night. Anyhow I am attaching a couple of pictures of the trio of old Warriors enjoying our get together. Great to hear Mike Gallup has been installed in Hall of Fame. I still remember the night game against Walton and Billy Prices "Hail Mary" to Mike in the end zone for the win. One final note. We are not baby boomers we are the end of a generation in which there was still some innocence left and we had the best preparation for the world that anyone could want to succeed. What a great class we have.”

Patricia “Pat” Romano Burki. Spouse: **Karl Burki** (’61) passed away February 2007. “I have sold my house in Sidney and have moved in with my daughter, Dawn, in Ft. Myers, Florida until I buy myself a condo there. My plan is to live in Florida near my daughter and family in the winter months, and then go to Rochester, NY, where my younger daughter, Alycia, lives, and spend summers there. I will be able to work my Mary Kay business in both places. Then I will be able to come to Sidney for the Alumni Reunions. My new address in Florida, temporarily is: 8128 Harrisburg Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33967. I’ll update again when I buy my condo here. I am in a new chapter of my life now and making a new beginning since my husband, Karl, passed away last February.”

1964. Terrence “Terry” Biglin. Spouse: Maryann Mahoney. I retired on April 2, 2007.

Theresa “Terri” Sileo. Retired in January 2007. Hobbies: sewing, crafts, gardening, and spoiling my grandchildren. One child: Stephanie. Two grandchildren: Nicholas and Jacob.

Wendy Jean Roloson Laury (one of “The Harris Girls”). Spouse: John P. Laury. Vocation: Teacher, semi-retired. “My summers were spent in Sidney with my cousins **Donna** (’62), **Kathy** (’64), and **Vicki Harris** (’65), and **Sharon** (’61), and **Jerry Barnhart** (’65). I feel I am a part of the class of 1964, because of the special nature of these relationships, and mine with Pat Dilley Dumond. Now I come back to Sidney to see (with joy) Mrs. Dilley, Pat and Avery Dumond and (with sadness to visit my parents’, aunts’, uncles’, grandparents’ and friends’ graves. The fun of the reunions is the happiest of all.”

1965. Nancy Cycon Gunn. Spouse: Ed Gunn (deceased). Vocation: Administrative Assistant, St. Joseph’s School, Kingston, NY. Hobbies: walking and watching grandson

play varsity baseball for Saugerties. Favorite travel destinations/ activities: California to visit **Vicki Harris McDowall** (’65), Las Vegas, and visiting with my Mom, Margaret Cycon”. Five children: Lisa, Candace, Ed, Nancy and Katie. Seven grandchildren.

Bob Stevens “On August 1, 2007, I retired from Raytheon Company after 38 years of work. I am now adapting to retirement by playing more golf, working around the house and spending time with children and grandchild. We have two children (Lawrence and Stephanie) one daughter in law (Patti) and 1.5 grandchildren (Natalie, 3 and our second grandchild is due in January). We also have been spending a lot of time at our condo in York, Maine, where we enjoy walking on the beach now that the tourists have left for the season. My brother, Fred (’63) is retired and my sister, Sue (’66) and her husband have retired. Fred is living in Arizona and Sue spends her time between Salt Lake City, Averill Park, NY and Maine.”

Carolyn Waldron Lewellyn. Spouse: Raymond Lewellyn. Retired in 1995. Hobbies: grandchildren. Favorite travel destination/ vacation activity: Oregon to visit daughter and grandchildren and Texas to visit my parent. Three children: Jim, Donny, and Judi. Six grandchildren: Kevin, Zachery, Donny, Dustin, Blaine and Brooke. “We love our new home in NC!”

1966. Lee Ellen Coy Palmer. Spouse: **Harry “Bill” Palmer.** “We love what the organization is doing. We applaud you! It is just very hard for us to get to Sidney some years.”

Joan Hazard. Spouse: John Dabrowski. Vocation: graphic designer. Hobbies/favorite vacation activities: bicycling, birding, and nature activities.

Robert “Bob” Matteson. Spouse: **Sandy Hinkley Matteson** (’67). Vocation: Aircraft Lead Mechanic. Hobbies: flying my airplane, RV-ing, and rebuilding my Cessna 195 airplane. Two children: Wendy and Tracey. Three grandchildren: Zach, Tyler, and Tucker.

Chris Schaeffer Ossant. My daughter, Jill, and her husband, Andre, adopted twins from Ethiopia, from the same orphanage where Angelina Jolie adopted, although Jill and Andre had applied before that. Andre traveled



Chris Schaeffer Ossant’s grandsons, Cole and Cohen

there in December and met and took pictures of the family. He arrived home with the babies on December 23. Their mother had died in childbirth and the father died before that, so the twins and their six siblings were living with two uncles and their families. The twins are healthy, alert and so much fun! The whole neighborhood, school (where Andre teaches Chemistry - a block from their house), our Presbyterian Church, and the village and town of New Hartford have fallen in love with these miraculous babies! Cohen is the smiler and the athlete. Cole is smaller, but is always in deep thought and was the first to walk. They recently celebrated their first birthday. Their American siblings are Cora, 11, Dylan, 8, and Jaime, 2 1/2. My other daughter, Mandy, and her husband, Dan, live 2 blocks away with their four little ones, Daniel, Marie, Nate and Jillian. My youngest daughter, Lori, and her husband, Andy, are in Greenwich, CT and are expecting their first baby in November.

1967. Steven Wade. Spouse: Susan Wang. Vocation: College Professor. Two children: Daniel and Katherine.

1968. James Provenzon. Spouse: Mary Lynn. “I have two stepdaughters – Jessica and Gina.”

1969. Jerry F. “Smitty” Smith. Spouse: Marcia Jenks. Vocation: Business Owner – three Home Dealer-

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ships. Hobbies: golf, kayaking, and gardening. Favorite vacation destinations: Scotland, cruises to the Caribbean, and Deep Creek Lake, Maryland. Four children: Scott, Eric, Matthew, and Troy. Five grandchildren: Beth Ann, Makenna, Calissa, Briann, and Trent. "I went to three colleges upon graduating from SCS in 1969 – Broome County Community College, Michigan State, and Harvard Business School. We were married in 1979. I had a career with K-Mart and Target and was Executive VP and Chief Operating Officer for 84 Lumber Company until my retirement in 1996, when I started my own business outside of Pittsburgh, PA. Our company is called Laurel Highlands Campland, Inc., DBA Mountain Homes. Would like to hear from any classmates who graduated in 1969."

1970. Joelene Wood Cole. Spouse: Terry Cole ('65). Vocation: Teacher, retired.

Steve DeRock. Spouse: Fran. Vocation: Truck Driver. Hobbies: motorcycles and archery. "My first wife passed away in 2003. I have remarried and as of July 2007, my wife Fran and I are moving to Redmond, Oregon to start a new life and to be closer to Fran's children and grandchildren. You are doing a great job."

Janice Muir Feather. Spouse: Jim. Vocation: Church Treasurer. Hobbies: quilting, traveling, and canoeing.

Debbie Parsons Barnes. Spouse: David Barnes ('68). "You and your staff are really doing a wonderful job with "Reflections" – I really appreciate all your hard work. Our family business is mining and processing bluestone used for sidewalks, steps, patios, walls, etc. At the dock we buy and sell other quarrymen's stone as well as what we mine from the quarry and process (cut, size, etc.) at the mill." [Note: Reflections apologizes for any inconvenience caused by typographical errors.]

1971. Steve Richards. Vocation: Sales. Reside in Chenango Bridge.

1972. Corinne Johnson McGlen. Spouse: Roger McGlen. Vocation: Floral designer. Hobby: golf. One child.

1973. Patti Gray Verity. "Scott and I have been married 21 years in July, 2007. We have two sons—Mark, 18, and Kyle, 16. We are both music teachers here on the east end of Long Island. Scott retired in June. I have a few more years to go. It's been a while since we attended a summer reunion. Hope to make it up soon. Hi to all my classmates!"

1974. Robert Silvernail. Spouse: Susan. Vocation: Materials Specialist, Amphenol Corporation. Hobbies: running, paddling, and cycling. Favorite travel destination: Hawaii. "In 1993 and 1994 I coached Modified Girls' Basketball."

1975. Bryan "Bird" Birdsall. Vocation: Account Manager. "Just married".

1978. Gregory "Greg" Reynolds. "I am a Lieutenant with the Highland Park (TX) Department of Public Safety. My hobbies are golf, triathlons, running, and biking. My favorite vacation destination is the Myrtle Beach, SC, area. Two children: Regina and Roxanne. I enjoy golf outings with fellow Sidneyites, John Pierson and Mark Crandall and the son of the late Jerry Smith."

1979. Steven "Cat" Catrine. Spouse: Nancy. Vocation: Property Insurance Adjuster and Self-Employed Marketing. Hobbies: all sports, gardening and travel. Favorite travel destination: the coast and mountains of North Carolina. Three children: Matthew, Ryan and Kevin.

Daniel "Dan" Fort. Spouse: Kathleen Forehand. Vocation: Purchasing Manager for Areva. Three children: Elisa, Caleb, and Margo.

Ron Herbison. Reside in New Jersey. Two children.

1982. Michelle Pressler. Spouse: William Ward. Vocation: Chemist. Hobbies: gardening, music, hiking, and biking. One child: Donny. "Living in Northern Illinois. Would love to hear from anyone."



The Eaton sisters—Liz, Shane, and Kate—taken about two years ago when all were in the military.

Below: Elizabeth Eaton – Ferenzi receiving her promotion to Captain, US Army.



Aimee Roberts Andersen. Spouse: Michael Andersen. Vocation: Head Greenhouse Grower, Cornell University.

1990. Jennifer Finnegan Patruno. Spouse: David Patruno. Vocation: Stay-at-home Mom. Hobbies: running and spending time with my family. Favorite vacation activity: going to the beach. One child: Jonathan. "David and I are proud parents of our 1/ ½ year old son, Jonathan. We are expecting our second baby November 7th, and we are very excited."

1993. Josette Woodyshek. Vocation: Art Teacher at Unatego school.

1996. Katherine "Kate" Eaton Ignatowski. Spouse: Jeff Ignatowski. Two children: Isabelle (4 in October 2007); Owen (6 months in June 2007). Vocation: Business Management; Postal Manager. "I served in the US Army for 5 years in Germany. I am a graduate of Marquette University."

Steve Larose. Vocation: everything.

1998. Shane Eaton. "I work in Hospital Administration at Walter Reed Hospital. I served for 5 years in the US Army, 15 months of which were in Iraq. I now live and work in Washington, DC. I hope to enter law school in the fall of 2007." From an email: "My name is Shane Eaton. I have a younger sister, **Elizabeth Eaton ('00)** currently serving in the military. Liz is a 25-year old Captain in the Army. She flies Black Hawk helicopters and is currently in her eighth month of deployment to Afghanistan, and will be there at least 5 more months. When she is home, she is stationed in Fayetteville, NC, with the 82nd Airborne Division. Liz graduated from Lehigh University in 2004 with her husband, Steven Ferenzi, who is also a Captain in the Army and currently deployed to Iraq. Liz is one of the few female pilots in her unit. While deployed she was promoted, went for her EMT certification, and had flown on numerous missions - up to eight hours in flight."

My older sister **Katherine [Eaton Ignatowski] ('96)** also served as an officer in the Army. She is out now, but her husband is in the Army and is deploying this month. I was also in the Army (class of 1998) and deployed to Iraq. We all did Army ROTC in college and served as officers in the Army. We are very proud of Liz and everyone in our family who has served. Most of all, we are grateful for the love and support our parents have given us; they have had to celebrate many holidays without us."

We Remember...

Deane Moore
1950

Gary Patrick
1963

Robert Howes
1945

Patricia Whitman Clapper
1957

Raymond Laraway
1934

Charles Wilson
1943

Dr. Suzanne Wade
1963

John Coulter
1948

Aubrey Whitney
1945

Clifford Shofkom
1943

Gary Lathem
1967

Duane Walker
1947

Richard Daugherty
1961

2000. Elizabeth "Liz" Eaton-Ferenzi. Spouse: Steve Ferenzi. "I am deployed in Afghanistan until December 2007/ January 2008. I serve in the US Army as the pilot of a Black Hawk helicopter. I graduated from Lehigh University in 2004."

Faculty:

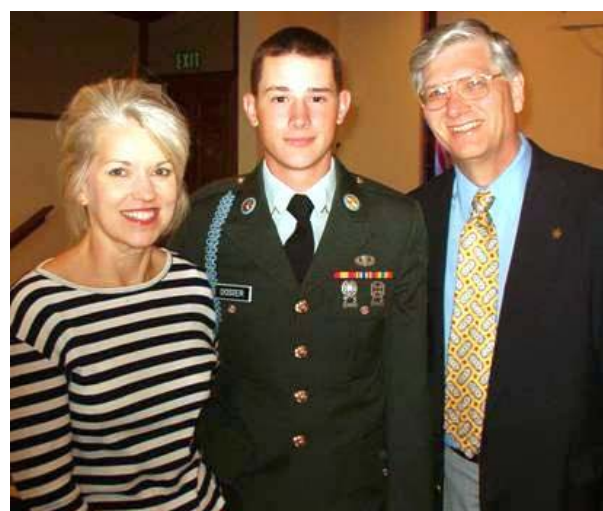
Bill Davidson. "Thanks so much for creating this wonderful publication! Also, thank you for all you did during the flooding of our beloved Sidney!"

Stefka Eaton. Taught Grades 2 and 3 from 1985 – 2005. "We raised 3 daughters in Sidney. They all attended SCS: **Kate, '96; Shane, '98, and Liz, '00.**"

Edward "Ted" Huntington. Spouse: Elaine. Four children. Two grandchildren. Math and Administration from 1954-1965. "Keep up the good work."

Parents:

Ann Cole Campbell. "I enjoy reading the alumni association paper. I had both knees replaced and I am doing well. Keep up the good work! Proud mother of Rich, Gary, Rob, Jim, and Tim."



Private James Doster with his parents Jennie and Fred Doster ('61), is currently in Germany and will be deployed to Iraq in March of 2008

Reunion News

“Pal-Up” Originators Create a Reunion To Remember!

The classes of 1976 and 1977 accepted the challenges brought on by the Flood of 2006 and held a successful “pal-up” reunion during Alumni Weekend July 13-15, 2007.

It would be hard to argue – though it would be a great debate- that any two classes were closer during their high school days than ’76 and ’77. That camaraderie was evident in our combined 30th reunion celebration.

Two classes met as one throughout the weekend, unofficially starting with the golf tournament on Friday July 13th. The official start came at the home of **Joe (’76) and Rosemary (Roberts ’77) Mirabito**.

Joe and Rosie graciously hosted a large group of alumni, their spouses and even a few faculty members. We were pleased to welcome former teachers Ed Abbot and Fran Redmond and current SCS teachers Dave Pysnik, Ann Zieno, and Ann Griffith to our gathering.

The tales of the past blended well with the “catch-ups” of the present at the ice breaker. As the evening wore on, the ability to recognize not only classmates but members of the ‘other’ class proved to be a fun exercise for all. Like any reunion, the amazement in how some folks had changed drastically and some changed hardly at all, was a favorite topic. The laughs, stories and even an impromptu ‘name game’ lasted well into the night. Thanks again to Joe and Rosie!

Saturday morning brought with it all the last minute set up details at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, site of that evening’s dinner. It was amazing how well we all worked together – the guys doing the heavy lifting and making sure the beer and wine were cold, and the girls decorating the tables and adding their special flair to make sure everything was looking perfect.

Somewhere in between the work, members of ’76-77 lined up for the March of Classes and – wouldn’t you know it- each class had the same amount of participants!

At the Parish Center, the work done earlier had certainly paid off. As the pre-dinner socializing began, displays of both classes were eye-catching and popular starting points for couples. Everyone socialized with everyone! Committee members from both classes commented how smoothly the event was going and we all looked forward to sharing the rest of the night.

The Knights of Columbus provided a delicious buffet meal. Following a moment of silence to pay tribute to our deceased classmates, we were honored to have Jon King’s father, Cameron King, give the blessing. “Cam” is also a Sidney graduate circa 1931!

With two classes came two pictures and two masters of ceremonies. **Bruce Wilhelm ’77, and Greg Davie, ’76** shared the duties with humor and (as they would tell it) an innate ability to not let their best laid plans get in the way of fun. The time went way too fast as it usually does at these reunions.



The Class of 1948 met for a luncheon at the home of Dick and Helen Dickson in Sidney for our 59th reunion. We are making plans for our BIG 60th Reunion next July with a dinner at the Sidney Golf and Country Club on Friday July 18th. More details later. Pictured here are Norma Hyatt Palmer, Bernie Zurn and Bev Preston Gregory.

On Sunday Greg Davie and **Laurie Cleaveland (’77)** represented their classes during the annual Alumni Memorial Service at the High School.

The committees of ’76 –’77 wish to thank all who attended this one of a kind 30th reunion for both classes.

Next year, 1976 members turn 50 years old and plan to have a picnic at the home of **Craig (’76) and Terry Mark (’79) Niles**. The arrangements will be far more casual and the work less involved than that of this two-year package. Since 1977 was great to accept our request to ‘pal up’, we invite them to stop by.



1977

Front Row: Brenda Walker Gerow, Lori Hayes Hess, Chris D’Imperio Dexheimer, Pam Fessenden Hall, Barb Gardner Doyle, **Row 2:** Nancy Soroka Hendrickson, JoAnn Dewey Mirabito, Terri Palombo Mohrien, Terri Stevens DeRoche, Lorna DeMott Wilhelm, **Back Row:** Steve Reynolds, Bruce Wilhelm, Mark Jones, Craig “Ant” Shields, David Acker, Joe Wycallis, Charlie Marble, Jon King, Dave Mowers



1976

Front Row: Kathy Dombrowski Dondaio, Bev Warner Petteys, Carole Redmond Stanbro, Jean McLaughlin Hanson, Sheri Emerson Kinsella, **Row 2:** Dave Van Valkenburg, Greg Davie, David Osborn, Lori Bargher Crandall, Lisa Allan-Ziemann, Betsy Rowlands, Mary Dingman House, Rick Mirabito, **Back Row:** Kelly Crandall, Chris Loudon, Mike Palombo, Craig Niles, Mark Crandall, Chuck Pfannkuchen, Pat McElligott, Mike Feltman, Steve Fessenden, Jim Wakeman, Harold Beismer



1975 Turns 50

Class of 1975 celebrated their 50th birthday at a picnic. This class has been celebrating with “get togethers” all year! (l-r) Mike Gregory, Steve Loudon and his daughter, Gerald Washington.

Class of 1991 Meets for 15 + 1

The Sidney High School Class of 1991 got together for their 15+ year reunion. Class members met for a picnic lunch at Keith Clark Park to talk about the past fifteen years and where everyone's headed for the next fifteen!

The reunion was on July 14, in conjunction with the Sidney Alumni Weekend festivities. This special weekend is a great time to get back to Sidney to see old family and friends. For those classmates who are not aware, this weekend is an annual event and there is even a website (www.sidneyalumni.org) to keep yourself updated with Sidney Alumni events AND to update your own personal contact information...so Jess Wheeler can find you when the next 1991 reunion rolls around :o) If you would like contact information about any 1991 classmates, please contact Jess Wheeler (Woodyshek) at jwheeler@oxac.org or call me at 607-563-2568. Be well and hope to hear from you soon!



Class of 1991 in July



’65 Celebrates 60!

Vicki Harris McDowell, Jean Rankins Pysnik, Anne Rock Corrigall, Ginny Learn Fust, Nancy Cycon Gunn



1997 Celebrated 10 years

The ladies of the Class of 1997 pose for a picture during their reunion.

Class of 1968

This class is planning to hold their 40th Reunion Alumni Weekend 2008. Their dinner will be held July 19, 2008 at the Sidney Elks Lodge.

Please contact Barb Felter (contact information page 19) with any address changes. More information will be sent after the first of the year.

Forgotten to pay your dues? Please take the time to send your membership application and dues to the SCSAA. We need your support!

Reunion News

Class of '45 Had a Great Time!

What beautiful weather for Alumni Weekend – perhaps trying to make amends for 2006! The sun even came out for the golfers, one of whom was our Fred Smart from N.C., who did us proud.



(front) Fred Smart, Bob Moss (Back) Lea Gregory, Hummy Hulbert, Carolyn Carter, Janet Caswell.

It's been 62 years since the class of '45 left SCHS, but we managed a group of 13 classmates for a delightful get –together at "Michaelangelos" in Sidney. When news spread that our most popular Hummy Hulbert and his charming daughter, Kym, were here from Virginia, our ranks swelled to 24 as friends from other classes joined our group.

Several of our group met for breakfast at the Fire Station. The Auxiliary did an excellent job! Six of us managed to participate in the March of the Classes which, as always, turned out to be a fun thing.

Janet Moore Caswell from Cornwall, NY and Carol Stevens Carter from Stewart Manor, NY and I decided to tour the carnival atmosphere of Main St. It was small town at its' best. The highlight was visiting the home of former teacher, Helen Weeden, to wish her a happy 105th birthday! She is absolutely delightful – putting our "young" minds to shame.

The American Legion did its usual great job of hosting the Alumni both Friday and Saturday nights. The crowds were large, and if the noise level was an indication, everyone had a tremendous time.

Of course the highlight was the Sunday luncheon for all alumni at the Sidney Fire Station. It was a good crowd and our Firemen chefs are better every year. The Wall of Fame presentations were most impressive. It's hard to believe a small town like Sidney has produced the variety and caliber of achievements by our own Sidney Alumni. We should all be very proud.

We were sad to hear of the passing of Lillian Wischhusen, widow of deceased classmate, Egon Wischhusen. Lil was not a Sidney grad but she was very much a part of the class of '45 and we will miss her.

Remember to pay your dues – keep in touch and we'll see you all in 2008!

'61-'62 Pal-up for 46th-45th

The "Pal-Up" 45th class reunion celebration for the Sidney High Class of 1961 and 1962 was held on Saturday afternoon July 14, 2007 in the Breunig's backyard. About 80 classmates and spouses enjoyed the chance to get reacquainted.

Franz Breunig and **Dolores Hayes Breunig ('62)** present owners of the 7 Pearl Street East home had a nostalgic and special connection with **Karen Nadig Silvernail ('61)** and her husband, Mike Silvernail, since Karen lived in the same house when she was growing up.

Also present were a few members of the class of 1960 who visited with **Victor Mesalles** who graduated with the class of 1960 as Sidney's foreign exchange student from Spain. After reconnecting with **Jim Britton ('61)** and hearing about the upcoming alumni weekend, Victor quickly made plans to fly over from Spain and attend the alumni weekend events. We all enjoyed seeing Victor after all these years.



The large maroon and white tent, decorations, food supplied by **Gail Ward Morey ('62)** from Morey's Restaurant and all those who participated or stopped by to visit us made it a very special 45th reunion.

We want to thank the 1961-1962 reunion committee, as well as the alumni committee for making the whole weekend very worthwhile.

Class of '52 Entertains '51 and '53 during Reunion

The Class of 1952 had a very successful 55th Reunion. Our Class graduated with 61 and unfortunately we have lost 13. Thirty of us made it back to Sidney for the reunion, 5 sent letters from their parents excusing them because of other commitments that were unavoidable. Unfortunately 10 classmates from the Sidney area were unable to join us. We missed them and told a few stories about them, I'm sorry they couldn't make it, hopefully they will next time.

We had a fun time at Wayne and Donna King's at a barbeque on Friday afternoon and evening. A few people from the Class of 1953 joined us. On Saturday we had a very good dinner at The Olde Mill and a great "Class of 1952" cake.

The Sidney Alumni Activities were as always well attended and loads of fun. Photos of all that attended were taken and sent to them with the Class Roster and an addendum to our "GOLDEN REFLECTOR".

Joan Crandall has suggested that the Class of 1952 make a contribution to the Reggie Reynolds Scholarship Fund. This Fund is managed by Dollars for Scholars, maintained at the Sidney Federal Credit Union. If you would like to participate, you may send money to Wayne King at 132 Dingman Hill Rd, Bainbridge, NY 13733, and it will be forwarded to the Fund as a contribution from the Class of 1952.

Several of us played on the 1950 undefeated football team and the SCSAA's Sports Hall of Fame is going to honor that team by presenting them with the first "Annual Legacy Award". This will occur during the Homecoming Weekend this fall, Sept 21 and 22. (See article on page one.)

The Class of '52 is going to have a 60th Reunion in 2012!! So, start planning now. That means stay physically active so you too can march with the classes.



(l-r) Ann Petrosky Philpott, Karen Nadig Silvernail, Roberta Meehan, Dolores Hayes Breunig, Arlene Hubbell McCoon, Pat Gray Tancredi, Rena Cole Doing, Joan Roof, Marsha Donaldson, Pat Heimer Parent, Linda Hager Bailey, Carolyn Yenson Doi front Marty Burdick Benson, Gail Ward Morey, Kathleen Pollack, Donna Harris Kuzdzal, Pat Rafferty Smith.



Class of 1967 40th Reunion July 2007

Front row l-r: Diane Graney Holbert, Sonnie Puffer Finch, Paul Clark. **Row 2 l-r:** Dave Williams, Liz Belcher Constable, Cheryl De-Fillippo Jones, Elaine Dewey Anderson, Chris Jayne. **Row 3 l-r** Ron Henderson Sue Learn Bennett, Barbara Hamilton Hardie, Peggy Heidrich Logue, Ray Stark **Row 4 l-r:** Amy Miketta FitzGerald, Gail Horth Zeigler **Row 5 l-r:** Linda Laraway Scott, Cheryl Winans Cutting (hiding), Melinda Felter Barrows **Back row l-r:** Jack Burnham, Ed Green. Donald Stanley, Ken Cutting.



The sign in front of the Firemen's facility is the backdrop for a few of the Class of '52. (from left) Nancy Norton, Barbara Smith, Helen Rosenkranz, Joy Chuma, Joan Crandall and Jean Parker.

Class of 1966—40 + 1

Front Row: Jon Seeley, Tom Scott, Dennis Porter, David Davis, Vince Mirabito, Dick Hendee

Second Row: Judy Young Seeley, Kathy Downin Williams, Bob Mann, Steve Anderson, Chris Schaeffer Osont, Clarinda Wood Stangel, Patti Jo Provenzon Doi, Jim Doi, Cheryl Burian Baldwin, Karen Launt Breunig, Muriel DeFilippo Johnson, Tony Capaccio.

Third Row: Steve Kozlowski, Greg Wyss, Ken Wrigley, Greg Manwarren, Monica Egnaczak Jensen, Diane Miller Robillard, Dawn Nordberg Smith, Cheryl Phillips Kozlowski, Charlotte Johnson Axtell, Ray Ballard, Jim Thompson

Alumni News!!!



George and Brenda Donaloio Lee were married September 30, 2006. This picture was taken at the Old Mill Restaurant in Mt Upton, NY on the Unadilla River.



On a visit to California in 2007 B/G Peter Palmer, '72, spent some time with his aunt Ethel Hellerud Kirkpatrick, '54.



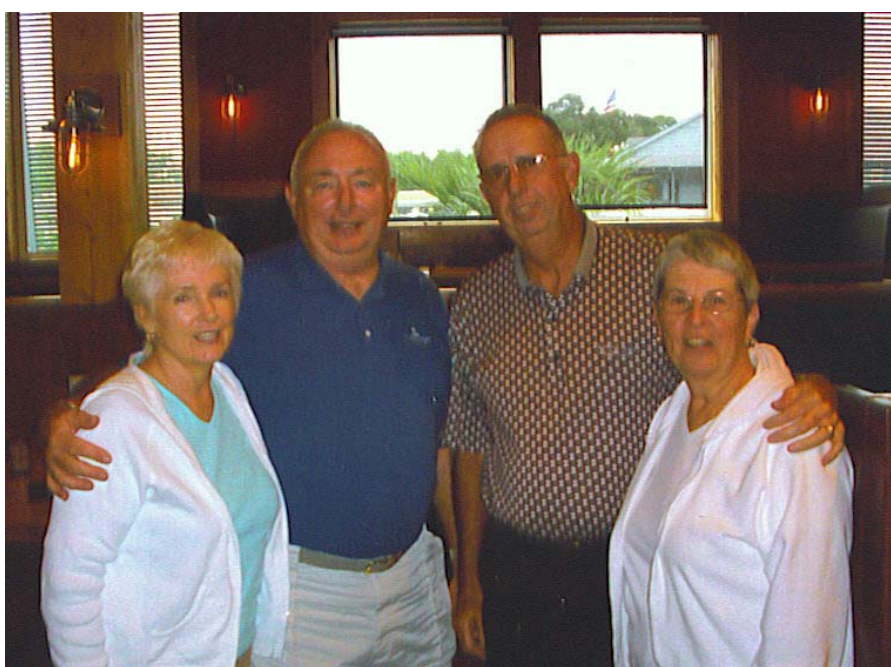
Sidney Boys
Class of 1979
Jeri Mirabito, Bill Romano, Mark Wycallis and Joe Lynch.



These Sidney Alumni gathered to celebrate Terry Dermody's 60th birthday in May (l-r) Pat Lynch '74, Dave Riker, '65, Monica Cycon Lynch, '73, Karen Cycon Dermody, '63, Margaret Gill Cycon '41, Bryan Innes '01, Sherry Dermody Potter, '61, Terry Dermody, '65, Dick Woytek, '65, Marty Reed, '65, Dennis Dermody, '74.



Mini Reunion!
Classmates Judy Burgher Lorette and Blair Puffer "ran into" one another while on Cape Cod this summer. The two had not seen each other since 1980. Blair and Judy are members of the Class of 1970



Pictured are the two co-captains of the 1960 basketball team and their spouses. From left to right: Linda Gill, Bob Gill ('60), Roger Terry ('60), Sharon Ellis Terry ('63)

Bob Gill writes "I had seen Roger and Sharon's address in the spring 2007 copy of Reflections. While my wife and I were on a recent golfing trip to Myrtle Beach, NC, I decided to look them up and try and get together for some golf with them. While we were rained out from playing, we still had a great time reminiscing with them about the good old days at SCHS and our dear old Sidney. We hadn't seen each other since shortly after graduation and had many memories to share and laugh about that afternoon."



Left
On a vacation recently, Bill McIntyre met with friends and classmates. (l-r) Bill McIntyre, '63, Charlie Morse, '60, Sally McCauley Morse, '63, Jim Morse, 63



**SIDNEY HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI!!!**

Listen up! I'm starting the fall issue of Reflections with a song made famous by ol' Barbra Streisand! So if you can sing or hum it sans being misty, good for you!

Here Goes!

The Way We Were
Memories,
Light the corner of my mind
Misty water-colored memories
Of the way we were.
Scattered pictures,
Of the smiles we left behind
Smiles we gave to one another
For the WAY WE WERE....

Excellent! My computer is 'moist!' Now, go on with your own memories and relish in dwelling on the good and the bad. For me, school was not my strong point but, funny thing, the good always smothered the bad. Remember how tickled-to-death you were to get up and head to school! Ya had done all your homework and there was nothing the teachers would throw at you that you couldn't master!

You would be seeing soon all your friends - no enemies - as though it was the first time! And they would be just as happy to see you! Would the wind, sleet, hail, mud, snow, rain and other elements I've forgotten deter you from thinking, "This will be another day!"? No way! You were school-bound and ya loved it! Sit back and enjoy what's coming! Do I have a captive audience? You bet!

Going to Sidney was always a major event for my wife and myself and our four girls. Out of our Maryland house at 6:30 a. m., Sidney was in the crosshairs - hey! we're going home. About thirty minutes from Gettysburg, Pa. the girls were heaving it bigtime in the back seat - all over them, the seat and the floor, this was a trip to Sidney ritual. After pulling off the road, the wife went into Red Alert! Her emergency bag was ready and in no time those kids were Marine Corpsized! A lotta spit and polish!

Howard Johnson was awaiting wiith waffles, bacon, milk, fruit and the whole kitchen. What a sight! The girls were, like, ready for church and the oohs and ahs from all the little old ladies pumped us up. "Are they twins?" "Sure are!" "Harry, George etc. come over here and see these precious little things!" "And look at the gorgeous other two!" Too bad they were 30 minutes late for the real show.

Our Michou (Mich`ele in French and pronounced as Me Shoe) hit the gift shop as always and bought a 12 inch Gettysburg logoed flute that she blew in back of my head for the next 12 hours. Many efforts were made to cream her - I couldn't do it as she was having a ball! She was just too little to know otherwise and I was just a milque-toast.

So on we went to Shangrila with Michou hitting the flute. Karen, Carole and Corinne never peeped. Guess they could handle that! What else did Michou have in her disturb arsenal? Nothing! Just the flute! That alone stifled descent.

Morning Assembly

A daily ritual with the principal opening the proceedings with a prayer (Mon Dieu - a prayer in school), announcements and the presentation - the highlight - of the speaker or entertainer(s) - (Indians, magician(s), singer(s), dancer(s) - just like vaudeville). As we now say, " Great stuff! While everyone was “on a roll”, this was followed by boisterous vocalizing on Juanita, America the Beautiful, The National Anthem, holiday songs etc. - the 'management' loved it as the kids had a chance to let it all hang out!

If a sports team was hitting it and a championship was within grasp, the cheerleaders took over and there would have been no stopping it if the principal hadn't intervened and advised us, nicely, we were here to learn.

After the cool-down, the principal gave the benediction and off we went to classes singing our heads off while going through the corridors. That was short lived as soon as we hit our cells. We were in lockdown for 50 minutes - the only voice heard was that of the teachers. I don't think they loved it but it did provide the opportunity to fill our heads with - LEARNING!!!

Corinne, Our Daughter

This is a terribly rough memory! Corinne was a twin and always bouncing all over the place and cheerleading with her sister gave them practicing opportunities all over as they were always together - in the house, the backyard, parking lots, stores - anyplace with adequate room. She traveled the world, many times with her mother while executing her duties. Every family has this relationship - a daughter and her mother - they were made for each other! It just was natural! Mommy was 'quite' feisty and Corinne loved it as she was a free bird. The other children got a 'kick' out of their mother but not to Corinne's extent. In fact, they sought Corinne was a 'little off' - ha! And so it went, until the day before her thirtieth birthday when our free spirit became a 'free spirit'...Twenty-three years ago. It's all so fresh after all these years! She loved her school years.

LISTEN UP AGAIN FOR SOME MORE MUSIC IS COMING!

It's the first day of October and fall is all over the place - in the leaves, the air and the quietude it brings. So what could more appropriate than the September Song lyrics from the Broadway musical - Knickerbocker Holiday, penned by German born Kurt Weill and sung famously by Canadian born Walter Huston on an American stage! International or not? Maxwell Anderson, a Pulitzer-prize winner and constant thorn in the side of President FDR and his "WWII", was the playwright.

Charles Dann and his trapping

Charley, my buddy in and out of the classroom, was a 'green' man long before Al Gore. During trapping season, he would hit the outdoors and his traps about 4:30 a.m. to see what had been snared. Sure enough, if I remember correctly, they were always full!

He'd approached me in our homeroom and with the excitement that only a trapper could render, told me of his catch. Joe Gardner, the junkman and pelt dealer on Cartwright Avenue, offered \$20 for an unskinned animal and \$30 for a pelt! Charley was a rich entrepreneur while still schoolbound.

Imagine, he had been up about 4 hours before school started, just like the kids who were bused in. They were the students who were fresh and wide-awake to confront the school day.

HOW ABOUT ONE MORE MEMORY?

Janitors

Ray Edson was the first 'building engineer' I remember - slightly bent forward, fully overalled and with cap at a rakish angle with his swift gait he constantly maintained the building in ready-for-inspection mode. We exchanged smiles as he and my grandfather had been good friends. To everyone he was just, Ray.

The other 'building engineer' was 'Rastus' Beams (Beames?) - never knew his first name. He, like Ray, kept the school in excellent shape, as well as holding court in the corridors with any student who would listen. His son was Chief of Police Ralph Beames who became a good friend later in life. Rastus was always hanging around the 'classroom kitchen' at lunchtime, munching on the students offerings. Guess it was good as he was always smiling. Doormen, janitors, valet parking attendants, volunteers etc., provide daily exchanges with people of all stripes, dispensing smiles and information - for many, probably the best encounter they might have all day!

The Ultimate Memory – my Education

I've done my griping about my twelve years, but in this memory paper, it has finally reached home - where in HELL would I be without it! I wouldn't be able to read, write, and do 'rithmetic - I'd be a fool! Sounds awfully simplistic but it's true! Here and now I confess, I am totally grateful for the education I received in the Sidney school system - Kindergarten, Grammar School, Junior High and finally Sidney High School. IT MADE ME WHAT I AM AND I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF IT. IT WAS DONE IN A SMALL TOWN WHERE BASIC VALUES ABOUNDED AND WHICH ARE STILL THE CORNERSTONES OF MY LIFE TODAY.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

I just finished a tribute to my education, which hadn't always been peachy, but my wife and I decided that I should take advantage of the GI Bill. So, being in Washington, D. C. how about going to GW? Why not? I never gave thought to continuing education, but, this was free, only thing is ya gotta hang in there for four years - could I do it? Yes! We were in total agreement and off I went to apply. What a shock when my high school transcript

parked me in the lowest third ranking! With only 42 students I was really on the bottom. Still, I had the equivalent of a B-. Hey!, that's not bad!

The miracle appeared and GW said now that I am 'mature' after seven years service with 2 1/2 overseas, they would put me in the division of special students and if I registered a B for the semester, they would proclaim me a 'real' student. Went for it I did and in 2 1/2 years I had my BA - not through brilliance, but just hard work and summer school. Being in the bottom of the Sidney High School class ranking didn't mean I was really dumb just that I was not as bright as the other 41 students. (that's a good way to look at it!) Finally, everything came out alright in the education-wash and now I was the ready for the world.

LET'S HAVE THE VOCAL BENEDICTION

Oh we will not forget our alma mater
'though our high school days are o'er,
we will ever love our Sidney High
as we did in days of yore.

Maroon and White will always be the colors
that will make the pulses throb,
Sidney High to you
we will ere be true,
Sidney High dear Sidney High!!!

As my California son-in-law always says in parting -
GOD BLESS!

Charles "Doc" Brooks, '35
The Caregiver

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and advanced the purpose of strengthening the bond among alumni, school and community. Our inductees to the “Wall” clearly demonstrates that each passing generation who have shared our common experience of school and community have produced remarkable individuals who are equally deserving of this honor. The inductees measure up to **anyone, anywhere, anytime.**

“Rising to the Challenge” (Opportunity out of Adversity) focused on how the members of the SCSAA rose to the challenge after the flood that devastated the Sidney Area in 2006 by raising over \$20,000 for disaster relief. This column chronicled how after the cancellation of Alumni Weekend, the Association focused primarily on the **Community** aspect of our founding purpose. This column documented the astounding display of generosity by Sidney Alumni and those Alumni who chose return to Town anyhow to volunteer in the clean-up efforts. Again, our founding purposes in action.

Our first decade has produced some **remarkable and memorable moments.** Those that are symbolic of who we are, that we work with our founding purposes in mind, and have achieved recognition as a prominent organization are:

- **The Community Pride Award:** presented by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce to the SCSAA to recognize its contribution to the vitality of the Sidney Community
- **The dedication of “Alumni Field”:** This special honor was a tribute to the generations of Alumni who create a tradition of excellence and achievements in sports, and who have had a positive affect on the Sidney Schools and Community
- **“Community Matters Award:** presented to the SCSAA for raising \$20,000 for the 2006 Flood Relief Efforts.
- **Establishment of an Alumni Scholarship Fund:** To date over \$18,000 has been awarded by the Alumni Association to deserving Sidney graduates.
- **Growth of Alumni Weekend:** Since its inception the number of classes participating has grown from 5 classes in 1999 to over 30 in 2007 and is one of Sidney’s largest community events.

Our first decade has been successful because of the efforts of remarkable individuals. They include the Association’s Board of Directors; an extraordinary group of volunteers with dedication, commitment, and passion; class representatives who maintain the all-important

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Pal-ups, Re-staging, and Even a Rainbow—



The competition for the Alumni Golf Tournament is often fierce!



Jim McIntyre’s golf cart kept disappearing—it seems that Dick Woytek has something to do with it this time. It’s the “brig” for sure.



Happy 50th + 1!
Some of the Class of ‘56 enjoyed the Nature Walk together. (l-r) Joanne Bolonda Tula, Elma Daniels Taylor, Kathy Mason Crandall, Mary Lou Sands Gibson, Barbara Burki Gillette, Janice Risley Knight, Back Row: Dave Butler, Jim McTigue.



It has become tradition for Dave Hollister to play his saxophone for Margaret Cycon. Here he is playing during the Class of ‘65 60th Birthday party.



More ladies played than ever before—Deb Puffer (far left) played for the very first time.



Evy Buker Avery, Floyd Fisher and Mary Ann Maynard Cramton kept things running smoothly at the Nature Walk.



Class of ‘63 got together for the March of Classes and spent some time planning their 45th Reunion for 2008. Front : Cynthia Downin, Becky Smith Holley, Pam Cooley, Lynette Dalrymple Cumo, Back: Karen Cycon Dermody, Dick Germond, Bill McIntyre, Carl Cooke, Al Murray



Class of 1957 celebrated 50 years and had a ball at the March of the Classes.

It Takes a Village

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tors such as Mrs. Heimer, Mr. Rowlands, and Coach Zeigler seemed to have a magical combination of in-



Mike was presented this trophy created by fellow eammate, Harry Bouvier.

timidation and inspiration. It all depended on how you did that day. I earned a B.A. at Colgate, took 6 graduate courses at Syracuse University and attended an advanced marketing program at Harvard Business School. But if I were to list the five best teachers I ever had, at least three of them would have been at Sidney High.

And most of all, I was raised by my neighbors. The Burghers, the Coles, the Carlsons, The Paynes, The Jones, and many more. It was a surprisingly casual environment. We kids all called the adults by their first names, and you thought nothing of appearing at the kitchen door uninvited when someone was cooking something that smelled good. Marion Payne fed me as much as she did her three children, Taffy Jones was always recruiting us for an “Aquacade”, and Bill and Shirley Burgher treated me like a son to go along with their two daughters. They played with us, socialized with us, gave us pep talks, and kept us in line. They even coached us in Little League, although I am probably the only kid whose father, Bud, coached an opposing team! He, Judd Cole, and Bill Burgher decided to take on a team and mine wasn’t available. (At least that was what they told me.)

What I loved most about the induction banquet this September was what it said about Sidney 45 years later. It is still a village raising its kids. 170 people showed up to recognize teams and individuals from the past, but mostly to support the kids of today’s Sidney. Supporting the sports program makes a statement about how important it is to the development of young men and women. As I worked my way though my business career, I traveled the world, often speaking to hundreds and sometimes thousands in my marketing capacity. I cannot help but believe that the confidence I gained while standing there with a ball in front of 800 friends and neighbors was crucial to developing the presence I needed. The teamwork, the mental resilience to come from behind, and maybe most importantly, the ability to deal with defeat, all build life skills that are valuable no matter what career path we take.

I found the moment of my remarks surprisingly emotional, much more so than I anticipated. I hope I was able to convey to the shopkeepers, teachers, coaches and neighbors of today’s Sidney what valuable work they are doing. Keep raising those kids because, while you may never know it, often they need you more than you can imagine. It does indeed take a village.

Homecoming Weekend

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Kermit was determined to stay and play for the men (coaches) he considered mentors for him—among them Fran Redmond and Al Drake.

Mike Gallup got a warm introduction from his former neighbor, Karyl Burgher Clemens, ‘68, including written message from Karyl’s father, Bill. He also received a long distance dedication from former teammate, Harry Bouvier, in a letter read by Mike’s classmate, Dick Germond. That tribute also included a special “trophy” created by Harry in Mike’s honor.

The final individual honor was for Vinny Lynch, ‘77. Vinny was introduced by his proud father, Howard Lynch. As the father of seven other sons besides Vin, Dr. Lynch was able to cite the unique way in which

Vinny went about his athletic career, and include the whole family in his introduction. Vinny followed with a “walk down memory lane” describing individuals who influenced his career at Sidney, as well as his college sports career.

Finally the first Legacy Award was presented to the 1950 football team and their coach, Fran Redmond. The members of the team and family representatives of deceased members were presented with team pictures and commemorative footballs imprinted with the team roster. In addition, team captain Loren “Moby” Collins presented the Legacy Award plaque to current Sidney Athletic Director, Eric Race, and Superintendent, Sandra Cooper. This plaque and all others for past, present and future Sports Hall of Fame inductees will soon be mounted around the old Warrior Head near the entrance to the gymnasium in the High School.

The annual sports memorabilia auction held during the evening raised over \$1600 to help pay for the new indoor scorer’s table to be used at Sidney High School. Thanks to Mike Gallup who donated a one-week stay at a condo on Hilton Head Island, SC to the auction. The Association also wishes to thank Mike Lynch, ‘75, and A to Z Sports Marketing for the excellent auction items.

The committee is seeking individuals to be considered for induction to the Sports Hall of Fame as well as teams to be honored with the Annual Legacy Award. If you would like to submit a nomination contact Greg Davie at gdavie@stny.rr.com.



Terry Dermody, Kermit Marble and his sons.



Terry Dermody, Vinny Lynch and Howard Lynch.



Terry Dermody, Mrs. Alan Drake, and Bill Dann



Terry Dermody, Mike Gallup and Karyl Burgher Clemens.



1954 Baseball Team

1st row: J. Howes, H. Doyle, J. Young, A. Dumond, F. Misner, D. Hilary, J.Clum, P. Hamilton, D. Lisenby, K. Marble. **2nd row:** B. Daniels, R. Marble, E. Barnes, T. Clapper, D. Graney, W. Brueuish, D. Ineich, D. Sowersby, C. Crandall, B. Ray, Assistant Coach, D. Fessenden, Coach A. Drake, Managers: G. Pendorf, J. Mitrzyk.

Is your Membership Current?

Please check the date on the label of your newsletter and if your membership has expired, please renew it today. Your membership dues allow the Association to continue to print and mail Reflections as well as produce all the other activities throughout the year.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Cast Your Vote for Board Candidates

Vote for any or all of the candidates who are listed here by visiting the website www.sidneyalumni.org or by sending the ballot to SCSAA, PO Box 2186, Sidney, New York. You must be a current member of the Association to register your vote.

Anne M. Mott - 1983

As a 1983 graduate of Sidney Central School, I was pleased to be asked to become a member of the Board of the Alumni Association. I have lived in the area all my life, currently residing in Bainbridge. A financial background has enabled me to work for the past eighteen years at Sidney Federal Credit Union. I also worked three years at NBT Norwich in the Commercial Loan area. Through High School and college, part of my education came from working for Chris Bickos, Public Accountant.

For many years I have participated in a number of organizations in the Sidney and Bainbridge area: Sidney Dollars for Scholars, Isaac Nieves Boy Scout Scholarship Committee, Ed Wessels Canoe Regatta, General Clinton Canoe Regatta, and Boy Scouts of America have kept me community oriented.

Some of my most valuable time has been spent raising my son Derrick, who currently is a graduate student at Binghamton University. In my spare time, I enjoy bowling, volleyball, golfing, motorcycle riding, and spending time with family and friends.

For the past ten years, Sidney Dollars for Scholars has given me the opportunity to stay involved with my alma mater. Through the annual phonathon, I enjoy working with the current high school students. Having participated for the past several years in the Alumni golf tournament has also allowed me to meet many other alumni. Our team has so thoroughly enjoyed our time together that we have consistently arranged several other golf outings each summer. Being a member of the Alumni Association Board will enhance my alumni interactions and I look forward to the many worthy projects and events.

Floyd Fisher, 1959

I was born in Yonkers, NY in 1941. My family moved to Masonville in 1943. I attended Masonville School, Pearl Street School, and graduated from the Pleasant High School in 1959. While in high school I was a member of the football team, basketball team and the track team. I belonged to various clubs and organizations including the Varsity Club and National Honor Society.

I currently reside in Bainbridge, NY. I have three children and two grandchildren. I have two brothers and three sisters that graduated from Sidney High School: James Fisher '55', Alan Fisher '81, Betsey Fisher '80', Jean DuMond Oakley '65, (deceased), Nancy DuMond Setford '64.

After graduating in 1959, I attended Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA. I graduated in 1963 with an A.B. in Mathematics. While I attended college I was a member of the football team and the Kappa Delta Rho national fraternity. In 1968, I earned a M..A. in Mathematics from Central Conn. State University in New Britain, CT. In 1998 I earned a M.S. in computer science from RPI at Hartford, CT.

From 1963-1968 I taught Mathematics at Conard High School in West Hartford, CT. I was the wrestling coach from 1965-1968. From 1968-1971 I taught mathematics and Science at the Institute of Living School in Hartford, CT. From 1971-2003, I taught Mathematics and Computer Science at Hillyer College of the University of Hartford in West Hartford, CT. When I retired in 2003 I held the rank of Associate Professor. I currently hold Emeritus status. While at the college I was varsity wrestling coach from 1975- 1981 and Math/Science Department Chair from 1998-2002.

I was pleased that my high school has such an active alumni association. Even while living in CT, I was informed of events and attended most of the reunion activities.

If elected I will do my best to continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Ray Taylor, 1955

I would like to be considered for re-election as a Director of the Sidney Central School Alumni Association. I graduated from Sidney Central School in '55'. Married to Elma 'Daniels' Taylor class of '56'. We have 2 grown children who are also graduates of Sidney High: Ray Jr. - class of '74' - lives in Dublin OH and has 2 children; Randy - class of '77' - lives in Rochester NY and has 2 children.

I worked in Sidney at Amphenol for 33 years, retiring in '90. I also have called Modern Western Square Dancing for 28 years and recorded eight square dance records.

I would like to renew my commitment to this organization by asking for your vote for my reelection to the Board of Directors. As a Director and Web Master, I would like to continue to do my part, to see this association continue to grow.

Terry Dermody, 1965

I am seeking re-election to the position of Director of the SCS Alumni Association. I was born and raised in Sidney and am a 1965 graduate of Sidney High School.

I have been active in Alumni matters for the past 14 years. I served as the Class of 1965 representative for several years and helped in planning and organizing our Class Reunions during that time. In 1998, I was elected President of the SCS Alumni Association and, with other dedicated Alumni, have worked towards formalizing the goals and purposes of the Association, and building a strong foundation. With the support of the Alumni Community and the SCSAA Board of Directors, we have been able to direct the growth of the Association into an active and meaningful organization. During our tenure we expanded the popular "All Class Reunion Luncheon" to an Alumni Weekend format, launched an Alumni Website, initiated "Reflections", instituted the Sports Hall of Fame and Alumni Wall of Fame For Distinguished Alumni and Educators, established a scholarship fund, inaugurated Alumni Field and launched numerous community and school initiatives. Though these efforts we have advanced our purposes of creating a link between Alumni and the Community and ignited an interest and increased the visibility of the Association.

My experience with the Association has been enjoyable and rewarding. It has provided me the opportunity to come in contact with so many alumni across all generations and geographical locations. I have a fond affection for our Hometown, and through the activities of the Association, we have been able to make a small contribution towards maintaining the vitality of the community. Considerable progress has been made, but there is much more to be accomplished and I would consider it an honor and a privilege to continue to serve the Association and pursue the vision. Thank you for your consideration.

Debby Woytek Puffer, 1968

I have been on the Board of Directors of the Sidney Central School Alumni Association now for the past 9 years and have served as Corresponding Secretary for 6 years. I really enjoy keeping track of all the alumni and helping classes with their rosters.

I have seen how the association has grown these past years and how well they are doing as far as their relationship with the school and the community. I hear so many positive comments about our alumni weekend, and I love being a part of that. I want to help our association grow bigger and better in the future.

I am a candidate for a member of the Board of Directors and I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Jon DeTemple, 1961

I am running for re-election to the SCSAA Board of Directors for three reasons. The first and foremost is

that I truly care about Sidney and the great foundation it gave me. I view this is an opportunity to give back and keep us all connected. To this day, I remember my graduation speaker from that day in June, 1961. He told us that no one would ever know us better than those we grew up with in our hometown. I've always believed that and when I was asked to serve, I felt it was something I needed to do. I still feel that way today.

Secondly, I want to make something that was already doing fine without me, be a little bit better. We have done a number of important things together during my tenure and I believe there is still work to do. It is my desire to continue to help wherever I can.

Finally, without going into a lengthy resume, I have been on or worked for a number of governing boards over the years, and as SCSAA matures, this experience should help. Given the opportunity, I will be honored to serve again. Thank you for your consideration.

Ron Wischhusen, 1972

Having been with the SCS Alumni Association Board of Directors since its official inception, I've seen many changes take place and for the most part, these changes have been positive. Everything has remained within the founding guidelines of serving alumni, school, and community, and the direction in which the Board has progressed is a healthy one.

I wish more members would speak up with regard to topics and issues they would like the Board to consider. Besides some of the individual events, which are still superb, I believe that a constant input of fresh ideas from all members of the board could help. As the SCSAA looks toward its 10th Anniversary, I'd like to renew my candidacy as a Director in order to promote this. Thank you

Dick Germond 1963

Having graduated from SCHS in 1963, I first attended Mohawk Valley C. C. followed by a semester at Utica College, before concluding that furthering my education was not a personal priority at the time. Instead, in the summer of 1964, I opted for adventure by enlisting in the US Navy, which was to become the first of three careers.

My active military service lasted eight years. I retired from the US Naval Reserve in September 2000 after 31 years of Naval service, of which over 20 was service with the Fleet Marine Forces. I retired as a US Naval Chief Petty Officer and Command Chief & Senior Enlisted Advisor, 4th Dental Company 4th Dental Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Force, USMC.

Active service provided the stepping stone to my second career as an oral & maxillofacial radiologic technologist. In 1994, I joined the Perricone Juice Company in Beaumont, California heading the Quality Control and Microbiology area. In May of 2007, I retired from Perricone although I have been retained as a consultant to the company.

I am married and have two children and two grandchildren - Katy, 37 who is the mother of identical twin grandsons, Alex and Lucas, aged 7; and Taryn, 29. Katy is a hair stylist working in the entertainment industry in Los Angeles, and Taryn is an attorney in San Diego. My wife, Kris has two children and two grandchildren—her daughter Amy, 30, is the mother of Hannah, 3 and Jack, 11 months; and her son, Matthew is 28. Amy is a mother and housewife in Gunniston, Colorado, and Matt is a Business Analyst in Boulder, Colorado. Kris is a disabled teacher. Kris and I recently moved back to the area permanently from Palm Desert, California, and we now reside in Bainbridge.

I am running for a three year term on the SCSAA Board of Directors. Please be assured of my strong commitment to the founding purposes of the Association and, if elected, I will continue to embrace and

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Sidney Boxing News

By Patrick McElligott '76

One of the highlights of this summer for me was attending the Class of '76-'77 Reunion. A lot of planning goes into these events, and I think it is important to thank the people who invest their time and energy making these reunions successful. We all had a great time. It was fun for me to talk to some of the people who read my articles about Sidney's boxing history especially because other people remember things I have forgotten. It is interesting to hear other people's perspective.

This summer, there was a professional boxing card scheduled in Binghamton. I was in contact with one of the promoters who used to be on one of the Binghamton boxing clubs. When I introduced myself, he said, "Yeah, I sure as (heck) remember the Sidney Boxing team." His memories were not as pleasant as those shared at the class reunion.

Friends at the Press & Sun Bulletin had me write a history of boxing in Binghamton. It covered from 1910-1990. Unfortunately, the card was cancelled, and the article never ran. We had a group of over 25 people from the area planning to car-pool to the Broome County Arena for the fights, and we might have doubled it by the day of the fight. There is something of a renewed interest in boxing: we had people ages 8 to 80 ready to go to watch the fights!

In 2007, we have had smaller groups attend a few fight cards in Oneonta, and in the capital district. Many of the "old timers" at these events remember the Sidney team, too. A number of people ask when Sidney is going to put together another team? That is what I would like to discuss in this article.

We attend both amateur and professional cards. Most are put on by Pugnacious Promotions, which is run by Paul Brown and Lisa Elovich. Paul is an assistant in the Adirondack Association of USA Boxing and an advocate for parents of students in Special Education. Lisa is an attorney, a member of the NYS Board of Parole, and a former administrative law judge for the NYS Office of Children & Family Services, Deputy NYS Attorney General, and Assistant DA in Manhattan.

The regional commissioner is Daryl "Clyde" Beattie, who my brother Tom beat in his last fight. These people run amateur boxing in a way that is far improved from the ways that it was done when I was young.

A few people in the Sidney area have expressed interest in starting a local boxing program. One is my nephew, Toby Whitaker, who works at the Tri-Town Boys & Girls Club. I know from talking to Toby that there are concerns about boxing: does it encourage violence, and are kids that box at increased risk for injuries?

The National Safety Council's annual accident reports show that boxing ranks very low in terms of injuries for kids in the United States. Sports like football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and wrestling all rank significantly higher. In fact, high school cheerleading tanks higher than boxing in their reports.

Boxing programs that are properly run have been shown to be a positive influence on "at risk" kids. A boxing program adds structure, discipline, motivation, sportsmanship, and confidence in young people who participate in them. I've noted before that my brother Tom and I counted that of the approximately 75 kids that were part of the Rec Club Boxing Team in the late 1970s, more than 50 had been in trouble at home, in school, or in the community at some time. But, when they were active on the team, none were getting in trouble. (Of course, not all kids who enjoy boxing were getting in trouble.)

This year, my son, Darren, fought in the Golden Gloves. One of our problems was that we couldn't find any sparring. We went to Oneonta a dozen times, but we never had anyone to spar him before he boxed. Darren and I have become friends Bobby Czyz, a former world champion, who is interested in helping us prepare for 2008. And there are a couple other local young people who want to try the Silver Gloves and/or the Golden Gloves.

I'm hoping that this is something that the Alumni Association will be interested in supporting.

Patrick McElligott, now writes about boxing for UnlimitedFightNews.com, one of the largest contact sports web sites on the internet.

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support those purposes in any and all endeavors I may undertake as a Board member on behalf of the Association. Thank you for your consideration.

James McIntyre, 1960

I am running for a term on the SCSAA Board of Directors. Under the Board's vision and leadership, the SCSAA has blossomed into a model high school alumni program, unmatched anywhere.

In my view, our SCSAA is an increasingly important organization to our school district, its alumni and indeed our community. I look forward to finding where my background and interests might be best utilized in service to the SCSAA Board. I appreciate your consideration.

Karen Cycon Dermody, 1963

I am running for re-election to the SCSAA Board of Directors. I have been a part of the Association since it's inception nearly 10 years ago. In that time, I have had the privilege of meeting and working with many dedicated individuals who are determined to see the Association work toward it's goal of bringing together School, Alumni, and Community.

Whether it is organizing the 1000 Book Challenge to aid the new school library, planning the Alumni Reunion Weekend each year, or helping to re-energize the Homecoming celebration, the Board is made of up of truly sincere and hardworking alumni whom I have had the pleasure of getting to know and work along side.

I hope to be able to continue editing Reflections and my duties on the Board. I am grateful for your consideration.

Dennis Porter, 1966

My name is Dennis Porter and I would like to continue a 3 year term on the Board of Directors of the Sidney Alumni Association. I have been an active board member since the formation of the Sidney Alumni Association. I have worked on numerous committees and I am currently the Chairman of the School Relations Committee. I have been active in the Sidney community having served on the Sidney School Board for 11 years, five as President. I have been a board member of the Sidney United Way for over 25 years, and am currently Executive Director. I have worked at the Amphenol Corporation in Sidney for the past 33 years in numerous financial positions and still look forward to the "Rat Race" every day.

I live in Sidney with my wife Margaret, who is a school teacher. We have two adult children who are also Sidney Alumni. Mark is a lawyer in Washington D.C., and Sarah is a social worker in Binghamton, N.Y.

I would appreciate the support of my fellow alumni to be elected for another 3 year term to the Board of Directors of the Sidney Alumni Association. I would like to help promote the status of our Association and to encourage more involvement of our classmates to the various functions offered by the Association.

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connections with their classmates; organizers and planners of the class reunions and members of the Alumni Community whose financial support and participation have contributed significantly to what we have become.

So here we are back in 2007. Our first decade has been an extraordinary journey. It should be a source of pride for everyone because our success has been a joint effort of the Alumni, School and Community. Our founding purposes are alive and well and deserve to be celebrated that is exactly what we will do. The article on the front page of this issue, announces that the Association is presently formulating plans for hosting a series of activities during 2008, in celebration of our anniversary. Your ideas and suggestions are invited. The SCSAA is your grass roots organization so please be sure to respond.

I am going to issue my own **challenge**. My challenge is for all of you who might not be able to participate in the celebrations of the 10th anniversary to be hosted by the Association or your class, to step forward and create an event or activity of your own, wherever you are geographically, in support of the Association. Some examples of how you can celebrate our 10th and help ensure the path to the 20th: host a party to raise funds,

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solicit new members, find new volunteers for the Association. **Our First Decade and on to the 2nd decade. Are you up to it? Your Association is worth Celebrating!**



It was an unusually warm fall evening for the Sidney Warriors Homecoming Game, September 21, 2007. (l-r) Vicki Harris McDowell '65, Donna Harris Kuzdza, '62 , Jim McIntyre, '60, Dave Sowersby, 58, (hidden) and Terry Dermody, '65, enjoy the game.

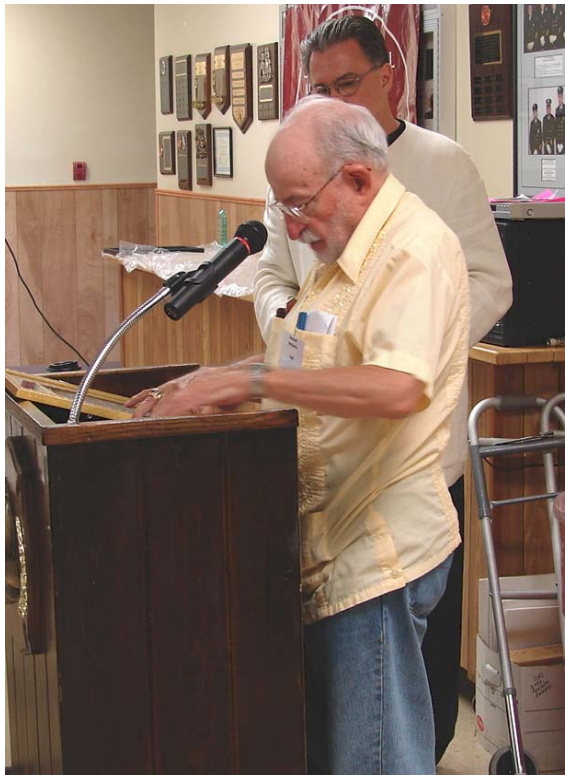
**Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Educators
Induction Ceremony July 15, 2007**



Jim McIntyre '60,(center) with his sister Jean McIntyre Siwicki, '66 and brother Bill McIntyre '63 . Jim was introduced by former neighbor, and life long friend, Mary Ann Maynard Cramton, '59.



Cheryl Burian Baldwin, M.D., Class of 1966 was introduced by classmate Dennis Porter.



Bernard McGinnis, '42, was introduced by Doug Sheldon.



Friend and classmate, Ron Wischhusen, '72 introduced B/G Peter Palmer(left).



Former faculty member, Ted Huntington accepted the award in memory of his friend and fellow teacher, the late Erma T. Halbert.



Former Superintendent Howard Lynch accepted his induction into the Wall of Fame. He was introduced by Terry Dermody.



Robert Rowlands (seated) introduced the late Ralph Pyle. The award was accepted by current School Superintendent, Sandra Cooper. Also pictured Doug Sheldon, Chairman of the Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Educators Committee



Charlotte Johnson Axtell, '66, and her mother Millie Johnson accepted the award for the late Walter Johnson.



Floyd Fisher, '59 presented information about the late Miss Lydia Metz. The award was accepted by Superintendent, Sandra Cooper.

Honoring;

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**James McIntyre, '60
Cheryl Burian, '66
Bernard McGinnis, '42
Anna K. Heimer
Erma T. Halbert
Walter Johnson, '35
Howard Lynch**

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**Ralph Pyle
Lydia Metz
Peter Palmer, '72**



Jon DeTemple '61 presented the award for the late Mrs. Anna Heimer to her daughter Patricia Heimer Parent, '62.

Membership Form
Sidney Central School Alumni Association (SCSAA)

May the SCSAA post your name and contact information in the class lists on its website (www.sidneyalumni.org)? () YES () NO

Date form completed: ____/____/____ PLEASE PRINT YOUR ENTRIES

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ANNUAL DUES

Dues: 10\$ (5\$ if you are 65 or older) per year. The membership year is July-July. Enclosed is my check for _____ dollars for dues for ____ years.

Mail to SCS Alumni Association, P. O. Box 2186, Sidney, NY, 13838. Your membership expiration date is on the mailing label of your copy of Reflections.

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Were you a student at SCS? () Yes () No If yes, what was your class year? _____

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Are you or were you a SCS faculty member? () Yes () No If yes, which subject(s)? _____ Which years? _____

Did you coach any sports teams? () Yes () No If yes, which sports? _____ Which years? _____

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Children: Number: _____ First names: _____

Grandchildren: Number: _____ First names: _____

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Please print a brief note to share with your fellow alumni. They look forward to hearing from you!

FEEDBACK TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Check all of the items below in which you would like to participate. This all-volunteer organization always needs help. For many activities, access to email is all you need.

Membership/Membership Services _____ Finance/Fundraising _____ Sports Hall of Fame _____

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Revised January, 2007 R. Meehan ‘62

LOST AND FOUND

Back in my much younger years (elementary/middle school), I lost my grandmother’s wedding band in school. It was a plain silver band. To this day, I still think about it. I feel the loss of the ring was a loss of something special that my late grandmother entrusted me with. If anybody found the ring back then and would like to return it to me, I would very much appreciate it. Sheri Emerson Kinsella, 26 Old Village Lane, Unadilla, NY 13849.

Forgotten to pay your dues? Please take the time to send your membership application and dues to the SCSAA. We need your support!



Class of 1987 celebrated their 20th Reunion. For more pictures of this group go to the alumni website www.sidneyalumni.org and follow the link for the 1987 YouTube presentation.

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Returning members of the Championship 1950 Football Team pose with their Coach, Fran Redmond during the Halftime festivities of the Homecoming Football Game September 21, 2007. Also in the picture is one of their cheerleaders, Nancy Norton and family representatives of the deceased members of the team. The Team was honored on Saturday night at the Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony with a “Legacy Award”.
From left to right : Wayne King, Steve DuMond, Don Doyle, Manager Larrie Sheldon, Lester Trees, Dick Houck, Bill Maycock, Dave Bornstein, Tom Rogers, Bill Walker, Bill Hunt, Coach Fran Redmond, Captain Loren (Moby) Collins, Jim Bartlett, Cheerleader Nancy (Nichols) Norton, Bill Walker (brother of deceased teammate Ron Walker. Kneeling :Ted Tacea & Lew (Gardner) Whitney.

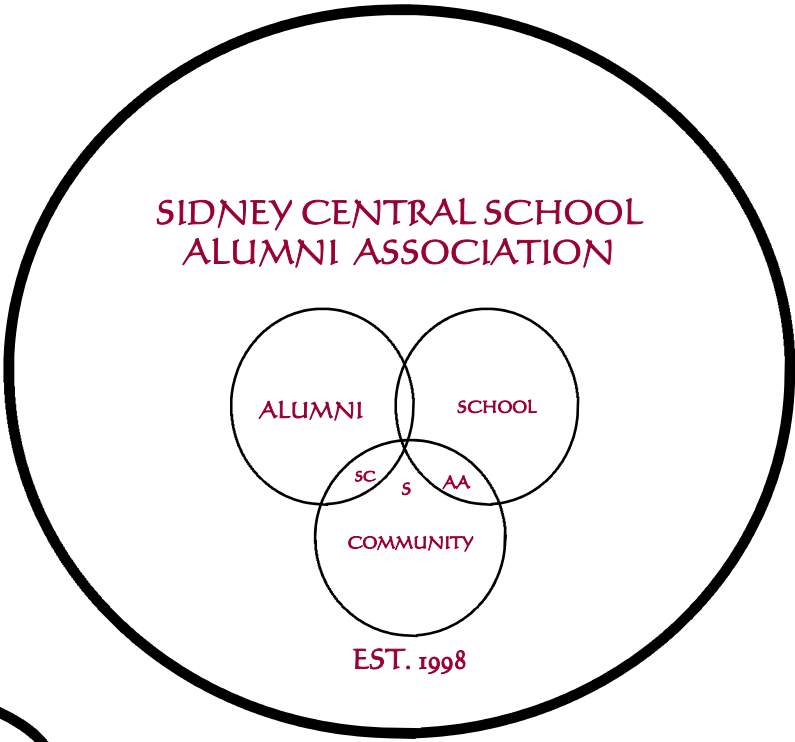
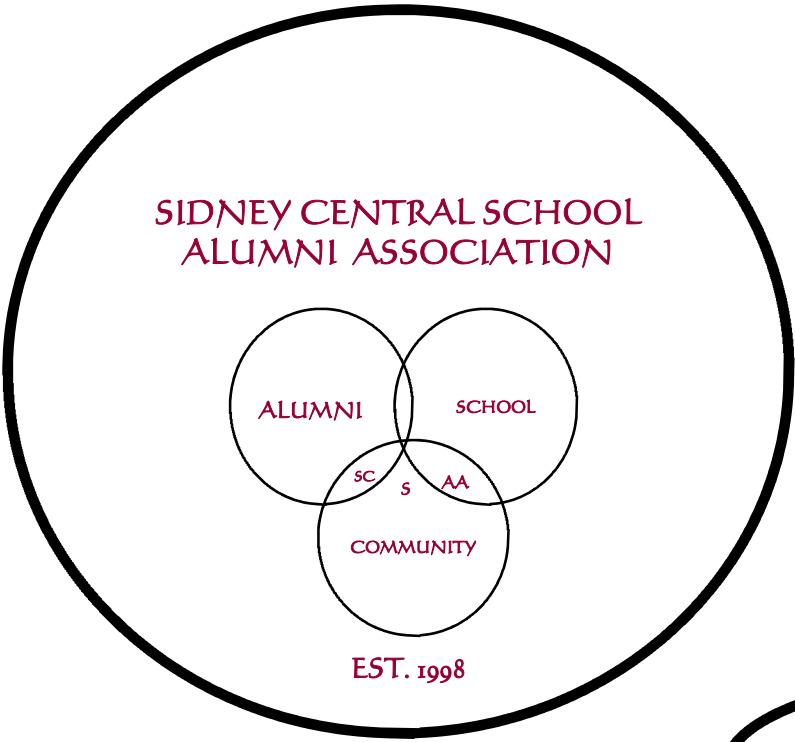
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