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Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Educators to Honor Four More SHS Graduates During Alumni Weekend

Douglas Sheldon, '59, Chairman of the Wall of Fame Nominating Committee, announced today that, after many months of research and deliberation the committee has selected four inductees for the Wall of Fame Class of 2009.

The Committee's recommendations were presented to the SCSAA Board of Directors where unanimous support was given.

The individuals will be inducted at the Sidney Central School Alumni Association All Class Reunion Luncheon, July 19, 2009.

The Inductees for the Wall of Fame Class of 2009 are:

- ◆ Charles D'Imperio, Class of 1967
- ◆ Jack Deuel, Class of 1943
- ◆ Steven Shaeffer, Class of 1969
- ◆ Carolyn Mang Weeks, Class of 1959

Charles D'Imperio Class of 1967 Excellence in Broadcast Journalism

Chuck grew up in Sidney in a family that included 10 Sidney alums. He began his broadcasting career in 1989 and in the past 20 years has been the voice of morning radio in the Oneonta area. His program is a mixture of country music, talk, news and interviews. More than that, it is community service at its best. Chuck's audience is devoted to him and he has served them well, promoting flu shot clinics, filling food



Alumni Weekend 2009 Will Feature New Events

Those attending the 2009 Reunion Weekend will find several new activities added to the three-day event. The Saturday night social which will be held at the Sidney Moose Lodge, will include a Casino Night sponsored by the Moose. Open to the public, this should be a popular activity with a chance to win cash prizes. Tents set up in various locations will also allow those who just want to "catch-up" to do just that. The evening will also feature the band Splash! beginning at 9pm.

Saturday morning the Nature Walk, a core activity for many years, will again take place at the newly expanded Ed Roelle Nature Trail. The trail has been expanded by a mile. Be sure to take the walk and collect your souvenir button designed by Mary Ann Maynard Cramton.

The Annual March of the Classes will take place this year at the track at Alumni Field at the High School. The March will be organized by the Class of '59 who are celebrating their 50th Reunion year. The line forms at 11am.

Saturday afternoon the sports fields and basketball courts adjacent to the Moose Club will be available to alumni and at 4PM a Hot Dog and Hamburger Barbecue will be held for all those who don't have anniversary dinners or picnics to attend (or even for those who do and want to stop by and see what is going on.) A fee for the barbecue will be charged.

The Sidney Municipal Pool will be open for family swim from 5PM until 8PM. Bring your bathing suit and re-create your part in the Aquacade if you remember it! There will be music, and some alumni from the '50s and

pantries and communicating life saving information during emergencies. His program has been the top rated AM morning show in the area for many years.

In 2000 he was inducted into the NYS Country Music Hall of Fame as New York State Broadcaster of the Year. In 2006 he was the recipient of Oneonta's highest community accolade, the Bill and Sylvia Bouton Community Service Award.

According to Maggie Barnes, Community Liaison for Fox Hospital in Oneonta, Chuck "is fiercely proud of his upbringing in Sidney. He speaks of it often on his show and in his books and I think it sits at the core of his popularity. Sidney, his father's store, the school, local events, all of this gave Chuck a firm moral grounding that he has never forgotten."

Chuck's writing career includes published memoirs of growing up in Sidney that have been extremely popular, striking a chord with many of his contemporaries who responded to him with their own memories of growing up in Sidney and the strong values imbued by that experience.

Since 1989, he has written more than 50 articles for news outlets concerning the entertainment business. Chuck has two more works coming out this year including a reference guide to the region's monuments and great memorials. His passion for Sidney, Oneonta and New York State make him a valuable advocate for the area. Chuck lives with his wife, Trish, in Oneonta. They have four children.

'60's will remember fondly the dances held in the summer at the very same basketball courts.

Saturday afternoon will also feature the Sand Volleyball Tournament that achieved such success in 2008. There is still time to get a team together. Contact information is available on the website www.sidneyalumni.org

A Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament will be held during the weekend at Twentieth Century Lanes in Sidney. Whenever you have a chance, stop by and bowl your set of three games, register your score and wait for the winners and prizes to be announced on Sunday at the Luncheon. The cost for bowling is \$10 per twosome. (one of the two must be an alumnus) Hours for bowling are: Thursday and Friday evening after 6:30PM and Saturday beginning at 1PM.

There is a time change for the Annual All Class Reunion Luncheon on Sunday. The social hour will start at 11am immediately following the Alumni Memorial Service at the Nature Trail at 10:30.

The luncheon program will begin at 11:45am and will be followed by the very prestigious Wall of Fame induction ceremony.

For a complete listing of all the events of Alumni Weekend, see page 17 and check the alumni website for the most up to date information. www.sidneyalumni.org

Help Your Association Increase Membership Numbers in 2009

2009 is the year the Membership Committee of the SCSAA is making a concerted effort to increase the number of paid members of the Alumni Association.

Jack Deuel Class of 1943

Commitment to Community Cultural Life

As with so many of us, Jack Deuel credits his choice of a lifelong career to the influence of a special member of the faculty at Sidney High School. Although his first experience acting took place in the fourth grade, he was encouraged to attend Ithaca College and major in Theatre by Miss Elsworth, an English teacher at SHS.



Many Ithaca graduates went on to "do theatre" on Broadway and Jack was no exception. He went from Broadway to Hollywood and enjoyed a successful career there.

In 1963 Jack returned to work in the family business in Sidney. At that same time the Chamber of Commerce of Bainbridge, Sidney and Unadilla united in an effort to encourage cultural activity in the area. They sought out Jack and he agreed to be the director of the newly formed Tri Town Theatre.

Since then he has worked tirelessly to recruit talented, enthusiastic thespians and the numerous crews needed for each of the some 150 plus productions that have been mounted since 1963. The key to their success has been Jack Deuel. According to Marlene Wilcklow, "He was the power and enthusiasm behind every production. He was the person who found the house manager, the costume director, the props people and the stage manager. He was the person who found professional actors when local talent could not be found for a particular role."

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There are several ways in which we hope to accomplish this. The simplest way is that you will read this, go directly to our website www.sidneyalumni.org and join using Paypal. The membership fee is still a surprisingly low \$10 and \$5 for those 65 and older. You can also send your money and membership application to the Association address: SCSAA, PO Box 2186, Sidney, New York 13838,

Members of Anniversary classes are eligible for a drawing with a prize of \$25 for their class treasury. All that is needed from the class is a total of 5 new or renewing memberships before Alumni Weekend and the class is eligible to enter the drawing which will take place during the Alumni Luncheon, Sunday July 19. Five is the minimum—how about being the class with 100% of your classmates becoming current members of the Association?

There will be membership tables and Alumni representatives at all venues during Alumni Weekend so that it will be a simple task to make sure that you are supporting your Association and making it possible for us to keep producing Alumni Weekend and to keep publishing the newsletter that you are reading.

We also challenge you who are already members to find at least one other person and encourage them to join. How quickly we can double and triple our membership list if you do that!

While you are filling out that membership application, either online or the hard copy, make sure we have your updated address information, including your current email address.

Straight From the Gavel

By Terry Dermody '65

President's Annual Message

To: SCSAA Board of Directors and Membership:

As President of the SCSAA, it is my duty and privilege to deliver the Annual Report on the State of the Association. The purpose of this report is to tell the entire SCSAA Membership where we are and where we are going. The report describes the SCSAA's progress and accomplishments, and the challenges of the Association since last year's report. As we begin our second decade, the "state" of the Association is relatively sound, financially and organizationally. The Association's commitment and dedication to our founding purposes has not wavered. All its energies remain concentrated in the pursuit of strengthening the bond among Alumni, Community and School, and in the celebration of our common traditions. Each year the Association rises to the challenge and channels its limited resources to sustain the momentum and maintain the standard of excellence in all our undertakings, and the past year was no exception. The goals and objectives of the past year were achieved, even with some minor disappointments along the way.

In addition to producing Alumni Weekend, compiling, writing, editing, and publishing "Reflections", maintaining the quality of the Alumni Website, and hosting the Wall of Fame and Sports Hall of Fame Inductions, our objectives for 2008 also included:

- Raffle the Marriott Time Sharing Property that was donated by Dick Germond '63
 - Establishing a Memorial Scholarship in the name of Kristina Germond with the proceeds of the raffle
- Implementing SCSAA 10th Anniversary Celebration activities and initiatives
- Participating in the SCS Class of 2008 Graduation ceremony
- Developing a strategic Overview of the Association (see article)
- Establishing an Alumni Veterans Memorial
- Increasing Membership

The editor's corner



Welcome to the spring 2009 issue of Reflections! The Association is in full planning mode for the Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend—July 17-19. All reunion plans are listed in this issue. If there are any classes planning some sort

of gathering and we have not listed them here, please contact Ray Taylor, our webmaster, and those plans will be posted well before Alumni Weekend.

The article on the front page describes some of the changes that you'll find during Alumni Weekend, 2009. It promises to be a really good time.

Membership is a theme in this issue. The Association is counting on you to become or renew your membership so that we can continue to fund our programs throughout the year, as well as publish two issues of Reflections.

The names of the inductees to our prestigious Wall of Fame and Sports Hall of Fame are listed here. There are so many Sidney alums who have excelled in sports and/or become successful in many different ways; all the while giving back to others. I am proud to feature them in this issue.

We also have stories of the accomplishments of Pat MacDonald, '85 and John Halloran, '72, who both have distinguished themselves in their military careers. Bert Anderson, '66 and his wife are working in Haiti and have written an article about their experiences.

Class of 1963

wishes everyone a
wonderful
Alumni Weekend!

Time share Raffle:

The Marriott Time Share Raffle was the most ambitious fund-raising initiative undertaken by the SCSAA. Our goal was to raise \$50,000 by selling 500 tickets at \$100 each. The timeshare property in Newport Beach, California was a donation to the SCSAA by Dick Germond '63 and Kristina Germond. The Board agreed with Dick Germond to divide the proceeds from the Raffle 50/50 – half to the general treasury of the Association and the other half to a scholarship in memory of Dick's wife Kristina, who passed away last year. In the last month of the raffle, extraordinary efforts were made to stimulate sales. Promotions on our website, telephone and e-mail campaigns and letter writing appeals by several of our Directors, finally yielded \$15,000. When measured by any standards, this initiative was a success. Dick Germond deserves our thanks and gratitude for his generous donation and for his leadership during the campaign.

Kristina Germond Memorial Scholarship:

Since we did not realize our hoped-for financial goals, I proposed that the majority of the funds raised be dedicated to the scholarship fund in lieu of the 50/50 split. A task force was formed to make a recommendation to the Board on the split of the funds. Through the efforts of the task force, under the direction of Director, Jon DeTemple, our objective was achieved and the scholarship became a reality. This scholarship was established, at the request of Dick Germond, for SHS students who will be pursuing a degree in teaching. The task force decided to dedicate \$11,000 of the raffle proceeds to fund the scholarship. The recommendation was approved by the Board. Since this will be a perpetual Scholarship Fund a recommendation is being made to the Board to establish the Kristina Germond Memorial Scholarship Committee as standing committee with Dick Germond as the chairman. This proposal will be an agenda topic at the June 2009 Board meeting.

10th Anniversary Celebration:

Our 10th Anniversary celebration and promotion campaign was a success. The 10th anniversary celebration began with a contest for the 10th anniversary logo, and concluded with

Be sure to read the article by Rob Walsh, '87. He shares an interesting story about his experience as a Pipe Band member in New York City and we're all invited to the St. Patrick's Day parade there next March!

The Sidney Historical Association is hard at work, planning many programs. Joeline Wood Cole, a member of that group, has sent an article about a scrapbook she came across there. Another one of our alumni is the current president of the SHA; Erin Andrews, '03.

If you take a look at the Alumni News, you'll note that from 2004 we jump back to 1985. We'd love to hear from those SHS grads and fill that almost 20 year gap in news. If you know any of them—tell them to let us know what they are doing!

I must take a moment to mark the passing of Fred Videtto, class of 1928. Fred wrote often for this newsletter. He loved sharing his memories of his time at SHS and his knowledge of the old schools and those who attended them. He amazed us by being able to identify nearly all the people in a 1923 school photo we received. He was an invaluable resource.

Fred was one of the first inductees to our Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Educators because of his community service both in Sidney and in his home of Parish, New York. We will miss him.

As soon as you are finished reading this newsletter, send your membership dues and make your plans to attend Reunion Weekend, 2009 in Sidney. See you there!

Karen Cycon Dermody
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the Association's participation in the fall 2008 Homecoming activities and parade. The winning logo was featured at all SCSAA activities, on our Website and in the spring issue of "Reflections". The SCSAA hosted a float in the Hometown Day Parade, attended the SCS 2008 graduation ceremony, delivered a welcome message to the graduates, and referenced the 10th anniversary in every article submitted to the press.

SCSAA Banners:

Be sure to look for the SCSAA banners during future Alumni Weekends and Homecoming Weekends. The banners were first presented in 2008 to commemorate the SCSAA 10th anniversary. Jessica Wheeler presented the idea and chose the perfect style to convey the image of the SCSAA. The feedback from the community about the banners was very positive.

Participation at 2008 Graduation:

An SCSAA objective to participate in the high school graduation program was realized in 2008. A letter from the SCSAA welcoming the graduates to the Association was read by Superintendent Sandy Cooper. The letter was a step toward increasing the Association's visibility with the younger classes and hopefully will lead to a greater participation in the future.

Alumni Veterans' Memorial:

When the idea for a veteran's memorial was presented to the SCSAA, it was immediately embraced by Directors, as an initiative for advancing our founding purposes. Director Jim McIntyre had a very strong interest in this initiative and was appointed as chair of this sub-committee. The Sidney Cemetery Association approached us to partner with them because it was their goal to establish a veteran's park inside the cemetery. The SCSAA is open to working with the Cemetery Association as long as the SCSAA is allotted a place in the park for our memorial and our memorial is distinct and separate from any other veterans memorial erected in the park. Also, the SCSAA was clear that we will not be the chief source of funds for developing the park.

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2007. Maria Hope Mirabito was named to the Dean's List of the Academic Center for Exploratory Students at the University of Connecticut.

2006. Rebecca Bookhout has been named to the fall term Dean's List at Hartwick College. Rebecca is majoring in Psychology.

Allison Griffith has made the Honors List for Franklin & Marshall College's fall semester.

2005. Katie O'Brien has been named to the 2008 fall dean's list at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY. Katie is a member of the Class of 2009 and is majoring in Nursing.

2004. Ryan Bartz is a May, 2008 graduate of Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA. He is currently teaching elementary strings at Fleetwood School District in Fleetwood, PA. Ryan is planning to be married to Sarah Semelman in the summer of 2010.

1985. LeeAnn Dieball Harmening. LeeAnn has earned her Master's Degree in Education from the University of North Carolina. Graduation date – May 2009.

1984. Michelle Dann Stewart. *Significant other: David Stewart ('83)*. *Vocation: Registered Nurse. Hobbies: Scrap booking, flower gardening, fitness, and shopping. Children: Andrew and Jeffrey.*

1983. Kimberly "Kim" Jones Hahne. *Significant other: Tom Hahne. Vocation: Guidance Counselor. Retired? No. Hobbies: Sports, reading, and working out. Favorite travel destination/vacation activities: Going to our cabin in Damascus, PA; visiting major league baseball stadiums with my family. Children: Tom. My notes to fellow alumni: "We are living in Apalachin, NY, which is not far from Sidney. My husband and I are both in the education field. He is Director of Physical Education and Athletics at Vestal Central Schools and I am a Guidance Counselor at Owego Free Academy. We have a 13-year old son who keeps us very busy."*

1981. Scott "Dew" Dewey. *Significant other: Lorna Dewey. Vocation: CPA, Scott A. Dewey, CPA, PA. Hobbies: Basketball, softball, skiing, golf, and working out. Favorite travel destination/vacation activities: Skiing out west, warm weather with beaches (Myrtle Beach). Children: Hayden – 9 years old. My notes to fellow alumni: "I've owned my own CPA firm for 14 years. A lot of time is spent with our son as he plays many sports and is on traveling hockey and soccer teams. I have extremely fond memories of my childhood and growing up in Sidney. I am especially grateful for the quality education I received and teachers I had in Sidney. Living in the South now I see how grade schools are not that great and that makes me appreciate the schooling we had. You guys do great work and I love reading the mailing! Thanks."*

Sara (was "Dusty") Duke. *Significant other: Matthew Schmeer. Vocation: Curator, Library of Congress. Hobbies: Reading and studying. Children: Sylvia (10) and Sasha (8). My notes to fellow alumni: "It's been a busy year for me. My husband and I completely gutted our house so our daughter who is handicapped and medically fragile can have a bedroom and bathroom on the ground floor. We all camped out in the three bedrooms upstairs from February to September. It feels great not to do dishes in a bathtub anymore! My work at the Library of Congress continues to be both compelling and fun. I am now preparing an exhibition of original Herblock cartoons (Washington Post, 1946-2001), which will open in October to celebrate the centenary of his birth. I am now the secretary of the board of our congregation – Beth Chai, which is Jewish, secular and open to mixed religious households. Sasha, my 8-year old, has been studying Hebrew, at his own request. My other major free-time activity is studying German in anticipation of the arrival of a large collection from Europe to the Library of Congress."*

1977. Pamela "Pam" Cotton King. *Significant other: Richard King. Vocation: RN/Administrator. Retired?: No. Hobbies: Motorcycling and scrap booking. Favorite travel destination/vacation activities: Anna Maria Island. Children: Ryan and Danielle. Grandchildren: Brenden. My notes to fellow alumni: "I just celebrated 26 years of marriage to Rich. I have two wonderful children, Ryan and Danielle. I have a wonderful son-in-law, Hersh, and one wonderful grandson, Brenden. Three years ago I purchased a 70-bed assisted living facility, which I manage.*

My husband is a software engineer. I got my license to drive a motorcycle two years ago and I just love to ride. Most of all I enjoy my family. My husband and son also ride motorcycles so we make it a family affair."

1974. Robert Silvernail. *Significant other: Susan Silvernail. Vocation: Manager at Amphenol in Sidney. Hobbies: Running, paddling, rowing, cycling, and all skiing. Favorite travel destination/ vacation activities: Hawaii – outrigger paddling. My notes to fellow alumni: "I coached Girls' Modified Basketball in 1992 and 1993. Married for 25 years and still going strong!"*

1972. Linda Cole Thomas "We have quite a few Sidney Alumni in our family. It starts with **Bill ('72) and Linda (Cole) Thomas ('72)**. We own and operate Sidney Auto Body – here in beautiful downtown Sidney. Our oldest son, **Jim ('95)** is married to **Heather (Gregory) Thomas ('95)**. They have 2 beautiful children, Caila who is 4 and Cole who is 1 1/2. Jim is a civil engineer for Delaware County and Heather is a quality control supervisor for Covidien. Their home is in Bloomville. Our middle son, **Gary('96)** has a home outside of Syracuse NY and works for Progressive Insurance. You may have seen him driving around in his Progressive vehicle! Our youngest son, **Matt ('03) and Tiffany Mott ('03)** live in Parish, NY –the heart of the NYS snow belt. Anyone who knows Matt, knows how appropriate that is! He is a civil engineer for a firm in Syracuse and Tiffany is teaching at elementary schools in the local area and working on her Masters in Education. We all enjoy the Reflections newsletter. Keep up the good work!"

1971. Sandy Blair Reddig. "I have pursued the art of portraiture for 20 years. I paint subjects of all ages, including individuals and family groups. My works hang in private and public collections including the Columbus Metro Library. There is nothing more interesting to capture than the "life and excitement" of an individual. Pastels and oils are my preferred mediums, providing permanence so that all the work to become family heirlooms. I meet with a client to discuss the commissioned portrait. Desired pose, number of subjects, size and other pertinent details are discussed. I take a series of photos or use the client's favorite photos, and create a sketch for approval of composition. The painting then is done in my studio. I continually refine my technique and am committed to making each commission an easy, enjoyable process. I can be reached at sandy@studiosonhigh.com or by appointment through Studios on High, 614-461-6487 or Artist's Studio, 614-875-4900."

Dave Youmans "I retired in August after 30 years with Johnson & Johnson, most recently doing Technology Assignment for new surgical procedures and devices. My wife, Sharon, and I expect to do a lot of traveling using



Dick Germond, '63, and his friend Marilyn Hamstra visited Mike, '63, and Linda Gallup at their home in Boston this past winter. Oscar the dog, joined the foursome on their walk.

our house in suburban Cincinnati as home base. We recently rebuilt a family summer home on Lake Ontario and expect to spend summers there. I enjoy sailing, skiing and sightseeing. Our kids are grown; Karen is an engineer in Boston; Scott is an engineer in Seattle, so we get to visit both coasts often."

1967. Gail Horth Ziegler. *Significant other: Marshall Secunda. Vocation: School Intervention Counselor. Retired?: Yes, in 2004. Hobbies: Travel, reading, and working out. Favorite travel destination/vacation activities: Time share travel.*

1965. Don "Barney" Barnhart. *Significant other: Cathy Lentz '66. Vocation: Athletic Director; Elementary School Teacher. Retired? Yes, in 2002. Hobbies: Golf, walking, fishing, hunting, carpentry, baking and decorating cakes. Children: Kevin, Dan, and Jeff. Grandchildren: Hunter, Kendall, Lentz, Kirsten, and Coco. My notes to fellow alumni: "After living in the Adirondacks for the last 40 years, Cathy and I moved back to Sidney in June 2008. August 23, 2009 will be our 40th anniversary. We are hoping to visit Alaska to celebrate. Now that we are back in Sidney we are reconnecting with some old friends*



The Thomas Family

and making new ones. We have joined the Country Club and are planning on becoming active in the Methodist Church and other community activities. We look forward to having many visitors at 33 Edgewood Drive."

Kathryn Knapp Meron. *Significant other: Richard Meron. Vocation: Math Consultant. Retired? Yes from K-12 Director of Math, Burnt Hills, Ballston Lake CSD. My notes to fellow alumni: "I have two married daughters, Kimberlie and Stephana, and twin granddaughters, age 14."*

Carolyn Waldron Lewellyn: "Still enjoying retirement. I fly to Oregon at least once a year to "babysit" grandkids while our daughter and her husband attend business conferences. The grandkids say they are too old to be babysat!! I guess chauffeur is a better description. Our oldest son has done 3 tours in Iraq as a Marine - he goes to Afghanistan later this year. He is a CWO3 with Ospreys. He has 25 years in the Corps. My Dad (**Cliff Waldron '40**) and uncle (**Claude Waldron, 43'**) both passed away in 2008."

1964. Timothy Logan. "Happily retired from GM for 6 years. Two sons Brian and Chris, four granddaughters Christina, Kimberly, Samantha and Jaime. Live with my best friend ever, Jane. Life is good!!

Maxwell "Max" Peck. *Significant other: Jane Stanley. Vocation: Air Traffic Controller, Law Enforcement, Nurse. Retired?: Yes, 1999, 2003 and 2008. Hobbies: Cross stitch, reading and workshop. Favorite travel destination/ vacation activities: Scotland and Switzerland/loafing. Children: 1(5) Max III (Neil, Jamie, Liz and Garry). Grandchildren: 1(6) Maren (Neil IV, Maggie, Katie, Camille, and Charlie.) My notes to fellow alumni: "I retired from my 2nd career (law enforcement) and went to nursing school. I am now a volunteer nurse at a free clinic. Jane is still preaching at the church she started 10 years ago. We travel and live to enjoy our grandchildren. Hope to see you all at a reunion soon."*

Sharron Hamilton Sandberg. *Significant other: Arthur. Vocation: Food Service – Sherburne-Earlville School – 32 years. Retired? Yes, July 1, 2008. Hobbies: Bike riding, working out at the YMCA, and leading Girl Scouts in Sherburne. Favorite travel destination: North Carolina. Children: Lorraine. Grandchildren: Elijah and Dannah.*

Rick Gray *Significant other: Stephanie. Vocation: Lockheed Martin, Owego, NY. "We are looking forward for the Class of '64 45th Reunion. Our daughter recently received her Masters degree in Physician Assistant studies and is working at a local hospital. See everyone in July!"*

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1963. David Rothman. *Significant other:* Chris. *Vocation:* Physician. *Retired?:* Yes, in 2008. *Hobbies:* Traveling. *Favorite travel destination/vacation activities:* The beach and our lake house in Unadilla, New York. *Children:* Michael, Mark, Lisa, Justin, and Caitlin. *Grandchildren:* Gabe, Madeline, Lauren, Andie May, and Roy. *My notes to fellow alumni:* "I retired after 31 years as a surgeon. I never thought I would enjoy retirement but it is the best thing I have done. I have enjoyed the freedom to travel and to spend time with my family."

1962. Linda Hager Bailey. *Vocation:* Natural Resources Lawyer. *Retired:* Yes, a while ago. *Hobbies:* Weaving textiles, gardening wildflowers, and traveling. *Favorite travel destination /vacation activities:* Recently Turkey, Laos, Estonia, France, and Niger. *Children:* John and Jenny. *Grandchildren:* Eva and Maggie. *My notes to fellow alumni:* "I've been weaving now for over ten years. I have lived in California since 1970 but visit the Sidney area every summer to visit family. With my brother Sam I own a farm outside of Unadilla. Both my children live a half hour away so I see them and the grandchildren often."

Special note to and request of all alumni from Linda: "It would be fun to read about random encounters with alumni. For instance, at a gathering of parents and students at the



Mr and Mrs. David Plummer!

Mary Jane Gelder, '58 and David Plummer were married on December 27, 2008 in Sidney. The couple was attended by David Plummer, Jr. '75, and Beth Fisher, '84

beginning of my son's middle school year, I chatted with the host and mentioned I'd been in upstate New York that summer. He had been there too – visiting One-a-ta and Side-knee. After a moment I translated those and it turned out his wife is Kathy Lipp, one of the Lipp twins, daughters of Vera Lipp. She recognized the back of my neck as we'd had gym lockers side-by-side. And she had willed me her gym suit in her Senior Last Will and Testament... I even had the Maroon and White memorializing it. Of course we sang the school song. Or how about little wisdoms we've picked up on life's travels? For instance, dishwashing tips: you don't



TV's "Jungle Jack Hanna" and James "Chip" McElroy, '55, working out at Chip's youngest son's fitness center in Georgia.

need to rinse. Americans are among the few nationalities that rinse rather than wash and dry—based on observations at Multinational New Zealand camping kitchen and lending a hand in English cousins' kitchens. If it's not just been used for veggies, just rinse it. Maybe other alumni have additions to this list or even more interesting, or helpful tips."

Pat Rafferty Smith "Retirement has blessed me with more time to devote to my two favorite pastimes—quilting and gardening. I couldn't stay away from teaching and now teach quilting in area shops, schools and guilds. We were honored with the Green Thumb Garden Award this summer. Bob continues to be an avid sportsman and wood worker. We enjoy sharing time with our children, their spouses and grandchildren. **Kisten, '83,** and **Tony** teach in Norwich. **Dan, '87,** works for Fannie Mae and Tonia is a busy stay-at-home-Mom. Talon is a state ranked (3rd) swimmer and Tambria loves competing in area and state horse shows. Matt has his orange belt in Martial Arts and he's only 6. Owen (2) is busy discovering the world. Colby (2 months) is perfecting his smile. And.... life is sweet."

Kay Wightman Jones. Reside in Bolivar, MO.

1961. Robert Cable. *Significant other:* Cheryl. "Not retired yet. Working for Magellan Health Services of Arizona. Recently moved from Site Administrator of a clinic for Severely Mentally Ill (SMI) adults to Senior Quality Improvement Specialist at the Regional Behavioral Health Authority Admin. Enjoying the sunshine and 5- year-old granddaughter Maddie."

Donna Decker Armer. *Significant other:* Thomas Armer. *Retired?* Yes. *Hobbies:* Cooking, draft horses, and reading. *Favorite travel destination/vacation activities:* North Carolina to see our daughter. *Children:* Lorilee and Juliane. *Grandchildren:* Karson and Emma. *My notes to fellow alumni:* "I taught Summer Programs in Sidney in 1967. It's fun reading about all the Sidney alumni. I would like to commend Jon DeTemple for all his updates through the Huddle. Great job, Jon!"

Leigh Knudson. *Significant other:* Sharon Richards. *Vocation:* Machine shop owner. *Retired?* Trying to! *Hobbies:* Anything related to antique trucks. *Favorite travel destination/vacation activities:* Vintage truck shows and events.

1960. Keith Wrigley. *Significant other:* Mary Wrigley. *Vocation:* Physician. *Retired?* Yes, in 2001. *Hobbies:* Gardening, golfing, traveling, part time work, and reading. *Favorite travel destination:* Africa. *Children:* Mark, Dan, and Meg. *Grandchildren:* Mae, Jonah, Matthew, Mason, and Grady.

1959. Shirley "Shirl" Harris Zeidner. *Significant other:* Herman Zeidner. *Retired?:* Yes, in 2004. *Hobbies:* Crossword puzzles, walking, delivering Meals-On-Wheels, and making crafts for hospice. *Favorite travel destination/vacation activities:* Seeing relatives and family in Florida and New York State. *Children:* Renee, Tonya, and Louis. *Grandchildren:* Roger, Justin, Kyle, and Shannon. *My notes to fellow alumni:* "We moved here [North Carolina] two years ago and couldn't be happier. We just know God guided us here. I do not miss the snow at all. Our oldest daughter, Renea, who has MS, has moved into a nursing care facility in Syracuse. She is happy and gets the care she needs. Our daughter Tonya moved to Virginia and is happy there. Our son Louis is a Paramedic with Runkle Ambulance in Utica. We just celebrated 40 years of marriage. I love to read "Reflections". Thanks for all the work you do to publish it."

James "Jim" Smith. *Significant other:* Jeannette Smith. *Vocation:* Transportation (Roadway Express). *Retired?* Yes. *Hobbies:* Deer hunting, fishing, and golf (before cancer – still having problems with my back.) *Favorite travel destination/ vacation activities:* Visit the grandkids in Georgia as often as we can. Come up to NY, PA and VA to see relatives and old friends. *Children:* Chuck (short for James) and Michael. *Grandchildren:* Michael, Wyatt, Shelby and Kate Hope. *My notes to fellow alumni:* "It's hard to believe 50 years have passed. It was so fast. We were blessed with a new grandbaby on July 25, 2008. We have four grandchildren now and we are busy with all of them. My cancer is in quality remission. My treatments of chemotherapy are every 3 months now instead of each month – that is good news. We have 42 acres, 40 in pasture with 9 cows and 2 acres for our home. Hope to see Y'all in

We Remember...

Fred Smart
1945

Roger Lewis
1950

Lois Allen Cook
1989

Christine Derrick Marti
1968

Richard Arrandale
1938

Kaveda Blakeslee Ostrander
1956

Wayne Closs
1969

Bernard Johnson
1939

Carol Macdonald Jeffers
1974

Janice Gorham Collier
1947

Gloria Doolittle George
1937

Russell Doolittle
1952

Pauline Frieberger
1947

Glen Houck
1952

Roger Sherman
1966

Alice Sergio
Faculty

Heather Polster Valentine
1987

Harold Hager
1957

Terry Lambrect
1963

Blanche Hunter
1937

Donald D'Imperio
1944

Pauline Dimicco McIntyre
1932

Afton Sowersby
1981

Sally Owens Marrone
1960

Richard Huyck
1954

Helen Mossman Plankehorn
1944

Fred Videtto
1928

Daniel Charles
1980

Everett Lansing
1963

Bruce McCoon
1961

Gertude Loetscher Carros
1948

Fred E. Smith
1963

Larry Whitehill
1963

Charles Mack
1950

Cameron King
1931

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July 2009 to celebrate 50 years of a super life, family and classmates.”

Dottie Kinch Georgia “Hi to all of my friends from Sidney High School. I am now engaged to a wonderful man by the name of Harold. I never thought that love at an older age could be so great. I live in Palm City, Florida now and really love it here. I lived in Fort Lauderdale for over thirty years, so I feel like I really belong in Florida. I had a Great Granddaughter born on December 14, and that was so great, as it was my birthday also. Have a great reunion this year. I have five wonderful kids and eight Grandkids. Who ever thought? Sure do miss Sidney.”

1957. Louis “Lou” Graney. *Significant other: Patricia Lawrence Graney ('59).* Retired? Yes, in 1998. *Favorite travel destination/vacation activities:* Florida Keys. *Children: Rick ('79) and Chris ('85).* *Grandchildren:* Chloe. *My notes to fellow alumni:*



Dottie Kinch Georgia and her new great-granddaughter.

“SCSAA – Keep up the good work!”

1956. Jim McTighe. “Betty and I, along with our friends, took a trip to New Mexico this past fall. We flew into Albuquerque, rented a car and drove to Santé Fe, which was our home base. While we were there we took several side trips and one included Las Cruces to see Dave Ineich ('56) and Chris. What a delightful time we had. We had a delicious dinner at their house, saw their new home and they so graciously gave us a tour of the area. The tour cost LaVerne, our friend and Betty some money (many shops) but, oh well, they enjoyed it. We met the next morning for breakfast and then parted ways. Needless to say the visit was too short but the highlight of our visit to New Mexico. It was so good to talk about old times and catch up on

These Friends Meet Every Year!

During the Big East Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden this past March five friends from the class of 1980 gathered to share some laughs and



1980—Friends Forever

watch some of the best basketball teams in the nation compete.

Since graduation, Dennis Laraway, Gerry Palmer, Chris Zieno, Andy Zieno and Jeff Warren have met up at least once per year to play poker. Initially the game would begin on a late Saturday afternoon and end near 4am. We'd all then sleep a few hours before returning to our respective homes, tired, hung over, and wondering how the night went so fast. Planning the next gathering would begin almost immediately, even though it'd be a year away. The venue for several gatherings was either Gerry's barn, or the Rockdale Rod and Gun Club.



things. I look forward to the next reunion (hopefully 2011) so we can again see old friends.”

1954. Susan Smith Guinan. *Retired?:* Yes, in 1998. *Hobbies:* Art, reading, traveling, and garden club. *Favorite travel destination/vacation activities:* Turkey, England and Japan. *Children:* Kara and Kate. *Grandchildren:* Abby and Evan. *My notes to fellow alumni:* “I'm happy to be living in Oneonta for my retirement years. After 33 years living abroad, it's good to settle in one place. I do like to go to Chicago to visit my daughter Kate, and also to Sacramento to see my other daughter, Kara. I love visiting the grandchildren but I don't see them much more than twice a year. I'd love to hear from **Bernice Cockcroft.**”

1953. Shirley Segall. *Vocation:* R. N. *Retired?:* Yes. *Favorite travel destination:* Tucson, AZ. *Children:* John Michael Leuthold and Jennifer Leuthold Moore. *Grandchildren:* Emma Margaret.

1952. Lawrence “Larrie” Sheldon. *Significant other:* Jean Prince Louise. *Retired?:* Yes, in 1992. *My notes to fellow alumni:* “After more than 52 years we sold our house in Arizona and we are now living in Hyde Park, NY. I am not looking forward to the coming cold and snow. However, we will make the best of the situation. PS: The leaves are very colorful; waiting for the apple blossoms.”

1951. Quentin Begeal. *Significant other: Mary McElroy Begeal ('52).* *My notes to fellow alumni:* “Thanks for continuing to send us Reflections even when we forget to mail our membership dues. We enjoy your paper and you have our support!”

Joyce Butts. *Significant other:* Deceased. *Retired?:* Yes, in 1996. *Children:* Carol, Dan, Tom and Christine. *Grandchildren:* Renee, Jason, Tim, Jordan and Riley. *Great grandchildren:* Hailey and Bryce.

Ann “Annie” Miller Gardiner Arnold. *Significant other:* Thomas Arnold. *Retired?:* Yes. *Hobbies:* Golfing and quilting. *Children:* David, Ken, Daniel and Karen. *Grandchildren:* Shawn, Keith, Caitlin, Julie,

Years went by and marriage and children attempted to interrupt our tradition. But, we only got stronger as the game turned into a bi-annual event. One wife asked her husband at this point, “Why do you have to do this twice a year?” My advice to him was to explain that scheduling it three times a year could possibly prove too difficult.

The children graduated from High School, and the game continued. Sometimes twice a year and sometimes only once, but now the nightly gathering had metamorphosed into a weekend. Chris, Gerry and I traveled to Phoenix and visited Dennis where we attended an Arizona State University Football game, and a Cowboys vs Cardinals game. We played poker every other second, and actually listened to Sidney High play a State Semi-final football contest while enjoying a friendly game of Black Jack.

The same group of four spent a weekend in New York City a few summers ago and traveled to the soon to be demolished Shea Stadium. Gerry scored some tickets and we watched the Mets implode in the 9th inning, thus allowing the visiting Yankees to prevail.

On occasion over the recent years we were able to convince Tony Snow, also from the class of 1980, to attend our game. Scott and Steve Rosa (1981) have joined us the past two summers at my home in Margaretville, NY for a weekend of poker. To you folks out there, a bit of advice, don't play poker with twins!

As the March 2009 NYC weekend came to a close, we discussed meeting in Las Vegas, Chicago and Texas. Then, as always, during the following week, each contacted the others to discuss what a great time we had, and what a great thing we have going, and how it all started in High School 30 years ago.

Kacy, Jenna, Joshua, and GraceAnn. *My notes to fellow alumni:* “I am enjoying my retirement. I spend 6 months of the year in Binghamton and 6 months of the year in Florida. I love to read Reflections. Keep up the good work in putting it together.”

1945. Mildred “Milly” Belknap. *Significant other:* Carrol Belknap. *Children:* Four. *Grandchildren:* Nine grandsons, 3 granddaughters. *My notes to fellow alumni:* “Carrol Belknap and I were married in 1946. We celebrated our 61st anniversary on May 27, 2008.”

Thelma “Shorty” Short Serino. *Significant other:* Peter Jr. – deceased December 1985. *Vocation:* Registered Nurse. *Retired?:* Yes. *Children:* Ten. *Grandchildren:* Eighteen. *Great grandchildren:* Four.

Inez Suttle Pillsbury. *Retired?:* Yes, in 1993. *Favorite travel destination/vacation activities:* Rocky Mountaineer, Canada. *Children:* Two. *Grandchildren:* Three. *My notes to fellow alumni:* “I went on the train from Vancouver to Toronto. Traveled on the Rocky Mountaineer rail trip to all points between Jasper, Banff, Lake Louise and Kamloops; included Niagara Falls.”

1933. Marjorie Elliott Rynas. *Significant other:* Stephen. *Children:* 2. Chris and Patricia. *Grandchildren:* 3 Tim, Emily, Adam. “We are enjoying the resort living at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, MD.”



Blair and Debby Woytek Puffer and their beautiful granddaughters : Olivia, Emma and Katie.



Don't forget to wish Louise Marnell Hoegger, Class of 1928, a Happy Birthday!. Louise celebrated her 100th birthday on February 3, 2009

ARE YOU AN EXPERIENCED VOLLEYBALL PLAYER... & OVER 50?

If so and you're planning to attend Alumni Weekend '09, we need at least 6 players to complete our squad of Canardly Warrior's to compete with the younger members of the Tribe in a sand court tournament on Saturday, July 18th (FYI - This is NOT a jungle ball tournament... official VB rules will apply). If interested, contact either **Dick Germond** ('63) at (607) 643-8318 or at fmfchief@gmail.com; OR, **Wayne Marble** ('65) at (607) 648-5847 or at JWM41547@juno.com.

Reflections on the Susquehanna River

By R. E. Smith Jr.

A red ball of setting sun has just disappeared behind the western hills beyond the river in front of me. It's 8:45 and daylight still shines on a patch of river water framed between two large dark silver maple tree trunks leaning from the east bank of the river.

Street lights posted along a bridge now reflect in the slowly moving current. The water moves relentlessly, as it has for thousands of years, but its course and condition has not much changed since I explored it as a boy in the late 1940s. My teenage years were spent about five miles upstream in the village of Sidney.

The bridge here is new. In June of 2006 a massive flood damaged the old state Rt. 206 highway bridge. Water flowed 20 feet or so over the terraces where I now sit in a small RV campground just across the river from the village of Bainbridge, N. Y. Now I could walk across the river on gravel bars and in slow-moving water not waist high.

Route 206 leap-frogs east to west over the Delaware and Susquehanna watersheds starting in the eastern Catskill Mountains. It's scenic and historic. It starts (or ends) at Roscoe, N. Y. in Sullivan County where the famous Beaverkill trout stream flows along NYS Rt. 17. It climbs into the Catskill Park state preserve. The highest elevation in this area is about 3000 feet above sea level. The two-lane blacktop road drops down into the rugged and rocky East Branch of the Delaware River, past the Pepacton Reservoir dam (one of several large upstate lakes created for New York City water supply) and through the little village of Downsville.

About ten miles west over forested and sparsely farmed land, it winds down the steep eastern slope of the West Branch of the Delaware. Here at Walton in Delaware County, this river turns south into a narrow valley. It turns again below the Cannonsville Reservoir near Deposit (named for a place where logs were stockpiled in winter in preparation for spring rafting down-river to Philadelphia); then, southeast to join the East Branch at Hancock, N. Y. on the other side of the river from Pennsylvania.

From Walton, Rt. 206 climbs out of the Delaware watershed. After about 15 miles over several smaller valleys, with wooded and small dairy-farm landscapes, it crosses into the Susquehanna River watershed. Then, it tracks off the plateau and down a rolling terrace. At the valley floor, the road crosses I-88, and across the bridge and through Bainbridge.

Fire flies flash their tiny lights on the mowed area in front of our 30-foot travel trailer and in the low vegetation at the base of the silver maple trees. Except for the bridge traffic and its lamp lights, one could imagine the Iroquois Indians camping at this site.

Duane Gifford Memorial 5K Run/1-Mile Walk Held August 16, 2008

The Duane Gifford Memorial 5K Run/1-Mile Walk, held August 16th, 2008, was an even bigger success than the organizers had originally hoped. The event, planned as a benefit for the family of Duane M. Gifford, the Highway Supervisor for the Town of Masonville, drew more than 200 participants and supporters, including several of Gifford's classmates from the Sidney High Class of 1988, which celebrated its 20th reunion the same day. The benefit was planned to coincide with the reunion.

In fact, two of Gifford's classmates placed in their race categories, including a first place win in Adult Male by Regan Sharp. Said Sharp, "It was important for me to do well because the run was in honor of Duane. I wanted to make a good show as a representative of his class. I have nothing but fond memories of Duane—his sly wit, his creativity, his authenticity. The best tribute I could offer was to run well as his classmate." Dave DuMond, one of the event organizers and another of Gifford's classmates, added, "The turnout and success of the event is a testament to the kind of man Duane was and what he represents in each of our lives. His story makes you want to become a better father and husband, and reminds us to appreciate every minute we spend with our family and friends."

Another of Gifford's classmates, Sarah Negri, finished third in the Adult Female category. Negri, who also

helped organize the event, said, "I was pleased to be able to help organize as well as participate in this event. The community support from both the Sponsors as well as the participants was fantastic and made me have a greater appreciation for growing up in the Sidney area." Sharp continued, "I was really touched by all the work the members of our class had done to put the event together. What happened to Duane was a terrible tragedy, but it gave a lot of people a chance to show a lot of character. It set such a positive tone for the day. When you haven't seen some people in two decades, seeing them at their best is a great way to get reintroduced."

Negri and the other organizers of the event were overwhelmed by the community's generosity, noting how eager local business and organizations were to offer sponsorships, donations and services. They offer their gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the event.

An Annual Event

"Class of '88--Annual Run/Walk for Charity" is going to be held at Keith Clark Park, Saturday July 18th at 9am. Registration will be in advance and on race day. The charity is still to be determined. Please check the alumni website www.sidneyalumni.org for the registration form.

Scrapbook Links

By Joeline Wood Cole, '70

Scrapbooking is a popular hobby. Most people concentrate on putting together a scrapbook about their own lives or a specific subject of interest. However, Florence K. Waters appointed herself as class historian and compiled a scrapbook filled with pictures, news clippings, letters, postcards and other data that she obtained from members of her class or their parents. Her scrapbook is titled Sidney High School Through The Years With The Class Of 1935.

When I first opened the scrapbook I just looked at the Reflector picture and the name at the top of the page designated for each of the forty one graduates. I went back to read more about four individuals because of their links to my school experiences. Philip DeRock's son, Steve, and Walter Johnson's son, Pete, graduated with me in 1970. Although there was no mention of Steve or Pete in the scrapbook there were pictures of their older siblings- Phyllis DeRock and Dave, Kris, and Charlotte Johnson. Mildred Marr Verzaro had been a teacher at Pearl Street Elementary School when I was a student there. Dominic Spinelli's wife, Emily was my high school English teacher. It was interesting to see the details of their lives as they transformed from young folks just out of school to adults with jobs and families.

I was intrigued about the woman who had decided to keep track of her classmates so I read her pages. Miss Waters had been a piano teacher in Sidney and Bainbridge. I was surprised to learn that my mother, Jacqueline Dunshee and my cousin, Eugene Palombo had taken lessons from her from 1944-1947. My mother had never mentioned this so I called E.J. to ask him about it. He told me that my great-grandmother paid for Jackie's lessons but she never played the piano again after her last recital at age fourteen. I was excited to find out this tidbit of information about my mom's teen years.

While reading Miss Waters' story I discovered there was a Sidney Alumni Association during the 1940's and 1950's. An annual banquet was held in the school cafeteria in June. A newspaper clipping from June 24, 1950 states "a standing date for this event in years to come has been set for the Saturday preceding Commencement week".

After reading the chronicles of the other thirty six classmates I noticed another school link. The following four female graduates taught in the Sidney School system: Ellafern Gifford Conklin, Mildred Marr Verzaro, Dorothy Simons Ruland, and Margaret Youngs Morse. They comprised ten percent of the class of 1935.

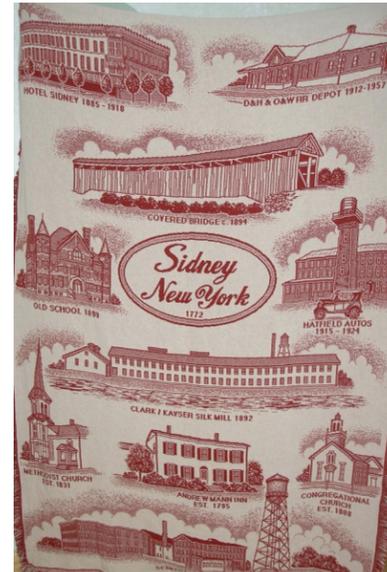
Reading this class history gave me some insight into what life was like for this group of Sidney graduates. Some people stayed in Sidney and worked at Scintilla or other local businesses while others moved away to work elsewhere. Perhaps you would enjoy looking at this scrapbook to see if there are any links to your life. It is housed at the Sidney Historical Association museum which is open Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays 9-11:30 a.m. or by appointment by calling Erin Andrews at 607-435-5452.

Historic Throws For Sale

Looking for a special gift for a current or former resident of Sidney? How about buying a handsome cotton throw from the Sidney Historical Association?

Pictures of significant buildings such as the Hatfield Auto Company, the D&H & O&W RR Depot, and Scintilla are displayed in the woven black and natural tapestry. These 48" X 68" throws are made in the USA. They are also machine washable. There are a limited number of throws to be sold. They are available at the SHA room at the Civic Center on Tuesdays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. or Thursdays from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Also, you can call Bonnie Curtis at 563-1547 or Evy Avery at 967-7369 for price, purchase and delivery information.



This throw is available at the Sidney Historical Association

Scholarship Winners' Update

Daniel Bailey, Class of 2000

I graduated from the University of North Alabama, Florence AL, in 12/2004, summa cum laude, first in my class. My



B.S. degree is in Physics with a minor in Mathematics. I Married Leah K. White in March 2005. Leah has a B.A. in French, and is currently practicing cosmetology. I have attended SUNY at Buffalo since August 2005, in a Ph.D. program in Physics. I have taught Physics as a Teaching Assistant and as a Lecturer at both SUNY Buffalo and Buffalo

State College. I earned my M.S. degree in Physics January 2009. I am currently finishing my Ph.D. in Physics, with graduation expected in January 2011. My Ph.D. work is in Radiation Physics, studying the applications of physics in fighting cancer with external beam radiation therapy.



Class of 1959



Celebrating our 50th Reunion!

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Alumni News!!!



Lucy Harris Barnhart '40, joined daughter, Sharon Barnhart Hager, 61 and son in law Joe Hager, '61 in Texas for Christmas 2008. Lucy is pictured with Sharon and her granddaughter, Christine who, as her father stated, "was not lucky enough to graduate from Sidney High School."



The Day Family Celebrates Rhett Day's 60th Birthday
My wife Laura is in front row with my mother Rita, my nephew Paul and his wife Ashley. In the back row, left to right is Steph and my nephew Justin, my brother Dick ('64) and his wife Nancy, my son Garrett and his girl Brianna, my brother Bob's wife June and Bob ('64), my sister Ruth ('61) and her husband Paul and my cousin Pat and her husband Steve Brown.



Steve Abramson's, ('61) nephew, Major David Kalinske and his family at the White House. David is an F-18 pilot who is now assigned as Military Aide to the President. Steve writes "My sister, Lucy, told us a recent story about her son David. Major Dave was in an elevator on his way to one of the President's inaugural balls. He was in full dress uniform, with all the metals, etc. A tall white haired gentleman also in the elevator said 'I see by your medals that you served in Iraq and that you were a carrier pilot. I want you to know how proud I am of you and that your country is also proud of you and appreciates what you've done.' That white haired gentleman was none other than Chesley Sullenburger the hero of the Hudson. Lucy and her husband Bob will travel to Washington some time this spring to attend Major Dave's promotion to Lt. Col. Major. Dave says his duties as aide to the President can be anything from carrying the nuclear football to fixing the Presidential bike."



Bob Mathewson '61 and wife Connie Ryder Mathewson '63 joined their sons and future daughter in law for Christmas, 2008 .



The snows of February were not a deterrent to this group who gathered from all over the area to celebrate Margaret Gill Cycon's 86th birthday. She is surrounded by children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends . Alumni included Margaret, '41, Karen Cycon Dermody '63, Nancy Cycon Gunn, '65, Monica Cycon Lynch '73, Bryan Innes '01, Tracy Peck '92.



(left) Jon DeTemple '61 (center) surrounded by his Jelly Belly Basketball Team at Harcum College. Jon writes "What's Jelly Belly Basketball? Well the name is self-explanatory but the participants really vary. It has followed me in my travels starting in Alfred where we got the first group (JBB Franchise) together. We established JBB in Rochester when I worked for Paychex and subsequent 'franchises' have followed at Mitchell College, Post University, and now Harcum. It's about basketball but more about camaraderie, complete with nicknames (some treasured and some not so much but all in good fun)."

Colonel (Retired) John J. Halloran, Jr. ('72) Honored with Awards



Colonel (Retired) John J. Halloran, Jr. ('72) recently received two major honors because of his military career, and one prestigious position because of his dedication and commitment to Catholic Scouting. Those that know John know that these were all well deserved.

The Military Officers Association of America presented John with the Leadership Excellence Award for 2008. Each year they select one US Army Reserve Field Grade Officer who has distinguished himself in military and community service. LTG Jack Stultz, Commander U.S. Army Reserve Command, stated that "This recognition attests to the qualities associated with the Citizen Soldier in service to the U.S. Army and the local community. John, I commend and applaud you for a job well done."

The other award John received was the MG Nathan Towson Regimental Medallion. The Medallion bears the name of MG Towson who was Paymaster General from 1819 – 1821 and 1822 – 1854. The Medallion is presented by the Finance Corps Association and recognizes exceptional achievement or exemplary service.

Accomplishments must clearly distinguish candidates from their peers and honor the mission and traditions of the Finance Corps. John had distinguished himself during his last nine years of military service in such critical positions as the Theater Finance and Accounting Officer for Operation Iraqi Freedom I and for the 226th Finance Command in Europe, the 336th Finance Command Deputy Commander and finally as the 336th Finance Management Center Director.

John is the 517th recipient of this award and one of a handful of Reservists to be so honored. He also has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Finally, John was recently elected to the Chairmanship of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He will be sworn in as National Chair Elect at the end of the 2009 meeting in Galveston. He will serve three years as the National Chair after the 2010 meeting and then three years as the Immediate Past National Chair. The purpose of the NCCS is to utilize and ensure the constructive use of the program of the Boy Scouts of America as a viable form of youth ministry with the Catholic Youth of our nation. NCCS has oversight of over 291,000 Catholic Scouts and Scouters and over 9,200 Catholic sponsored units.

John started his affiliation with Catholic Scouting in 1971 when he became an Emblems Coach Counselor with the Diocese of Albany, N.Y. He served as Diocesan Chairman for the Diocese of Fairbanks, AK from 1979 – 1981 and the Diocese of Lake Charles, LA from 1984 - 1985. While in the military, John also served on the Diocesan Catholic Committees of Charleston, S.C.; Nashville, TN, and Baltimore, MD. In 1983, John became a member of the NCCS Religious Activities Committee. In 2001, John was elected as the Region 5 (LA, MS, AL, KY & TN) Chairman until 2003 when he was appointed as NCCS Finance Vice-Chair. Since 2007, John has been a member of the NCCS Advisory Board.

John has received his Ad Altare Die (youth religious award); Bronze Pelican Award and St. George Award from the Diocesan Committee of Lake Charles; and Golden Ad Altare Die Award, Spes Mundi O'Connell Award and Silver St. George Award (highest honor) from the NCCS. John also has received the Distinguished Eagle Award and the Silver Antelope from the Southern Region Boy Scouts of America.

Patrick J. MacDonald '85, Awarded The Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement In Iraq.

Chief Warrant Officer Four Patrick J. Macdonald, United States Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious achievement as a MEDEVAC Pilot for Eagle DUSTOFF, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, on 25 October 2007 during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 07-09."



So reads the narrative accompanying the award of the Air Medal to CW4 Macdonald. It continues, "Because of his actions; effective management of the crew, piloting of the aircraft, and airspace surveillance the patients were successfully picked up and evacuated to the next level of care in a timely manner. ...This mission was executed with less than 10 minutes of planning time and executed to a non-improved landing surface. These exceptional risks assumed by CW4 MacDonald are beyond what is normally asked of, expected or approved for other aviation assets in country and were accepted for this mission only after learning of the criticality of the injured soldiers. Chief Warrant Officer Four Patrick MacDonald's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon him, Multi-National Corps-Iraq, and the United States Army."

Pat writes "I flew over 150 combat MEDEVAC missions while deployed and our unit transported over 6500 patients without dropping a mission. I'm proud to serve with such fine and professional men and women here in the 101st Division."

Bert Anderson '66 Working in Haiti

Bertel Anderson graduated from Sidney Central School in 1966. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served with the Air Force Security Service for 4 years mostly on the island of Crete. After the military he worked on a remote site assignment in Turkey for the General Electric Co. for 3 years. He received his A.A.S. Degree from Erie Community College and a B.S. in Industrial Technology from SUNY Buffalo. For the next 30+ years he was employed in manufacturing, 27 years with the Swedish firm SKF as a Supervisor, Unit Manager and a Business Unit Manager. He and his wife of 35 years, Roberta, have two grown children living in N.Y.C. Carl is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and Rachel, a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

After numerous short-term mission trips to Haiti working on construction projects, mobile medical clinics and education projects they answered the call to become full time missionaries. They took early retirements from their respective jobs and moved to Haiti in December 2007. They are currently the Directors of the Service International Foundation Medical Clinic in Croix des Bouquets, Haiti. Their clinic serves the growing population of the area with basic health care, health education, and Christian fellowship

WHO KNEW?

It's around 4:30 A.M and the hundreds of rooster voices in the country side are at full power with their daily morning songs. This will continue until the sun is fully up, each rooster trying to outdo the others. Since it is Friday and livestock market day the next noise will be the cows, goats, horses and numerous piggy's protesting vigorously about being led to market. Selling livestock is one of the few ways Haitians can acquire cash to spend on other food and necessities. It's not an unpleasant way to be woken up. The truth is that I never wake up with that old feeling of dread I used to have when I was facing another day of work in the "real world". Haiti offers something new and different every day. In Haiti the possible is impossible but the impossible is possible.

Neither my wife or myself ever expected to be spending our remaining working years here but when you ask God for guidance in your life, and you accept what is offered, anything is possible. We enjoyed working in Haiti on short term mission trips and so far full-time has proved to be just as rewarding.

Our Mission:

Roberta and I are the Directors of the Service International Foundation Health Clinic. SIF, as it is called, is the

Haitian NGO title for Christian Service International. Haitian law reserves the use of the term "Christian" to only Churches. Our clinic was established 10 years ago and since then it has served about 45,000 different individuals. We direct a staff of 14 that includes two doctors, three nurses, a pharmacy technician, a part-time pharmacist, three lab technicians, a clerk and a house staff. All are Haitians trained in Haiti. We also have a part-time dentist from the Dominican Republic that volunteers her services two day a week.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. until all 60 to 80 patients a day are seen, usually closing after 2 P.M. Our clinic charges fees but our costs are far below the norm of the area. The initial visit to the doctor is \$1.75 U.S. and a follow-up visit is \$1.20. A typical visit that includes an exam, some lab work and a couple prescriptions costs on average \$6.00 however, no one is turned away due to a lack of funds. We have an account called "Pennies- For-The-Poor" that we access if needed.

We also host surgical teams about 3 times per year. These teams utilize our surgical suite to perform about 30 ambulatory surgeries in 5 days. The most common surgeries are for hernias. The teams stay with us in our living quarters that are above the clinic. We also support the 8 to 10 mobile medical teams that come from the States through Christian Service International by purchasing and preparing their medicines for dispensing to the 700+ patients they will see in some of the more remote underserved areas.

We have just received funding for a Public Health Nurse and are working out the details for that position. We visualize this person doing Health education in the remote areas, worming children and providing free vaccinations and vitamins.

Why Haiti?

If you ask Roberta and I this question we can give you a huge list of statistics that includes the facts that 1 in 5 children here don't make it to 5 years old, that life expectancy is 15 years less than in the States, that maternal mortality rates are 60 times the U.S. rate because of the lack of facilities and Haitian women's inability to afford hospital deliveries. But usually people ask us this question because they don't understand why we don't serve in our own back yards. "There is so much need in the U.S. Why don't you serve here instead of Haiti?" This is a question we have been asked and every other missionary around the world has probably been asked. I respond by saying that we did just that through various means for many years and coming to Haiti for us was a calling. I try



Bert and Roberta Anderson

to tell people that if they feel so strongly about service in their own back yards maybe that is their calling. Very politely what I wish I could say is, if you talk the talk, are you walking the walk?

How can you help?

If you are interested in helping Haiti there is plenty that can be done. Haiti has suffered for centuries with unstable governments, invasions, corruption, embargos and horrific natural disasters. Four hurricanes last year destroyed about 60% of the crops. The presence of 8000 UN troops has had some effect on crime and political disturbances but does little to help with the health and welfare of the average Haitian. The most effective aid comes from the various NGOs (NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS). Support for our clinic, "Pennies- For-The-Poor", or for us personally can be made through a donation to:

Christian Service International
1714 West Royale Drive
Muncie, IN 47304-2240
765-286-5773

If you are interested in serving on a short term mission trip to Haiti CSI has many options. You can also contact us at bertandbert@gmail.com.

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Our participation would not involve fund raising on behalf of the cemetery association. We agreed that we would make a donation to the overall project but would not serve as the chief fund raiser. Towards that end the SCSAA made a \$1,000 donation towards the development of the park. The sub-committee is developing ideas for the design of our memorial and once that is complete, the sub-committee will conduct a fund raising campaign to be used exclusively for the Alumni Veterans Memorial. The sub-committee has also begun research for names to be included on the memorial. We will be reaching out to the entire alumni community to support this project over the next year.

Membership:

Increasing membership became one of the top goals last year, which prompted two industrious members of the Membership Committee into action. Deb Puffer and Karen Cycon Dermody conducted an "e-mail-athon" Over 600 people were contacted, yielding 147 new paid members and almost \$1,500. Congratulations to Deb and Karen, who will continue their efforts. Membership dues are our chief source of revenue but current membership is less than 20% of the alumni roster. This is not sufficient to sustain certain financial needs, e.g., publishing "Reflections".

Alumni Weekend:

Alumni Weekend continues to maintain its status as the key component of the Association from which other components were derived and fostered and it is deserving of our full support.

Alumni Weekend 2008 was a success and feedback from attendees was positive. For example,

- great venues (everyone agreed that the VFW did a spectacular job in hosting the Friday & Saturday night events)
- great band (the feedback received was "Best Band Ever")
- Financial success (Golf Tournament realized a surplus of \$4,000)
- Caricature Artist—hit of the weekend – very popular with the crowd
- very moving and inspirational Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The low turnout was discussed by the Reunion committee and their consensus was that the current economic situation, causing higher travel costs, was the driving factor influencing the attendance. Ideas were advanced for refining some of the events, expanding others and adding some new ones, which were submitted to the 2009 Reunion Committee for review and consideration.

"Reflections" Newsletter

"Reflections" remains the most popular undertaking of the SCS Alumni Association and it maintained its status in 2008. There is no doubt in my mind that this is one of the best publications of its kind. Maintaining "Reflections" at the level we have all come to expect requires that we all get involved. Some of the best issues of the last 10 years were published this past year. Everybody loves "Reflections" and looks forward to its publication each spring and fall. However, it is becoming a struggle to keep "Reflections" fresh and innovative. Compiling the contents of the entire paper is the work of two individuals, the Editor and Assistant Editor. Maintaining the roster, a big job done by Deb Puffer, is the basis for the mailing list and for the contact list on the website. The printing is overseen by one person. The number of contributors to the paper has fallen off significantly over the last several years, and that's a shame because it's YOUR paper, and ABOUT YOU. The SCS Alumni are large and diverse group with a wide range of experiences and interests. Many of the experiences and interests are briefly mentioned in the news in Alumni Update. Let's hear more. Let's share each other's good times and learn coping strategies from each other's challenges.

Alumni Website:

56,500 hits and counting. The Alumni Website has become an integral component of the Association. It too is a very popular activity of the Association and is a great source of information. The Website serves as a very effective tool of the Association in promoting our events and activities. It was the website that was responsible for our success in raising money for the 2006 flood victims and in raising \$15,000 through the sale of raffle tickets. The Alumni Website has all the current information pertaining to our scheduled events. All our events are documented in the photo gallery

section. As technology has advanced, so has our website. The latest popular tool of the website is "pay pal" which allows you to pay your dues online and is a convenient way to participate in our latest fund raising activity. If you have not been on our Website (www.sidneyalumni.org), take a look. You will be amazed. And to think this is all done by the single efforts of our Webmaster, Ray Taylor. Our biggest challenge is how to clone Ray.

Honoring our inductees:

Through the "Wall of Fame" and "Sports Hall of Fame" the SCSAA pays tribute to our distinguished alumni and educators and recognizes our talented athletes. We need more participation from the membership to assure that a good cross-section of our alumni is represented. So far we seem to have plenty of names of candidates, but have we missed some quality candidates in the process? This is why it is especially important that we hear from all of you about possible nominees.

We are working with school officials to identify the proper place of distinction in the school to display the plaques of our "Wall of Fame" and "Sports Hall of Fame" inductees for posterity. As soon as this process is completed, we will have an unveiling ceremony followed by an assembly to introduce some of our Inductees to the current student body. This will definitely serve to strengthen our relationship with the school.

Financial and Human Resources Challenges and Possible Solutions

Most of the challenges facing the Association, you have read about previously and they continue to confront the Association. The most important of the challenges to the Association involve the scarcity of financial and human resources. While under no circumstances will we deviate from our mission and founding purposes, we must find creative ways to refresh the various activities, events and initiatives – that creativity will best come from you.

Financial Status:

Our fund balance as of December 2008 was \$35,600 up from \$27,000 in 2007. The entire increase in funds is restricted to the Kristina Germond Memorial Scholarship Fund. Operationally we continue to operate at a small deficit, which we will need to be addressed at some point in the near future. **Some of the drivers of the deficit are:**

1. A drop in membership dues
2. A substantial increase in the mailing and printing cost of "Reflections"
3. An increase in the entertainment cost of Alumni Weekend
4. An increase in our publicity costs
5. The various costs associated with creating first class events and a first rate organization

What are our financial challenges and possible financial solutions?

We cannot continue to maintain a deficit over the long term without jeopardizing the financial integrity of the Association. At the same time, we have created a first class organization that requires a certain level of financial needs to sustain it. So the revenue side is where we must primarily focus our attention. Some of the issues that need to be addressed and debated by the Association for **increasing revenue involve:**

1. Developing an aggressive membership campaign to focus on increasing our membership base
2. Consideration of increasing dues to \$15
3. Instituting a cover charge for our Saturday Night entertainment at Alumni Weekend
4. Developing alternative fund raising ideas to supplement or replace dues as the prime source of revenue
5. Finding popular items for the Alumni Store that will expand revenue through the sale of merchandise
6. Seeking endowments for the Association
7. Other: ***You fill in the blank***

All of these potential solutions will be explored as to their viability, and as will other ideas as they arise. The Association through the Board of Directors does not have all the answers. We will continue to conduct surveys to seek your opinions. We are a grass roots organization and have been most successful in executing ideas that were submitted by our base.

So let's hear from you.

What are our Human Resource Challenges and Potential Solutions?

I have been talking about the "burn out factor" for several years now. Our current corps of volunteers cannot continue to function at such an intense pace forever. There has been fallout but for the most part the reason the Association has been able to sustain is because our core group has been able to persevere. But how long can this continue? Possible solutions could be obtained by:

1. Attracting general Volunteers to serve on all our major committees to minimize the "burn out factor" and provide a source of new and creative ideas.
2. Identifying potential new members for our Board of Director
3. Identifying potential candidates to serve as "Reflections Editor" or as an "Assistant Editor and Webmaster or Assistant Webmasters. . . We are severely understaffed in these areas and the current staff cannot continue at the extraordinary pace that is required. If we lost any of these key positions it would deal a devastating blow to the Association.

We have recognized this situation for a number of years now but it has not received the attention by the Board and membership that it demands. Our quest for developing effective solutions will take on a new sense of urgency. It would be great if some of you could become part of the solution.

Expense cutting as a means to reduce our deficit:

So far we have focused our attention on increasing our revenue and increasing our human resources as a means to attack our deficit. The deficit could be balanced by addressing the other side of the equation: the expense side. I take pride in the way we have been able to control expenses for the most part. However, as we introduced new initiatives and grew in stature as a first class organization, so did our expenses. In this year's budget we were able to reduce the deficit by postponing some of our initiatives and purchases. We have taken a hard look at all our expenses and we have tried to implement expense reductions where we could without sacrificing the high standards that we have established.

The Association grew in a systematic fashion and not haphazardly. We did not introduce a new initiative until we had the necessary resources to take it on. Each activity and events initiated by the Association are part of the original vision. At this time it is apparent that we cannot reduce our cost much further without eliminating or scaling down some of our activities and events. It can be done but not in my opinion without sacrificing the quality of the Association or taking a whole new approach to the delivery of some of our services. We are open to creative suggestions on ways to reduce costs.

One idea to cut costs is to deliver "Reflections" electronically and eliminate the paper version and its associated costs – **20% of our total expense budget**. To many of the Alumni Community, "Reflections" is the Association and making such a major change could negatively impact the organization. But it is an idea and will be an issue to be included in our strategic plan debate. As mentioned elsewhere, we now have "paypal" capabilities. Drop everything right now and go to our website (www.sidneyalumni.org) and use your debit or credit card to pay your dues.

Strategic Overview for the SCSAA:

"Are we on the right track and where are we going from here?" One of the prime roles of the Board is to help set the direction of the Association and to identify potential initiatives that advance the purposes of the Association. As we mature as a Board, it becomes even more important to address this and that is the reason why it was established as a specific objective this year. I have always believed this is a discussion the Board must have routinely so that we are all on the same page; however, time is always an obstacle.

Basically I envisioned a brain-storming session to formulate ideas on where the Association should be headed, how do we get there, is our vision on target or do we need to change our vision to fulfill our founding purposes? Take a break away from the day-to-day op-

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eration of the Association, take a deep breath, and focus on the big picture, including taking a look at our organizational structure and creating ideas and stimulating discussion for future consideration.

Chairing the Strategic Overview Committee was Director Jim McIntyre's first assignment when he joined the Board. I saw the opportunity to move this agenda item forward since he was new to the Board and would bring a new perspective. The purpose of the Committee was to develop the ideas that could serve to facilitate the brainstorming session with all Directors involved, and from which a Strategic Plan would evolve.

Jim has made extraordinary efforts in moving this forward. Already, one of the ideas has been enacted (the Alumni Veterans Memorial).

We welcome your thoughts and ideas as we develop our strategic plan. Your feedback can be sent to the Board via their emails (see website) or via snail mail to the Association address.

Other challenges to the Association:

While under no circumstances we can not deviate from our mission and founding purposes, we must find creative ways to refresh the various activities, events and initiatives from time to time or else the hidden threat of "boredom or complacency" could seep into the Association. Although it sounds obscure, it is a very real threat to the Association.

If our most loyal supporters ever became bored with our activities and stop attending we could lose all the momentum that we have built over the last 10 years. While our goal is to create events and activities that continue to inspire and excite, we have noticed that participation is down in some area. We recognize the danger this presents and actions need to be taken to reverse the trend. So we are making a concerted effort to refresh and update some of the major events this year with particular attention to Alumni Weekend. This is easier said than done especially because of the deficiency of volunteers needed to implement the changes. But that being said the limited number of volunteers that who have stepped forward are committed to make it happen.

In a prime effort to refresh our events, some of the changes that will be implemented at this year's Alumni Weekend include:

- ◆ Moving the "March of the Classes to Alumni Field
- ◆ Hosting a Saturday late afternoon barbecue for those non-anniversary Classes attendees
- ◆ Hosting a Casino night in conjunction with our Saturday evening festivities
- ◆ Adding a bowling Tournament to our schedule of events
- ◆ Introducing a new venue for Saturday Evening (Moose Club)
- ◆ Streamlining the format at the Alumni Luncheon

So for those of you who have been faithfully attending Alumni Weekend over the last 10 years you will experience a new look to the Weekend. We hope that our efforts will remove the hidden danger of boredom and recreate the excitement that you had when you attended for the first time.

To sustain this momentum, I repeat our urgent need for new and creative ideas and a new generation of volunteers.

If you value what is being done in your name as Sidney Alumni, register your approval with your membership and service to the Association.

Can I count on YOU???

Regina "Reggie" Reynolds Scholarship Update

by Sue (Fessenden) Jones, '74

This scholarship was established by Regina's graduating class, the Class of 1974, and was awarded for the first time to a member of the Class of 2004. Following is a list of the recipients, the criteria for winning the award, and an appeal to keep the scholarship going.

The recipients of the award for the first five years are:

2004	Alycia Zieno, \$500
2005	Alexander Papastrat, \$1000
2006	Caitlin Oliver, \$1500
2007	Shawn Innes, \$1500
2008	Connor Hornbeck, \$1500



As you can see, the amount has increased since its inception and the Class of '74 is proud that they can keep the award at \$1500 – at least for now. We would like to appeal to the community, to anyone who knew Reggie, her family, and / or the recipients of the award to donate any amount to give into the fund to keep the award alive. It not only honors Reggie's life but also helps to keep her vision alive as well as to assist a deserving student to pursue their education in the field of science, the field that Reggie was motivated to pursue.

This scholarship is given to a graduating senior who has been accepted into a two- or four-year college or university to further their education in the field of science. The student also exemplifies integrity, leadership, community involvement, and congeniality. Reggie's scholarship is awarded based on scholastic achievement and an essay that is submitted and evaluated by a selection committee made up of members of the Class of '74.

Your tax-deductible donation can be submitted to **Dollars for Scholars**: Sidney Federal Credit Union, 42 Union St., Sidney, NY 13838. Be sure to reference Regina Reynolds Scholarship Fund. A reminder, too, that many companies will match your donation. The Class of '74 wishes to thank everyone for their generosity in the past and for your future support. Thank you!

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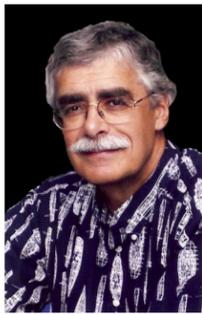
Jack was also the major fund raiser for the group, soliciting local sponsors for this fine organization.

In nominating Jack to be honored by the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, Marge Suriano wrote "We are blessed to have a person of vision, knowledge and ability to organize such a treasure for our community."

Jack lives in Sidney.

Steven F. Schaeffer Class of 1969

Entrepreneurial Excellence and Community Service
Steve Schaeffer has long been a role model for others and is a good example of how a Sidney High School graduate can acquire important skills and establish character traits early in his life that will enhance his accomplishments and achievements, and allow him to contribute and give back, both in his career, and to his community.



Steve enjoyed a successful scholastic career in Sidney, which included being chosen to be a Sidney Rotary Foreign Student in the Netherlands. He graduated from Cornell University and ultimately joined with a fellow graduate, engineer, Les Wagner, in creating a business which would become Wagner Lumber Products, the 10th largest distributor of hardwood lumber products in the country.

Today Steve and Les own 4 lumber mills, employ 140 workers and co-own the largest lumber mill complex in New York State. Respect of his business colleagues and the business community led to Wagner Lumber being honored as the Business of the Year.

Because of his success and accomplishments, Steve has been committed to giving back. His love of his hometown has led him to become a major supporter of the Alumni Association, The Sidney Alumni Basketball events, the Sidney Boys and Girls Club as well as the Sidney Congregational Church. He also supports the Tioga County Boys and Girls Club.

He has taken his family on a volunteer mission to Cuba, and has supported the Educate the Children program (to fund school opportunities for low cast girls in Nepal and offer farming support for men and financial assistance to women who are starting small businesses to support their families) and he and his family traveled there last year to volunteer.

Steve and his wife, Marcy live in Ithaca, New York.

They have two daughters, Kelsey, a sophomore at Ithaca College and Julie, a senior in high school.

Carolyn Mang Weeks Class of 1959 Distinguished Service to Education, Counseling & Children with Special Needs

Carolyn Mang Weeks' resume is extensive and impressive. After a successful high school career in Sidney, graduating as Valedictorian, she continued, graduating from Wellesley College in 1963 and in 1964 she married Louis Weeks.



While relocating with her husband for his school and work, she managed to put together a course of study while raising a family and also working outside her home. She attained excellence both in academic life and as a practitioner in her field. She received her M.A. from Duke University (Counseling) in 1970 and her Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky in 1977.

Most recently, she was Assistant Professor of Psychology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA. She has also worked with emotionally disturbed families, was a team member of the Task Force to Organize School Psychology Services, State of Kentucky, and indeed wrote the State of Kentucky School Psychology Examinations. She co-authored, with her husband, and Robert and Alice Evans, The Casebook for Family Living, in 1977. She has been active in her Church and was the convener for the first Kentucky Chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Over the years she has been tireless in her service to others wherever in the world she and her husband have lived. Her volunteer work and her career choices have consistently reflected her service ethic.

In his letter of nomination, Jim Axtell, '59 (Wall of Fame, '05) said "she is, in fact, a consummate homemaker, cook, hostess, mother, and now grandmother. Family is a big priority for her and always has been. Which puts in perspective the extraordinary investment in time and energy she has made outside the home in social work, education, race relations, counseling, church, and social reform. She is a doer, and Energizer Bunny of purpose and selfless altruism."

"Carna" and her husband have two grown sons. She and Louis have both retired and live in Williamsburg, VA. Carna recently took on the study of Japanese in order to be more conversant with the family of her daughter in law. She continues to serve her community and maintain her lifelong love of learning.

The Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Sunday July 19, 2009 during the All Class Reunion Luncheon. The event will feature a buffet luncheon catered by the Sidney Fire Department. Reservations are required. The Luncheon registration form is on page 13.

Mr. Sheldon praised his committee for their hard work. This year's members are Terry Dermody, '65, Mary Ann Maynard Cramton, '59, Jon DeTemple, '61, Marty Reed, '65, Dennis Porter, '66, Ron Wischhusen, '72, Pat Greene, '53, Floyd Fisher, '59, Karen Cycon Dermody, '63, Nancy Sue Burns, '56 and Robert Rowlands.



Pat Romano Burki, '63 writes "We had a wonderful wedding last summer of our younger daughter who still lives in the Rochester NY area. I attached a picture of our family at the wedding. I'm the shortest one (Ha Ha!!). Then there is the Bride (my daughter Alycia), the Groom (her husband Andy), my daughter in Florida, Dawn, her husband, Joe, and their daughter-my granddaughter, Brittany.

Rob Walsh '87: NYFD Paramedic and Pipe Band Member

I joined the Fire Department of New York in April of 2000; first as an Emergency Medical Technician and then as a Paramedic. One of the things that I liked about working for the Department is their commitment to honoring their fallen members. Whenever a member dies while serving the public, members are asked to pay their respects by attending the wake and funeral in full dress uniform. Seeing hundreds of blue uniformed co-workers lined up outside a funeral, honoring their fallen comrades is an awe inspiring sight.

The only thing more respectful is hearing the sullen thump of a bass drum as the Bagpipe Band escorts the casket to the church. Then the pipes and drums combine to play a simple Amazing Grace. Those moments, as the casket is carried into the church and the members reflect on the passing of their friend, leaves not a dry eye in the house.

After 9/11, I attended a lot of funerals for firefighters and paramedics who had made that ultimate sacrifice and I was always left breathless after the performance of the pipe band. It was that feeling that made me want to join the Bagpipe band, but because I wasn't a firefighter, I wasn't able to join the Department's pipe band.

First, let me give you a little background. New York City's Emergency Medical Services used to be a separate entity but merged with the Fire Department in 1996. Though equal in some respects, we're still very different and separate departments. One of the things that is kept separate is the Department's Pipe and Drum Band.

All that changed in 2006 when two EMT's, Don Riley and John Manning, decided to form a band for EMS members ONLY. Both Don and John had been playing bagpipes for most of their lives in local community bands. They shared a common goal of making a band that would serve the EMT's, paramedics, and their officers. Word spread about the band and quickly co-workers with the same ideas joined. Since many people were like myself (I didn't even play the recorder in third grade!!), they hired bagpipe and drum instructors.

The bagpipes are a difficult instrument to learn. You start by playing a canter (like a recorder) and eventually progress to the pipes. That process usually takes about

a year. Drumming is much easier. Most of the drummers play in rock bands and changing the tempo to that of playing a snare or tenor drum is an easy thing to master. It took me about six months to get the arrangements down.

Currently we have 20 pipers and 10 drummers. We could always use more but it's a good core group to pull from to play at our many events. The band provides the kilt, drums and uniform. The member has to buy the pipes, Glengarry (hat), hose (socks), spats (white things that cover the shoes), and flashes (red dangly things on the spats). To help pay for all that we have two annual fund raisers. In September we hold our Half Way to St Pat's Party. And after the NYC St. Pat's parade we host another party. (This year Deb Puffer '68, Blair Puffer '70, Peg Payne Phelps '68, Carol Thomas '87 and Joe Moran '87 were in attendance.)

During March we're paid to march in St Patrick's parades throughout the Tri State region. Our usual roster includes Mahopac, Throgs Neck, Rockaways, Hoboken, Bayshore, Lake Ronkokoma, Hampton Bays and Montauk. Until I joined I had no idea how many St Patrick's Day Parades there are!! I always thought that there was only one, on St Patrick's Day! But starting with the last weekend of February until the end of March, you can find one on every weekend!! The party goes on all month long!!

We also draw a lot of financial support from our union, Local 2507. The union recognizes us for helping to build morale of the EMS members. We would not be the success that we are now without the generous support of our union and our co-workers.

Besides the enjoyment of playing in parades, we are constantly called on to perform for members that have died while serving the city. I've personally played at the funerals of seven members who have passed away in the past three years. And because we are the ONLY all EMS band we have gone to play for other EMT's that were killed in the line of duty. In February we traveled up to Cape Vincent to play for an EMT who was shot by a patient. Last year we went to Antwerp, Ohio to play at the funeral for three EMT's who were killed when their ambulance was in an accident.



Peggy Payne Phelps, '68, Rob Walsh, '87, Deb Woytek Puffer, '68, Blair Puffer, '70

Inductees and Legacy Award Set for 7th Annual SCSAA Sports Hall of Fame

The 7th Annual Sidney Central School Alumni Association Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies during Homecoming Weekend will be historic in every sense of the word. You will definitely NOT want to miss the events!

Thursday October 1st, Friday October 2nd and Saturday October 3rd - Save the Dates! You'll agree that "historic" defines the 2009 SCSAA SHOF class when you read the profiles of the 2009 Inductees and the Legacy Award recipients.

SCSAA SHOF 2009 Inductees:

- Margaret Anne (Hager) Steinmiller '53
- Asa Decker, '54
- Gerrie Stone, '64
- Coach Mary Morrison

Historic Point #1: **Margaret Anne Hager, '53.** Margaret's athletic skills were impressive though she did not have the opportunity to play interscholastic sports and, therefore, had few researchable statistics. However, as a youth she excelled in Little League baseball long before Congress allowed girls to play baseball with boys. Even though she had no official softball team to compete on, she set a league record in the softball *throw* during a one-day girls' track and field meet. Later, she won numerous ladies' golf titles at the Sidney Golf and Country Club.

Historic Point #2: **Asa Decker, '54,** captained Sidney's football, baseball, and basketball teams. He continued in organized sports at Albany Business College in spite of an injury suffered during military duty. Asa's grit and determination were further evident in later years as he competed in the grueling 70-mile endurance race of the General Clinton Canoe Regatta. Many of his former teammates nominated their leader for the SHOF committee with an impressive write-in campaign.

Historic Point #3: **Gerrie Stone, '64,** is considered by SHOF charter member **Tom Robertson** and his assistant, 2006 SHOF inductee **Bill Davidson**, responsible for the rapid growth and success of Sidney's wrestling program. "Stoney" may never have won a state title, but he did set the bar high for future State champs at Sidney. He also was part of a National Collegiate Championship team while a top wrestler at the Division 1 powerhouse, Oklahoma State.

Historic Point #4: **Mary Morrison's** overall coaching is due, in large part, to the term "Lady Warrior" coming to vogue. Known in the 1970s as "Mrs. V" (Vredenburgh), Mary led her girls' teams in all varsity sports available to them at the time - field hockey, volleyball, and softball. She would later concentrate on field hockey and her Lady Warriors successfully competed at the high level offered by much bigger schools in the area and across the state. In 1991, her team put it all together and they won the Class A New York State title. To this day it is the ONLY NYS championship won by a Sidney girls' sports team.

2009 SHOF Legacy Award

This year's Legacy Award winner is the **1964-65 Wrestling Team**, who were undefeated and established perhaps the most successful mark at any NYS State Championship Wrestling Tournament. They were so successful, in fact, they have been inducted into the New York High School Wrestling Hall of Fame! That was in 1986, the same year as their coach, Tom Robertson, was inducted into the same hallowed Hall.

Homecoming Weekend and the SCSAA SHOF Events

Once again, the SCSAA SHOF Induction ceremonies will take place during SCS' Homecoming Weekend.

- Thursday October 1 is the first event - a parade and bonfire.
- Friday October 2 is the Homecoming football game - Sidney versus Unadilla Valley/

Every year on September 11, we play at the memorial at our Training Academy in Fort Totten in Queens. During National EMS Week in May we perform at the NYS EMS Memorial in Albany, New York, and the National EMS Memorial in Roanoke, Virginia.

Along with weekly practice we have a pretty busy schedule. I'm very lucky that my wife, Jennifer, is supportive of this 'hobby.' Especially when she becomes a 'Band Widow' during the March weekends that I'm off marching. My five year old son, Bryce, isn't sure what to think or say when he sees me in my kilt. One day I had to pick him up from school and hadn't had time to change out of my kilt after leaving a funeral. His classmates' jaws were all wide open when they saw 'Bryce's Dad' come in dressed like 'Bryce's Mom.' On the uncomfortable ride home Bryce, in the nicest way that a five year old could think of, asked me not to wear my kilt to school again. I agreed. His friends still played with him the next day and I heard from all the parents 'the talk' that they had to give to their kids that night at dinner.

If you're more interested in seeing what a Sidney alum looks like wearing a kilt, or live in the New York City area and want to see us perform, feel free to check out our schedule on our website; www.fdnymspipesanddrums.com. And if you're down in New York City for next year's St Patrick's Parade, join Deb & Blair Puffer, Peg Payne Phelps, Carol Thomas and Joe Moran at our after party!! And if you are going to ask THE question, the answer is NO, I don't.

Edmeston. The SCSAA SHOF 2009 Inductees and Legacy Award recipients will be honored during half time. After the football game, a reception open to all alumni will be held at the VFW (corner of Suffolk and West Main Streets).

- We urge alumni coming back for Homecoming to attend other sporting events that may be available during the weekend, e.g., boys and girls' soccer, field hockey, girls' tennis, and golf.
- Saturday October 3, is the SCSAA SHOF Induction Ceremony and Dinner at the Elks Lodge on River St., Sidney, beginning with a social hour at 6pm.

Check the SCSAA Website (sidneyalumni.org) for more information. Tickets will be available during the July All-Alumni Weekend! **Historic** is the word we will use to describe the 2009 Sidney Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Induction Weekend. Come see why!

What the 2008 SCSAA Sports Hall of Fame Ceremonies Did For Our School

The 2008 SCSAA Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony broke all records for attendance and funds raised. Its success enabled the SCSAA SHOF Committee to purchase two battery-operated portable scoreboards for the SCS Athletic Department, which were put to immediate use at the February 7 Midstate Athletic Conference wrestling Tournament, hosted by Sidney. The committee recently made the official presentation to the Board of Education and Administration. School Superintendent Sandy Cooper offered her thanks on behalf of the school district, remarking that she is "constantly amazed" what the Alumni Association is doing in support of the school and community, and for that we can ALL be proud!

Dues Due? Not sure?
Email dwpuffer@frontiernet.net
to find out.

**Annual All Class Reunion Luncheon
Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Educators Induction Ceremony
Registration Form
July 19, 2009**

Luncheon _____ tickets _____ @ \$15.00/person = _____ Total

Sidney Fire Department Training Center, River Street

11.00 AM Social Hour 11:45 Program/ Luncheon

Please list all names and class year (if alumni) of Luncheon Attendees

Dues _____ \$10.00 per year (July 31 to July 31) (\$5.00 for seniors 65 and over)

Website Donation _____ Total Enclosed _____ (make check payable to SCSAA)

Name _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address _____ (print carefully)

Mail Registration and Fees to:

SCSAA

P.O. Box 2186

Sidney, New York 13838

Please take a moment to fill out the membership application on the back of this form.

The SCSAA needs your support

**Alumni Weekend
Schedule of Events**

Thursday July 16

**Open House Alumni Center and Sidney
Historical Association**

10AM -2 PM

Scotch Doubles Bowling

**Twentieth Century Lanes
6:30PM**

Friday July 17

**Open House Alumni Center and Sidney
Historical Association**

10:00—2 PM

Scotch Doubles Bowling 6:30

Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

7:30 AM and 12:30 PM Flights

Sidney Golf and Country Club

Barbecue and Awards Ceremony 5:30PM

Social/Icebreaker

Sidney VFW 8pm—1:00am

Saturday July 18

Nature Walk-Ed Roelle

Nature Trail

8-10 AM

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sidney Elks Lodge—River Street

8-11AM \$6.50/person (at the door)

**Class of '88—Annual Run/Walk for
Charity - 9AM Keith Clark Park**

Annual March of the Classes

Alumni Field - High School

Line up 11:00AM

March 11:30AM

Open Houses

Alumni Center and

Sidney Historical Association

1:00—3:00 pm

Sidney High School

2pm—4pm

Sand Volley Ball Tournament

Scotch Doubles Bowling 1PM

Barbecue 4PM

Adjacent to the Moose Lodge

Swimming at Sidney

Municipal Pool 5PM—8

Saturday Evening Social

Sidney Moose Lodge 8pm

SPLASH! 9-1AM

Sunday July 19

**Annual Alumni Memorial Service
Ed Roelle Nature Trail**

10:30 AM

**Annual All Class Reunion Luncheon
Wall of Fame for Distinguished
Alumni and Faculty
Induction Ceremony**

**Sidney Firemen's Facility
River Street**

Social Hour 11AM

Program and Luncheon

11:45 AM

**Tickets \$15.00/person
Reservations Required
(registration above)**

**For latest updates check
www.sidneyalumni.org**



Above (left and right)

My best friend Pat Hotaling Doolittle and I (Mary Anne Gleason Porter) have been best friends since 2nd grade. How many of us can say that? Maybe in Sidney there are lots of friendships like ours that have endured. This is possibly a "side effect" of growing up in a small community like Sidney. We have grown through the years together, always being there for each other, when times were tough, even though many times we lived thousands of miles apart. Sometimes we hadn't communicated for a year or two, but when we got together or talked on the phone, it was always as comfortable as if we just talked yesterday. Now we get together once or twice a year, and talk about our grandkids, husbands, and pets, aches and pains and getting old! It's great to have a friend like Pat! In the two pictures, here, I think that we haven't changed much, but I hope our sense of fashion has!! I just want to say Thanks, Pat for being my BFF (Best Friend Forever!)

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

NAMES AND SCS INFORMATION:

Your SCS Class Year: _____

Your Last name: _____ Your maiden name, if applicable: _____

Your First name: _____ Your Nickname: _____

Significant Other's last name (maiden name, if applicable) : _____

Significant Other's first name: _____

Your Significant Other's SCS Class Year, if applicable: _____

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

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

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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.

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

Vocation: _____

Are you retired: () Yes () No If yes, when did you retire? _____

Hobbies/Vacation activities: _____

Volunteer activities: _____

Children's First Names: _____

Grandchildren's First Names: _____

Great grandchildren's First names: _____

Your personal statement:

Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament to be held during Alumni Weekend

Jeff and Lynne Mazzerella of Twentieth Century Lanes in Sidney are hosting a Tournament during Alumni Weekend in July which is open to all. Alums are encouraged to bowl a set of three games during the weekend. The lanes are open at 6:30pm on Thursday and at 1PM on Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$10 per twosome. One of your party must be a SHS Alumnus. It is as easy as that. Report your scores to Jeff or Linda.

The winners will be decided and a cash prize will be awarded during the Alumni Luncheon on Sunday. Be sure and make some time for this event during your weekend. Jeff and Linda can be reached at 607-563-BOWL (2695) if there are any questions.

Results of Election of SCSAA Board of Directors 2009

Thanks to your votes, the 5 directors running for a new three year term were all elected. They are Doug Sheldon, Ann Philpott, Wayne King, Marty Reed and Bonnie Curtis.

In January, at the Annual Reorganizational Board Meeting of the Association, the following officers were elected to serve for a one year term: President: Terry Dermody, Vice President of Operations: Doug Sheldon, Vice President for Strategic Planning: Jim McIntyre, Vice President of Finance: Jon DeTemple, Corresponding Secretary: Deb Puffer, Recording Secretary: Jessica Wheeler, Treasurer: Wayne King, and Assistant Treasurer: Ann Mott.

1000 Books in 2009

The 1000 Book Challenge to provide books to the new High School library, continues with nearly 700 books donated so far. We would like to encourage you to bring a book along with you to Alumni Weekend and deposit it (with your name and class included somewhere with the book) at either of the socials, the golf club, or the All Class Reunion Luncheon. There will be a place to drop off the books at each of these venues as well as the Alumni Center, Room 319 at the Civic Center.

If you are having a reunion gathering with your class, you might make this a project and donate as a class. If you will not be attending any of the weekend festivities, you can send a book, or money to purchase one, to the Association address SCSAA, PO Box 2186, Sidney, New York. 13838.

Those bringing books or donating money will be recognized at the All Class Reunion Luncheon on Sunday July 19. Please help us make our goal and Bring a Book to Reunion Weekend.

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In order to keep this list current—we urge you to contact us with any changes.
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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALUMNI AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

The Class Roster and Class Rep list are essential for ensuring that communications about the Alumni Association reach you.

The SCSSA has a class roster that contains the names of all Sidney alumni. Your contact information is only as current as your membership. When you join or renew and send your contact information, it is entered in the roster and on the website unless, in the case of the latter, you indicate you do not want it posted. The future of *Reflections* depends on alumni maintaining their official membership.

The list of Class Representatives has been updated and revised. Please check the list. Are you listed as the "Class Rep"? If so, is your contact information, i.e., name, address, phone number and email address, correct?

Is there no Class Rep for your class? Would you like to volunteer?

The membership form is in *Reflections*, and an abbreviated form is on the website. Membership is cheap – and it's about the only thing that is these days!



Happy 50th Class of 1959!

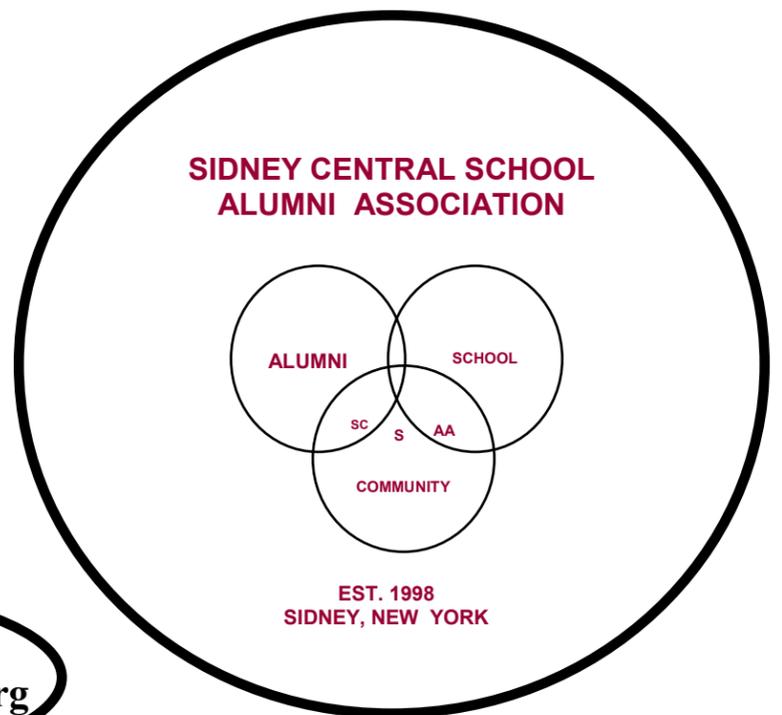
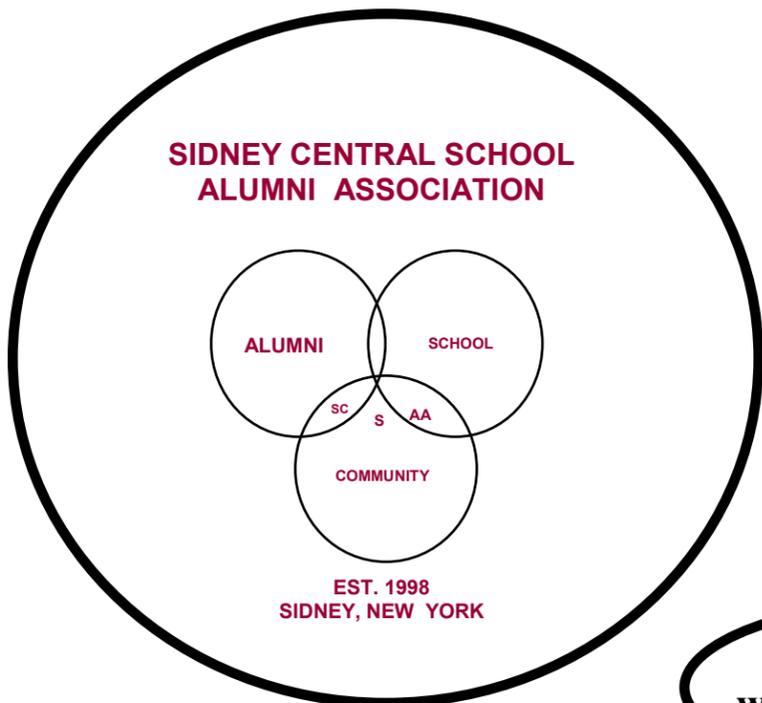
Miss Carr's Third Grade Photo 1949

Row 1--Mary Peck Paul, Carolyn Mang Weeks, Wendie Clarke, Ginny Clum Tiska, Donna Martin, Sandy Hacklin, Bonnie Provenzon Curtis, Sandy Hendee Borden, Sondra Osborne, Janice Francisco (with head down). **Row 2**--Mary Anne Maynard Cramton, Nancy Green Baldwin, Barbara Reed, Dottie Kinch Georgia, Lorene Cole Serafine, Andrea Clark, Connie Knapp Edelen, Pat Lawrence Graney. **Row 3**--Billy Shields, David Unverferth, Ed Ballard, Don Clayton, Bob Merrill, Ron Philpott, Don Graney, Rich Burger, Claude Greene, Skip Hilary, Don Curley, Joe Kozlowski. Miss Carr is in the back.

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