

REFLECTIONS

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SCSAA's Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Educators to Honor Four During Alumni Weekend 2010

Douglas Sheldon, '59, Chairman of the Wall of Fame Nominating Committee, has announced that, after many months of research and deliberation the committee has selected its inductees for the Wall of Fame Class of 2010.

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 18, 2010.

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, Dennis Porter, '66, Ron Wischhusen, '72, Pat Greene, '53, Karen Cycon Dermody, '63, Dick Germond, '63, Nancy Sue Burns, '56, and Bill Davidson, retired faculty,

The Inductees for the Wall of Fame Class of 2010 are:

Paul Beames Class of 1963

Lt. Col. Paul Beames (USMC, RET) was born in Sidney in 1945. He attended Sidney schools and graduated with the Class of 1963. He received an AAS degree in Marketing from SUNY Delhi in 1966 and his BS in Psychology from SUNY Oneonta in 1968. He earned his MS in Counseling from SUNY Oneonta in 1979.

Paul joined the Marine Corp in 1968 and began his military career which spanned 24 years and included being awarded the Single Mission Air Medal with

Bronze Star for service flying helicopters in Viet Nam, the Navy Commendation Medal following a three year tour of duty at Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, DC, and the Military Active Duty "Citizen of the Year", City of New Orleans, LA, from the Presidential "Points of Light" Foundation in 1991. Paul retired from the military in 1992 with the rank of Lt. Col.

Paul's resume includes many years of dedicated volunteer service to the Boy Scouts of America. He also worked as a professional for the BSA.

During his military career, Paul found the time to volunteer in Scouting whenever possible. From 1966 on, Paul was a scoutmaster or assistant scoutmaster in Sidney, Oneonta, Jackson, North Carolina, Woodbridge, VA, New Orleans, LA and Las Vegas, NV. Many of the young people he encountered would never have had the opportunity to join a Boy Scout Troop if it weren't for Paul. He brought the opportunity for a scouting experience to inner city areas. Ed Roelle said of Paul's scoutmaster time, "We as longtime "Scouters" consider the Scoutmaster to be the ultimate leadership position in Scouting."

In May 2010, Paul was honored with the Silver Beaver Award — Scouting's highest leadership award.

In his letter supporting Paul's nomination, Don Tuttle said, "At first glance, his choice of a military career in the Marine Corps and as a Vietnam combat helicopter pilot seems at odds with his quiet demeanor today. But he chose to meet his country's service obligation head-on when many plotted to avoid the draft or calculated the quickest route to Canada. It is this resolve to meet life's blows head-on, his steadfast belief in a moral code of conduct in one's life, and his love of Scouting and the out-of-doors that makes me proud to count him among my

lifelong friends and fellow traveler." Paul's dedication to mentoring young people continues to this day through his scouting experience. Paul lives in Sidney, New York.

Bruce Wilhelm, Class of 1977

A 1977 graduate of SHS, Bruce graduated from The University of Albany Cum Laude with a BA in Public Affairs and received his Masters of Science from Russell Sage College where he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Over the last 25 years, Bruce has enjoyed a successful career with Bassett Health Care in Cooperstown, NY, and currently holds the position as Vice President of Human Resources. During this time Bruce has distinguished himself as a strong and dedicated leader both in his profession and in the community.

One of his most significant contributions is the leadership role he played in bringing Bassett Health Care to Sidney after the closure of The Hospital. Bruce was involved in developing the model to create this satellite health care facility to fill the void, thereby returning 24 hour emergency medical services to Sidney.

Because of his leadership and passion, Bruce was appointed as the first CEO of this facility. "Bruce was the natural choice for the job" said Bassett Health Care President and CEO Dr. William Streck. "Bruce brought the leadership necessary to prepare this facility to open. He grew up in Sidney, has maintained many Community contacts and was sensitive to the needs of the Tri-Town area."

Bruce considered this one of his proudest moments and upon being appointed stated that one of his father's greatest satisfactions was to work with the Sidney Emergency Squad. His Dad took pride in helping others, and Bruce hoped he could demonstrate the same pride and passion.

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Wall of Fame Inductees Address High School Assembly

Members of the Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Faculty addressed the SHS student body in an assembly held on May 14th, 2010. The purpose of the assembly was to introduce the students to the existence of the Alumni Association and the Wall of Fame and to dedicate an area near the auditorium which will display the plaques of those who have been inducted into the Wall of Fame.

Wall of Famers, Jim McIntyre, Chuck D'Imperio and Brenda Wrigley spoke to the students at the Assembly. The WOF committee and its chairman, Doug Sheldon have been working closely with the High School Administration to make this come about. The Assembly was a culmination of Mr. Sheldon's goal since taking charge of the committee in 2004.



Standing in front of the plaques celebrating the SCSAA Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Faculty are (left to right) Chuck D'Imperio, WOF 2009, Dennis Porter, Doug Sheldon, Terry Dermody, Jim McIntyre, WOF 2006, Brenda Wrigley, WOF 2008, Dick Germond and Bill Davidson.

Straight From the Gavel

By Terry Dermody ‘65

“Keeping in Touch”

In my last column entitled “Let me hear from you”, I issued an appeal for you to give us your ideas and suggestions for the Association and help in returning the Association to what it was formed for; an organization to be shaped and molded by its members. In the early years the feedback was non-stop and I missed that. My column might have sounded like I was lamenting the loss of that personal interaction and to a certain degree, I was. I have missed the energy that was being generated.

My goal for that column was to recreate the dialogue with the grassroots of the organization and to reenergize our collective efforts in advancing our mission of strengthening the bonds among alumni, school and community. Those were exciting years and I am slightly concerned that complacency is starting to dominate the landscape. Overall I guess what I was trying to say is that I miss hearing from you guys. But, here we are again with another issue of “Reflections” and nothing has really changed. I am still waiting to hear from you.

For those not inclined to get involved or communicate directly with the Association (and it seems like the majority fall into this category), I want to point out that there are other ways to “*Keep in Touch*” with the Association and each other and I thought you might be interested in hearing about them.

Two years ago, I inaugurated the President’s “*Keep in Touch*” award. This award was established to recognize excellence in maintaining contact with fellow classmates and for encouraging support of the SCSAA. It is awarded at the Sunday luncheon during Alumni Weekend.

The particular means of contact varies from group to group. Some use e-mail broadcasts to their members, some blogs and other websites. More recently we have seen the use of Facebook. Most of these groups have started out as class specific but several have opened up the group to other interested alumni. While they might take a different form or use a different medium for communicating, they all seem to share the common purpose of bringing their

Dr. Howard Lynch 1922-2010

Dr. Lynch, a Wall of Fame Inductee in 2006, was Superintendent of Schools for Sidney from 1965 to 1984. During his tenure, Sidney's High School Olympics of the Mind Teams were State Champions twice; the Future Farmers of America were top in the State for six consecutive years; and athletic teams won league and sectional championships in basketball and wrestling. Sidney was also recognized by the State for the number of Regents diplomas earned.

Few administrators have served New York State so thoroughly. Dr. Lynch's positions included service as a Board Member of New York State Council of School District Administrators and chairman of a number of its committees: Curriculum and Instruction, Professional Certification, Counseling and Placement among them. He was a member of the Commission of Education Advisory Council; President of the Catskill Area School Study Council; and member of the Sidney Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He was named Citizen of the Years in 1983.

SCSAA Reaches Goal in 1000 Book Challenge

In the spring of 2004, the Sidney Central School Alumni Association formed a committee to take on the task of gathering appropriate books to help fill the new SHS library which was to be moved into the



classmates closer together and serving as an information source for reporting on matters relating to school, community and the activities of the Association. (Sound familiar?) These groups have been great for the Association. They have become very effective in promoting the Association and fostering the return of the grass roots flavor of the organization. The existence of another channel for ideas and information to and from the Association prompted the idea for the Award. I want to encourage the growth of more of these groups. It would be great if every class could form one.

Now, most of these communication channels that are out there are not just your ho-hum discussion groups. Most of them are very creative and downright entertaining.

Let’s look at our first two winners to get an idea of what they are all about.

“**The Huddle**”, created by Jon DeTemple ’61, might be described as an e-mail magazine that Jon sends out on a regular basis. The “Huddle” was initially produced for the Class of ‘61 but as its popularity grew Alumni lined up to become part of the group. Jon has never missed (well hardly ever) sending birthday greetings to Huddle members—and on the day of their birthday. No one seems to know who provides him the dates. “The Huddle” usually includes photos submitted by the members and often there is a link to an interesting website or to a happening on You-Tube. Jon never misses the opportunity to promote the Association. The events and activities of the Association are always at the forefront of the “The Huddle” and Jon, as one of the most enthusiastic Warrior fans, always keeps member of “The Huddle” up to date on how the Warriors are doing. When the “*Keep in Touch*” award was established there was never any doubt about who would be the first recipient. The “Huddle” was its’ inspiration.

Last year we gave out the second annual ward and the winner was the “**Class of 1959**” produced by Bonnie Provenzon Curtis ’59. This has become a very successful communication network and the Association has benefited from the result. It is definitely no accident that the class of 59 is such a close knit class. It is no accident that the Class of 1959 is one of the most active and largest supporters of the Alumni Association.



The flag in front of the High School flew at half staff on Monday April 12, 2010 in honor of Dr. Howard Lynch

old gymnasium space. Donations were solicited from Association members and a concerted effort to acquire 1000 books began.

Last year, the committee decided that it would be appropriate to expand the donations by including the Elementary School Library as well.

In March of 2010 the goal of 1000 books was reached and the final donations were presented to the elementary school Librarian by Dennis Porter, Chairman of the School Relations Committee and Bonnie Curtis, Alumni Center Coordinator.

Back Row: Bonnie Curtis, Karen Clark, Elementary Librarian, Dennis Porter. In the front row are 2nd graders Hannah Gray and Jillian Robinson. Missing from the picture: Karen Dermody, Chairman, 1000 Book Challenge Committee, Ann Philpott, Kim Ayers, committee members.

It is no accident that the Class of 1959 has had the most Directors of any class serve on our board over the years. It is no accident that they Class of 1959 have two members inducted into the Wall of Fame. It is no accident that the Class of 1959 has been the source of ideas for some of the Association’s most popular activities. It is no accident that the Class of ‘59 is such an integral part of the Association. It is no accident that the Class of ‘59 won this award. It was no accident; it can be attributed to the “**Class of 1959**” by Bonnie Provenzon Curtis,⁷ and the “Keep in Touch” Award was well deserved.

Another rising star in the alumni mass media arena is the class of 1963. Known by the name “**For the Cause**” (“FTC”- I am told that this has some special meaning to the class or at least to some of them.) Organized by Bill McIntyre, they primarily operate through a blog as the means of communication but also use the more traditional e-mail. I have witnessed first hand how effective this group has been in uniting the class and organizing support of the Association.

The class of 1963 has had tremendous participation in their class activities and reunions. Several of their members have served on the Alumni Board and key committees, bringing significant feedback to the Association from their class. They were instrumental in promoting grassroots support for the nomination and election of their classmate Tonsee Smith ‘63 to the Sports Hall of Fame several years ago. This achievement reflected the dedication and commitment of the “Class of 1963”. This year, the Class of 1963 members sponsored the nomination of another classmate, Paul Beames, to the Wall of Fame. They have become a very active class which can be traced to the success of the group. “FTC” has raised the bar and taken a step beyond just being a correspondence group by sponsoring a Caribbean cruise to celebrate their 65th birthday in January, 2010. I had the pleasure of participating in this Alumni related activity consisting of class members, spouses, guests and even a former faculty member. *(continued on page 11)*

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2006. Pat Simonds. Pat, a 2010 graduate of Colgate University, recently signed a free agent contract with the Philadelphia Eagles Football team. From the online NFL Draft recap in April “Simonds recorded 171 receptions for 2,797 yards and 29 touchdowns in his four-year career at Colgate. A 2009 Sports Network All-America Third-Team recipient, he broke the program's single-season touchdown record after hauling in 14 touchdowns in 2009. As a junior in 2008, Simonds finished second in the Patriot League in yards per game (94.7) and third in receptions per game (5.42). A three-year letter winner at Sidney High School (NY), he wrapped up his career with 52 receptions, 1,038 yards and 18 touchdowns.”

1988. Michael “Mike” Derrick. “Recently, after being laid off from Amphenol, I attended College at Delhi in the Culinary Arts program. Toward the end of the first year, a business opportunity became available. So, I took advantage of it and starting April 1, 2010, I will be the new owner of **Afton Custom Meats** at 175A Main St. in Afton. Using my knowledge from the Culinary Arts course, we will be offering specialty sausages and home made BBQ. I have a daughter Ashlyn, 11. My parents, Ben and **Diane Graney Holbert, ‘67**, will be moving to



Lois Getman Winter's grandsons, Zachary and Daniel, taken in February, 2010.

the Myrtle Beach area in the fall. I enjoy photography and artist hobbies.”

1981. Kimberly Cornell Gascon. *Significant other:* Timothy Gascon. Kim lives in Masonville, New York.

James A. “Jamie” Roberts, Jr. Jamie is the Town Highway Superintendent and lives with wife, Jeana and children, Karleigh and Michael, in Sidney.

1978. Chris Latta Sprool. Chris lives in Carmel, IN with husband, Steven and sons, Nathan, 7, and James, 5. She is an engineer.

1977. Nancy Soroka Hendrickson. Nancy is an R.N. (Clinical Analyst) married to Eric. Three children: Dustin lives in Boston, Erin lives in Oneonta and Melissa is 17 and a junior at OHS. One grandchild, Anthony, who is 1. “We love to camp and mostly spend our vacations in the Adirondacks. Although we also love the beach and try to spend a week per year there too. We still like to cross country ski, bike ride and hike.”

1976. Ellen Dean Howard. *Significant other:* Kenneth. *Vocation:* Registered Nurse, BSN. *Hobbies/Volunteer Activities:* reading, camping, children's many activities, Cub Scouts, Sidney Recreation Commission, Church. *Children's Names:* Benjamin (19), Erica, (17), Dean (11). “Children have all attended SCS. **Ben** graduated in **2008**, **Erica** to graduate in 2010, Dean in 6th grade.” Ellen lives in Masonville, NY.

1975. Jerry Coy lives in Wilmington, North Carolina

Richard “Rich” Stokes. “Still living in Vermont, loving the country life”. *Significant other:* Linda. *Vocation:* 17 years with Avada Hearing Care. Regional (VT, NH, MA, CT) Sales Training Manager. *Children:* Christopher, 19, first year in college (Computer Web/Graphic Designer), Nicole, 17, Senior in high school. *Hobbies:* Music, Golf, hunting, fishing, weekend sightseeing, smoking “good” cigars.”

1974. Robert Silvernail. *Significant other:* Susan. *Vocation:* Materials Manager, Amphenol Corp. Bob lives in Bainbridge, NY.

Cheryl Stevens. “I retired in 2009 after 35 years at SUNY Cobleskill. I work with senior citizens, entertain at nursing homes and senior centers and paint and draw. I am president of a not-for-profit corporation to help cancer patients called *Marathon for a Better Life*. We have raised over \$1,000,000 to help cancer patients right here in Schoharie County. We have helped over 650 cancer patients and everything we raise goes directly to the cancer patients. It is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 and it's registered as a national charity.

1971. Tom White. “I am still working in Burlington, VT for Dwight Asset Management as the Head of Credit. Our son Carter graduated from the University of Southern California in May and moved to South Africa to attend Safari Guide School. He graduated from there and is now guiding at the Makalali Game Reserve near Kruger National Park.”

1970. Marcia Martin Knapp. Marcia is a retired RN living with husband, Patrick in Clinton, NY. They have been married 33 years and have three children. Marcia is active in volunteer work.

1968. Fred Benson. *Significant Other:* Linda. *Vocation:* Hearing Officer, State of North Carolina. *Hobbies:* golf, occasional visits to the gym. *Volunteer Activities:* Volunteer with the ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens).

1966. Phyllis Glacken LaClair. “I have resided in Liverpool, NY for over 40 years! Where has the time gone? I’ve been a teaching assistant sub in Liverpool schools for 10 years and a Mary Kay Consultant for 28 years. My husband, John is a project engineer for Lockheed Martin. Our son, Dave, is a Captain for Continental Airlines and lives in Clay, NY. Erika, 20, is a junior at SUNY Oswego, majoring in finance. She also works at Wegmans. We enjoy our trips to Sidney to visit my Mom, Louise and brother, David. Our family likes to play golf, follow SU sports and NASCAR. We spend most of the sum-



Debby Woytek Puffer and Blair Puffer with granddaughters, Emma, 4, Olivia, 16 months and Katie, 8 taken at Niagara Falls Easter weekend 2010.

mers at our cottage in historic Sackett’s Harbor on Lake Ontario, along with family and friends. Thank you, all of our SHS graduates, who take part in publishing this awesome newsletter.”

1965. Carolyn Waldron Lewellyn “In September I went in for a gallbladder removal due to some gallstones. It was discovered that I had a cancerous tumor in the gallbladder. I had a liver resection and bile duct replacement, but no cancer cells were found in those tissues. As a preventive measure I did 3 months of chemo, then 2 months of radiation and I am now doing 2 more months of chemo. I am currently feeling quite well. Our oldest son was promoted to CWO 4 and is currently deployed to the Middle East for the 4th time. I hope to make it to Sidney for this year's reunion and to bury Mom's (**Wanda Walker Waldron '41**) ashes beside my Dad, **Clif Waldron, '40**. My husband and I still live in NC and love it here. Happy we missed all the snow in the northeast this winter.”

Kathy Clum Smith. “Retired from work in retail. I have a daughter and one son. Eight grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. I moved to Guilford in 2007 after living in Sidney for 60 years. My husband passed away in 2000.”

1963. Norma Hayward Steimer. “Number 13 grandchild, Aidan Charles was born Dec. 18th to daughter Jennie and husband David. Finley Grace was born on Aug. 31st to our oldest son Tom and wife Marilyn. Daughter, Kristi expects a new baby any minute. I've just received the Crystal Phoenix award for real estate. It's the Atlanta Board of Realtor's highest award. It's given to agents who have been million dollar producers for 20 years. It's a good thing. With all of the grandkids that keep coming, I'm going to be 103 and in a wheelchair and still working!!!! Tom's company Hydro-Pure is working on an anti-microbial air and water purification product. It will be very helpful in future disaster situations.”

1964. Francesca Maltese. *Significant Other:* Alexander Blount. *Vocation:* Land Use Planner/Developer. *Volunteer Activities:* Trustee Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Director Mass Association of Conservation Commissioner. *Children:* Nina, Elena, Sophia, son-in-law, Tom – married to Nina. *Grandson:* Jack

Ron Jones. *Retired?* Almost (Psychologist). *Significant Other:* Ellen. *Hobbies:* Golf, Travel, Grandkids. *Children:* Scott, Brian, Trent. *Grandchildren:* Connor, Brady, Ella.

Paul Drotar. *Significant other:* Elizabeth. *Retired?* Semi-retired. *Volunteer activities:* Cathedral Business Mgr. part time. *Children:* Mark, Joshua. *Grandchildren:* Brendan, Ryan, Ashley, Ella, Zachary, Maya.

1961. Lois Getman Winters. “We were very lucky to have an addition to our family this past August. Daniel William Winters was adopted by our son Craig and his wife, Tina. Daniel was born in Pennsylvania. They also have a son Zachary who is 8 years old. That gives us 4 grandsons. Our daughter Laura and her husband Bill have two older boys, Brian 22 and Matt 24. We have another son, Steve who lives in Austin TX, Laura lives in Houston, TX and Craig lives in Farmington, NY. Ron & I are both retired. We feel fortunate to be the caregivers for Daniel while Mommy & Daddy work.”

1959. Dan Hager. *Retired?* Yes. *Hobbies:* golf, skiing. *Children:* Todd, Jason. *Grandchildren:* Daniel.

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Connie Knapp Edelen. “Retired in 2005 from nursing.(Pediatrics). Hobbies include rose garden- ing, reading, walking, and cruises. Started and facili- tated a drug and alcohol education program for grades K-9. *Children:* John, Mark, David, Alisa. *Grandchildren:* Jake, Brian, Luke, Gavin, Paige, Matt and Bruce.”

1957. Victor Kleiner. *Vocation:* Retired Registered Nurse - Cardiac Technologist. *Hob- bies:* Model Railroading *Children:* Christine. *Grandchildren:* Jacob, Alex. Vic lives in Sandston, VA.

1956. Janice Risley Williams Knight. “Retired in 1996 after 20 years as Director of International Rights at Little, Brown Publishers in Boston. I live in Belmont, MA. My daugh- ter and her family (with two children) plus my son and his family (also with two children) all live in Massachusetts. The year 2009 was a great year for me. I spent a month in Puerto Rico in Feb./March, then a week revisiting Missoula, MT with my daughter, showing her children where she was born. In August Nancy Sue and Ray Burns came to visit me and Scott at the beach in Plymouth and go lobster fishing. In September I went to London for a week, followed by a week in Cornwall hiking the ocean cliff walk and the moors. It was fabu- lous. I'm truly grateful that I enjoy good health and the blessing of family nearby.”

David “Dave” Ineich. “Through the SCSAA I’ve met many alumni I would never had the opportunity to meet otherwise. Additionally, I’ve reconnected with many, renewing long ago friendships. Thanks SCSAA.”

Rolf Qvenild. “A sign of life from Kongsberg, Nor- way. I and my family are all in good shape just re- turning from a weekend skiing in the mountains. I am still working at our University College giving courses in Strategy, Total Quality Management and Product and Service Development. At my age it is very rewarding to have young students who really will listen to you.

A main topic of interest is the Post American World as Fareed Zakaria described in his book of 2008. The future of the so called BRICS in the midst of the financial crisis is giving fuel to a lot of changes all over the place. We have only seen the beginning. Living in a city with huge exports of high tech equipment to all corners of the world we are largely influenced by the new multipolar world. The more turbulent the world becomes – the more we need to keep track of our roots. The year in Sidney is still a part of my roots.”

Charles K. Root. Rev. Dr. Charles K. Root will be celebrating 50 years as a pastor of United Methodist Churches. This event takes place at Noland Memo- rial United Methodist Church in Newport News, VA on Sunday May 23, 2010 at 11 AM with his current District Superintendent preaching. Following the service a covered dish will be held in the fellowship hall of the church. Pastor Chuck started as a student pastor at Providence Methodist Church in Scranton, PA. in 1960. After graduating from Keystone Col- lege, he was assigned to the Mt. Upton United Meth- odist Church and Rockdale Community Church for two years, and graduated from New York State Uni- versity at Oneonta. NY in 1965. He transferred to the Southern New Jersey Conference to serve Car- ney's Point and Deepwater charge, and in 1969 graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary and was ordained Elder. Other churches served in New Jersey were in Willingboro, Farmingdale, Mount Holly, Salem, and Ocean Grove. He earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew Theological School in 1990. He retired from the New Jersey Conference in 2000, and served as interim pastor at Grace United Methodist Church, and then for nine years at Noland both in Newport News, VA.

Alumni Update

Charles and Virginia Root will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in May. They were married in Lanesboro, PA on May 28, 1960. On May 29, 2010 the celebration will take place at Grace United Methodist Church, Newport News, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Chuck and Ginger have two children and six grandchildren. They had been in Newport News for 10 years. All of Ginger's family have gravitated to this city. They are both actively involved in this city, as they have been in every community they have



Jan Risley Knight with her daughter, Kristin and grand daughter, Megan at the University of Montana campus in Missoula, Montana.

lived in. Chuck recently finished his year as Presi- dent of the Kiwanis Club of the Peninsula at Oyster Point and is currently their Community Service Chair.

1954.Charlotte “Peg” Mangan Simonds. Signifi- cant other: Ben, deceased 12/08. *Retired?* Yes, 1995. *Hobbies/volunteer activities:* Camping, Bingo. *Chil- dren’s names:* Ben Jr., Sue, Bill, Peg, Dee. Twenty- seven Grandchildren. 10 Great grandchildren. Peg lives in Bainbridge, NY.

1953. Les and Nancy Butler Trees. “We will celebrate (quietly) our 50th Wedding Anniversary April 2, 2010. We have long enjoyed the annual reunions of SCHS Alumni as well as the 5 year re- unions held at the July gathering and our fall dinners held in Sidney or Unadilla.”

1951. Jan Gregoire Coombs. *Significant Other:* Guerdon Coombs. *Vocation:* Writer-Medical and Social History (Writers never retire!) *Hobbies:* bik- ing, downhill skiing, walking my dog, reading, pro- moting universal health care. “Three children, all of whom are emancipated. Three grandchildren, all of whom are as they say, above average.”

Dick Holloway. “I have many happy memories of Fairbanks from the time that Bert Fairbanks and his wife tended the store back to 1944 when I moved to Sidney. Then Van bought it and after a number of years, he asked our company, Holloway & Associ- ates, Inc. to draw up plans for an addition to the store where there was a grass lot between Fairbanks and Carr & Landers Funeral Home. The construc- tion included the addition and opening up the exte- rior wall between the old and new buildings as well as remodeling the original store. It was such a pleas- ure for me to draw up the plans and details and to work with Van throughout the design and construc- tion phases.

There were other Main Street construction projects that Holloway & Associates performed. We remod- eled Brown's Garage on the triangle, put a new roof and structural members in Kent's store after their fire, we designed and constructed the second floor of the Sidney Bank and remodeled the main floor and offices. We re-constructed the Mobil gas station at the corner of Main and River Streets for Arnie Zurbrugg. We designed and built Dr. Born- stein's office near the corner of Main and Bridge Streets and on the same corner converted a gas sta- tion into offices for the Bates Agency working with Olive Deuel. We also designed and constructed the Montgomery Ward building on the corner of Main

We Remember...

Alan Doi
1973

Delphia Rose Frank
1935

Sharon Green Wlasiuk
1976

Jean McRae Cerquoz
1939

Betty Hess Fife
1950

Frank Provenson
1937

Fredrick Hurlbert
1932

George Konkle
1952

Virginia Walker Derrick
1943

Harold Turtur
1947

Charlotte Norton
1944

Voldene Sharp Germaine
1960

Nathalia Wheat Raymond
1940

Margaret Canfield Nichols
1949

Gerald Walker, Jr.
1945

Barbara Curtis Walker
1950

Gloria Bargerh Koegler
1960

Cynthia Fletcher Hughes
1982

Joyce Crawford Mullineaux
1965

Victor Miller
1946

Marion T. Edson
Faculty

Ward Herrmann
1937
Faculty

Dr. Howard Lynch
Administrator

and Liberty Street after it's fire wiped out the origi- nal building. We also constructed the classroom and basement addition to the United Methodist Church on Liberty Street.

There were many other projects our firm constructed in the area including the Sidney Center School, Bainbridge and Mount. Upton Schools. My Dick Holloway Housing, Inc company also did work along Main Street including new roofing and siding on the Congregational Church, remodeling the up- stairs apartments in Kents following the struc- tural repairs to the roof structure. My firm also remodeled the offices of Dr. Theodore Elliott on Main Street.”

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Gladys Bowker Jacques. *Retired?* 1996. *Hobbies/Vacation Activities:* reading, knitting, crocheting, watching grandchildren. *Children:* Terri (deceased), Michael, Jeff, John, Ryan. Grandchildren: Jennifer, Trevor, Morgan. “Enjoy reading alumni news. Have lunch once a month with fellow classmates: **Margie Weekes Dean, Joyce Hard Butts, Marguerite Place Hoag, Doris Wilson Puffer, Bea Puffer Mott, Kettie Williams Gabaccia, Dorothy Kalicki West, and Doris Reynolds Barnard.**”

Joyce Hard Butts. *Retired?* Yes. *Children:* Carol, Dan, Tom, Chris. *Grandchildren:* Renee, Jason, Caitlin, Jordan, Tim, Thaad, Zach, Riley. *Great grandchildren:* Hailey, Bryce.

Gloria DeBevoise Mabie. *Retired?* 1999. *Hobbies/Vacation Activities:* Travel, Volunteer work, Adirondack Mt. Club, Gardening, OASIS, WCNY. *Children:* Donald, Eric, Jocelyn, Pamela. 7 Grandchildren, 7 Great Grandchildren. “Most of my family live in the Syracuse area. Therefore, much of my life revolves around them. Never a dull moment!”

1935. Ethel Long Severinghaus. Retired School Librarian (1985). *Hobbies/Vacation Activities:* knitting, study clubs, bridge, Bible study, British comedies, reading. Travel abroad included Western Europe, Soviet Union, Greece, Israel, Palestine. *Children:* Jane, William, Charles. *Grandchildren:* Gretchen, Kara, Raena, Gregory, William, Steven, Carly. *Great grandchildren:* Madison, Sydney, Quinlan, Liam, McKinley, Marisa, Paige, Madeleine, Lexi, Aletta, Grady. “Salutatorian, Class of 1935. (Mildred Marr was Valedictorian – she later taught at Sidney- I think second grade.) BA and LMS SUNY Albany, secondary certification and public and school library certification, elementary certification Oneonta State Teachers College, 9 years school librarian Guilderland Central School, 9 years Associate in school library services, NY State Education Department.”

Alumni Family

Phyllis “Phyl” Chase. *Significant other:* **Howard ’48** deceased. “Spouse (Howard and son have both passed away but I really enjoy your “Reflections” and hope you have good luck in all your work. I have lived in Sidney 60 years and think it is a great place.”

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His role in opening the facility in Sidney was a significant highlight in his career but does not solely define his leadership abilities. He has demonstrated leadership in numerous other areas by serving in key positions for various professional and community organizations.

These roles not only showcase his leadership capabilities but also demonstrate his commitment and dedication to community service. Bruce lives in Cooperstown, New York with his wife, **Lorna (Demott, ’77) Wilhelm.**

Andrea Kozak Wakeman, Class of 1970

Andrea studied dance at Illene Danek’s dance studio in Johnson City from elementary school through high school. She knew from a young age that she wanted to be a dance teacher and after graduating from SHS in 1970, she went to Dance Teacher Training Schools in Boston and New York City. When she was certified to teach she became a member of the Dance Masters of America, Inc. Western New York State Council Chapter #8.

Andrea was also a member of the National Association of Dance and Affiliated Artists, Professional Dance Teachers of America, and the League of Independent Dance Teachers during her career. She had her first recital for her own Dance Arts Studio in Sidney, in June of 1972.

This successful endeavor lasted for over 20 years. She offered dance lessons in Tap, Jazz, Ballet, acrobatics, modern and production to persons from beginners to advanced and from preschoolers to adults. The excellence of dance instruction Andrea provided influenced the professional careers of several of her students. Tracy White Graney, Kelly Jackson, Amy Burns Cuozzo, Kim

Sastra Lotierzo and Tammy Northrop Johnson all have their own dance studios. Scott Barnard danced professionally in Las Vegas and Tiffany Whittaker had a long career as a Radio City Music Hall Rockette. Her students remain her biggest fans and in moving testimonials have supported her induction to the Wall of Fame.

Tammy White Graney wrote “Andrea gave so many of us her gift of dance. She instilled confidence, direction and ability to work as a team/group, to be creative and think on our own. She made each dance magical, teaching us how to push past the barriers of just easy dance steps to becoming extraordinary. We traveled all over New York State and Pennsylvania and danced for nursing homes, went to dance competitions and seminars as a team representing the Dance Arts Centre of Sidney New York. We learned new dance steps, made new friends, learned to compete with poise, and how to win and lose with dignity. Along this journey she taught us how to accomplish goals, to laugh at ourselves and enjoy life with music.”

During her career, Andrea regularly inspired her students to reach their potential in dance. Her recitals not only showcased the skills her students had acquired but also were a source of entertainment for the community. She volunteered her expertise in choreographing dance routines for Tri Town Theatre productions. She spent the majority of her life making a difference in the quality of life for others in her career as a business owner/dance teacher in Sidney. Andrea currently lives in Greene, New York.

Michael Lynch, Class of 1975

After graduating from SHS, Mike attended the University of Notre Dame earning his BBA in Accounting and later received an MBA in marketing from Cornell University Johnson Graduate School of Management.

Currently, Mike is the head of Visa’s Global Sponsorship Management and over the last 13 years, he has managed Visa’s sponsorship marketing business to the successful place it enjoys. According to America Magazine “He travels the globe putting sponsorship deals together and whether it’s the soccer World Cup in South Africa or the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs or the Olympics in Beijing, Visa’s Michael Lynch will be there.”

But being a successful business man is only part of Mike’s life. He routinely gives back by serving as a volunteer on the Board of Athletes for Hope an organization that unites athletes and charities and he is on the Advisory Board of IMG World Congress of Sports, who are involved in sports teams, leagues, and corporations giving back in charitable work. In addition, Mike has supported the SCSAA’s Sports Hall of Fame by donating signed merchandise for auction.

Mike, son of Wall of Fame inductee and beloved SHS Administrator, Howard Lynch, lives in California with his wife and children.



Pictures taken in 1941. Left: Robert Smith in Hancock, NY father of Bob Smith pictured on the right aged 8 and in the 3rd grade.

Upon leaving the large old Hancock house where we spent three happy years....

By R. E. Smith Jr., Class of 1951

When my mother, Mrs. Robert E. Smith (Evelyn, to her many friends in Sidney), died in 1995 she left some poems that she had written. My sister Juel (Smith) Luscomb, an alumnus of Sidney Central, sent copies to me.

Our family of five had moved from Pennsylvania to Hancock, N. Y. in 1939. Dad and his father, Claude W. Smith, started construction of a mausoleum on top of Point Mountain. Several business investors in Hancock had convinced my grandfather to build there. The site overlooked a magnificent view of the confluence of the East and West branches of the Delaware River far below, but it was wild and remote with a long, steep dirt access road.

We rented a large brown house near the East Branch just off NYS Rt. 97 across the river on the “Brooklyn” side of town. I have many pleasant memories from those days—carefree and with a loving family.

When World War II took all of our national treasures the C. W. Smith Mausoleum Corp. finally went out of business. Grandpa Smith couldn’t get labor or materials to complete the last great marble building that dad and he designed and nearly finished (several still stand in Uniondale, Pa., Newark, N.Y.; the grandest near Scranton, Pa.). Grandpa retired to his home in Uniondale, Pa. and dad found a job in Sidney at Scintilla Bendix. He started in the tool room and worked his way into tool design.

After commuting 35 miles, one way, by car, bus and train for about a year, dad moved us to Sidney. We rented a house at 30 Union St. across from the Scintilla Cafeteria. Mr. Choate owned the house. Choate operated a very busy little diner called “The Spark” located near the East Gate of the Bendix plant on the north side of our house.

I spent many afternoons there buying candy bars and picking up wagon loads of Binghamton Press newspapers under a huge silver maple tree to sell at the East Gate. I learned to make change quickly when thousands of workers rushed out at 3 p. m. and again at 5 (I’ve heard that 10 thousand people worked at Scintilla during the war).

Those were exciting (and frightening) times, but we all missed Hancock. Mom recorded her feelings in this poem:

Hancock House

*The house at the foot of the mountain
Where the jay-birds shriek & play,
The tangled grapes & wild vines
That we had to leave one day.*

*The moon will rise out of the mountain
And spring come back this year
But the house with the many windows
Is not for us, my dear.*

*No laughter will this summer
Go running up the stair
Nor will a dog with friendly tail
Go seeking you up there.*

*And yet I have a feeling
As I see the yard in May
That the old house on the river-road
Will be someone’s home always.*

___ Evelyn Stark Smith

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Reunion News

Happy 80th Birthday Class of 1948

Our class is again having a luncheon which is either our 62nd reunion, or our 80th birthday. We really don't need an excuse to get together because we've been doing it every year lately. We will be meeting on Friday, July 16th around 1pm at the Sidney Golf and Country Club. Details will be sent to class members later in the spring.

We also have our regular coffee hour the 2nd Wednesday of each month and we now meet at KMart in Sidney at 9am.

Class of 1950 Celebrates 60 Years in the World

The Class of 1950 will celebrate their 60th class reunion during Alumni Weekend in July. As many as possible plan to participate in all of the activities during the weekend. The "highlight" of our celebration will be a picnic on Saturday, July 17th at the home of Irene and Don Ingalls.

Class of 1955 Celebrates 55th Reunion

The class will plan to take part in the following group activities: Friday Night Mixer; Saturday Breakfast and March of the Classes; Sunday Memorial Service and Reunion Luncheon - Wall of Fame Induction. Our one special activity is a Class of '55 Dinner to be held at the Old Mill on Saturday night. Please contact Jim Clum (information on Class Reps page) with any questions or for updated information.

CLASS OF 1960 Plans Its Half-Century Celebration

The Class of 1960 is planning its 50th Class Reunion to coincide with Alumni Reunion Weekend, 16-18 July 2010.

We hope that all of you in our Class of '60 can join in Sidney that weekend to become reacquainted and celebrate the half-century mark together. We plan to take full advantage of the All Class Reunion venue (Golf Tournament, March of Classes, etc, as shown on the website) and to also enjoy special class events -- such as an informal cocktail party on Friday night, and our main Class '60 Dinner at the Canasawacta Country Club in Norwich, NY on Saturday night before rejoining the SCSAA party at the Legion with the hit dance band, "Splash".

Class of 1960

Celebrating Our

50th Reunion

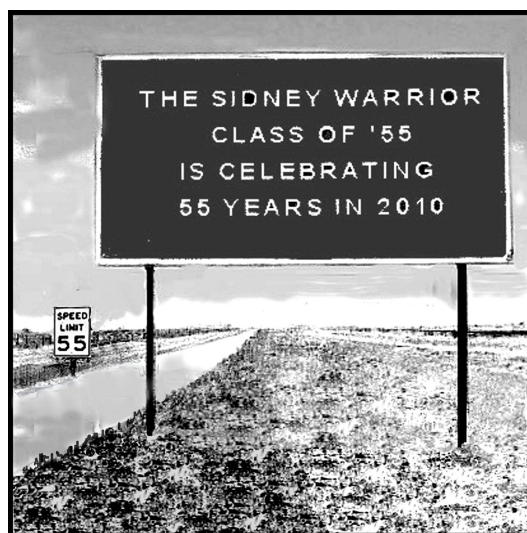
Check the website frequently for updates. Also insure your contact information shown on the website is accurate so we can send you details as they become available.

For any additional information or comments contact Jim McIntyre (jmcintyre@cfl.rr.com) or Marie Stark Spreutels (gspreutels@yahoo.com).

PS: Does anyone have any information about classmate **Ellis Cronauer** who we have been unable to contact.

'63 Turns 65 and the Party Continues

The Class of '63 has been fully engaged in a year long celebration of their 65th birthdays. The celebration, which began with a 4 day cruise in January, will continue during Alumni Weekend. Dick Germond will host his annual pre-weekend party on July 15th at Highbank. The group will take part in the rest of the weekend activities including the March of the Classes on Saturday and will join in honoring one of their own classmates, Paul Beames, as he is inducted into the Wall of Fame at the All Class reunion Luncheon on Sunday, July 18. For details regarding these activities check the alumni website www.sidneyalumni.org



Class of 1965 Plans for 45th

Our Class of '65 reunion will take place during Alumni weekend Friday, July 16th – Sunday, July 18th. In addition to the all-alumni homecoming events (check the Alumni website and the Reflections newsletter for details) we will have activities dedicated to our class.

Plans will include:

Friday, July 16, late afternoon / early evening: Casual get together at Don and Cathy Barnhart's at 33 Edgewood Drive - Saturday, July 17, early evening: Buffet dinner at the Sidney Country Club

In early June, we'll send out a formal announcement with final details and an RSVP slip for your reservations. We're really excited about our class reunion. We're planning a casual get-together – not "dress-up" or fancy – just low-key and lots of fun! We're hoping to bring back some memories of the good ole days and look forward to seeing you there.

If you haven't received prior notice and would like to attend, please contact Betty Spinelli (Esp1247@nycap.rr.com) or Dan Wade (Pill50@aol.com) for more details.



Class of '63 Turns 65



Happy Birthday!

Class of 1968 Celebrates 60th BIRTHDAY!!

Be sure and come to the American Legion on Sat. July 17th at 6 pm to celebrate our 60th year on this earth. We will have many snack type foods and time to get reacquainted before all the alumni join in to rock the night away with the band 'Splash'. It's not every day that you get to celebrate turning 60 with the people that you graduated from high school with. Any questions please contact Deb Puffer at dwpuffer@frontiernet.net or 607-967-8480. Hope to see you all there.



*1968...
It was a
very good year!*

CLASS OF 1970 40th Reunion Weekend

Class of 1970 is planning the 40th Reunion Weekend for July 16-18, which coincides with SHS Alumni Weekend. Our special class event will be held on Saturday July 17th from 2:00-???, at Finch's Ponderosa on East Masonville Pond. On July 18th, we will celebrate the induction of our classmate, Andrea Kozak Wakeman into the Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Faculty which will take place during the All Class Reunion Luncheon. More information will be coming to classmates via mail or e-mail. Our 40th Reunion Committee consists of: Debbie Parsons Barnes, Cindy Peterson Bell, Joeline Wood Cole, Vicki Miller Kulze, and Kathy Hager Schmidt. We're planning on a big turnout for this special reunion! Contact Vicki Miller Kulze with any questions.

Does anyone have any information on the whereabouts of classmates **Richard Brown, Sherry Burns Wesels, or Foreign Exchange student from Japan, Naoe Yamada?**

Class of 1975 Celebrates 35th Reunion

The Class of 1975 will meet on July 16th for the Alumni Association icebreaker at the Sidney Elks Lodge on River Street. On Saturday they will have a buffet dinner at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on Liberty Street in Sidney beginning with a "happy hour" from 4-5PM and dinner at 5PM. Classmates will then try to join in the Alumni Association' social at the American Legion beginning at 8PM. On Sunday July 18th they will be having a picnic starting at 11:00 am on Neff Hill Rd. For any additional information or questions contact Larry Halbert.

Alumni News!!!



Greetings Sidney Alums from the D'Imperio Boys.....

“For the last 14 years, my brothers (Chuck and Jim) and I (Bob) have got together for a weekend in a city that none of us have ever been before for a "Brothers Weekend". This year we visited Baltimore. Other cities that we have visited are Kansas City, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Louisville, Cleveland, Philly, Indianapolis, Nashville, Raleigh, Charlotte, Milwaukee, Washington DC. We have a great time, drink a lot and spend most of our weekend talking about growing up in Sidney. Next year we have New Orleans in our sights. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Alumni Weekend.” (l-r) Bob, Jim and Chuck.



Class of 1963—Arizona Chapter

“The Arizona chapter finally got together in December, '09 We really had a great time. Sally (McCauley) and Charlie Morse (SCHS '60), Fred Stevens, Jim and Eve Morse and Paul Possemato all gathered at Jim and Sheryl Hawkins' home to renew friendships and tell stories. We had a great buffet prepared by Sheryl and looked at old Reflectors and told stories of classmates and adventures we had in Sidney. We plan on getting together again soon.” (l-r) Fred Stevens. Jim Morse, Sally McCauley Morse, Paul Possemato, Jim Hawkins.



Will ('94) and Crystal Tuckey Artis, '96 will celebrate their 9th wedding anniversary on May 19, 2010. Will is IT Supervisor at NYCM Insurance in Edmeston, NY. Crystal runs the Caterpillar Clubhouse Daycare out of her home. Their sons are Alexander and Noah.



Best friends for over 50 years.
Nancy Cycon Gunn, and Vicki Harris McDowell,
Karen Cycon Dermody and Ann Chisko.



Robin (Felske) Walker, Class of 1976, and Bill Walker, Class of 1971, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows on a February cruise in the Caribbean. They were joined by their daughter **Jennifer (Walker) Vella, Class of 1998,** and her husband, Jeff.



Mrs. Helen Weeden is the eldest member of The New York State Retired Teacher's Association. Mrs. Weeden will celebrate her 108th birthday on July 17th. Mrs. Weeden always holds an open house during Alumni Weekend at her home in Sidney at 39 River Street and routinely welcomes many of her former students.

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Joe and Sharon Barnhart Hager '61 and Sharon's mother, Lucy Harris Barnhart '40 at the Golf Cars Etc. dealership near Garden Ridge, TX, when Lucy took possession of her golf car - a couple of days before Christmas.



Some of our alums have very difficult jobs and Jon DeTemple is no stranger to hard work in his capacity as President of Harcum College in Philadelphia.



Jody and Carrie Dreyer

Carrie (Puffer) Dreyer, formerly of Bainbridge, was promoted to the rank of Navy Lieutenant Commander in a ceremony held Feb. 1. Celebrating with Lt. Cmd. Dreyer were her parents, **Blair, '70 and Debby Woytek, '68 Puffer** of Bainbridge and her husband Navy Lt Cmd Jody Dreyer, formerly of Quincy, IL.

Lieutenant Commander Carrie Dreyer is stationed as ship's Physical Therapist aboard the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, CVN 77, USS George H.W. Bush, where the ceremony was held. The ship is currently ported in Norfolk, VA.

Her husband is Pharmacy Department Head at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA and in Dec had returned from an 8 month deployment to Afghanistan where he served with NATO as Head Medical Evacuations Coordinator. The couple make their home in Chesapeake, VA.



Woytek Family Golf Outing



Sidney Dollars For Scholars Issues Request

Sidney Dollars for Scholars is looking for a CPA alumnus who would be willing to audit our books on an annual basis. In the interest of creating scholarships, we would like to “pay” for the services by creating a scholarship in the name of the person who is willing to perform these duties or in the person’s class name or in any other name the person chooses. Please contact Anne Mott at 607-561-7362 (days) or 607-316-2716 (cell) if you are interested in helping a great organization.

Class of 1963 65th Birthday Cruise in January
Row 1: Harry Bouvier, Marion Jipson Luce, Norma Hayward Steimer, Mary Pat Gilbert Lemieszek, Dianne Gregory. Row Two: Rory Baxter, Dianne McIntyre, Dick Germond, Tom Steimer, Karen Cycon Dermody, Ralph Rincones. Row 3 Bill McIntyre, Maryilyn Hamstra, Nancy Cycon Gunn, Gail Anderson Burke, Terry Dermody, Row 4: Mike Gallup, Linda Gallup, Vicki Harris McDowell, Jim McIntyre, Jim Burke, Ann Chisko. Row 5 Terry McDowell, John Balling

Bert Anderson, Class of 1966 Reports from Haiti

Ed. Note: Last spring, Bert sent an article describing the work he and his wife, Roberta has decided to do in Haiti. In January, we began a correspondence with Bert after the terrible damaging earthquake struck the island. His previous emails are on the website and are very interesting reading. Bert works for Christian Service International. Support for the clinic, “Pennies- For-The-Poor”, or for Bert and Roberta personally can be made through a donation to:

*Christian Service International
1714 West Royale Drive
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April, 2010
Dear Friends:

It has been a while since my last report to the Alumni Website but that doesn't mean things are back to normal by any means. If anything we are busier than ever.

On Jan 12th, 2010 all our lives here got turned upside down. We now talk in terms of "before the earthquake" and after the earthquake". When I talk about "We" I mean the CSI Missionaries here.

We were fortunate that none of the CSI Missionaries or their families or immediate staff were seriously injured. Some of the employees lost family members though and most of us experienced damage or loss of property ranging from minor to losing everything.

Our Dr. Sajous lost his home and auto and now lives in a tin shack with his family. We hope to soon be able to provide him "transitional" housing. Vilnor our Head Mason lost his daughter and his home. He lives in a tent on the guest house grounds but soon will move into "transitional" housing CSI is building on a small piece of land by the orphanage. Our neighbors, people who were trying to build a better life for themselves out here away from the city experienced great losses. Most of the homes near the clinic and the orphanage were works in progress. People had their life savings tied up in these half completed structures moving into them as soon as a roof was on. Many have to start again from scratch.

About four Tent Cities have sprung up close to us. So far we have not experienced any problems due to these areas. Some of them have developed rather efficient self governments within the communities to handle disputes, provide security, and distribute resources fairly. Sanitation is an issue with toilet facilities consisting of plastic garbage bags that get burned at night.

We have seen little progress from the Haitian government or Aid agencies in the construction of new housing or temp housing. Everything seemed to be tied up in arguments about location and compensation and kickbacks for purchasing the needed property to relocate the people. The President is now saying he will invoke eminent domain to acquire the property but time is running out.

The hurricane season starts in June and the rainy season has already started. Malaria has become an issue with so many people living in tents and outdoors. The government agencies don't seem to believe there is an epidemic of malaria. I am providing data from my little clinic that shows something different.

Work continues on the old orphanage to make it livable and usable for the guest house and until the new orphanage is built the lower section will house the orphans, matrons, staff and the Directors. We have had numerous construction teams in; both professionals and short term teams doing the work along side a growing staff of Haitian workers. The wall defining the property lines for the new orphanage is up and footers are being poured for the new building.

Our Field Director and his wife moved into the top portion of the old orphanage Saturday and will start housing short term team members there soon. The orphans should be able to move back into the lower portion in a week or so. We hope the new orphanage will be complete in 6 to 8 months. CSI has purchased a small plot of land close by and erected 5 "transitional" homes for staff members who lost homes that work for the orphanage or the Field Director. They have a new well that was drilled by the Free Methodist Missionaries here and a Micro business will be established to make cement blocks in the future. The new block making machine is currently in place on the new orphanage site making the 40,000 blocks for that building. The workers are able to make about 1200 blocks a day.



Bertel and Roberta Anderson

Eventually it will be used to provide income to them by selling the blocks to the public.

The work team doing clean up in the community is going well. We pay the workers a daily rate based on the number of people in their family. The first phase is clean up and if funding is available then a second phase of rebuilding each others dwellings will happen.

We have housed a continuous stream of people here at the clinic mostly construction people but some medical types as well.

We had a full Dental team in that had purchased their tickets months before the earthquake. I would have liked to have gotten a mobile medical team in but the Dental team was well received and did some wonderful work. The Dentist saw about 15 to 20 people a day doing extractions and fillings. They brought three technicians who did exams and cleaning. The Techs saw an average of 60 people each day. The Dentist had one gentleman come in with five teeth broken off at the gum line, limping and wearing a sling. He had pockmarks all over his face. Come to find out he had been shot with bird shot.

The Dentist extracted the broken teeth and several pieces of bird shot from his gums. The Dentist kept them as a Haiti memento. The gentleman was very vague on how he managed to get shot.

March 29th to April 2nd we had 3 professors from Ohio State University come to stay. They were all Haiti veterans who have done great work in some of the local schools improving teaching techniques. They also had worked in two universities here one of which is no longer standing. On this trip they worked with the leaders in the tent cities showing them how they could get schools of some sort started in their communities. Their meetings were well attended and they believed they planted the seeds towards getting something started in these areas. To date the schools have not been allowed to reopen even if undamaged. Another government policy that makes no sense.

There is a lot of demolition work being accomplished in Port Au Prince in the business areas. In the ravine areas where the poorer people live without water, sanitation or electric the houses continue to crumble and slide down the hill sides taking other houses with them.

Through it all the wonderful Haitian spirit and spirituality lives on.

From our roof top you can hear church services, several of them going on at once, every night. On Sunday the people continue to dress in their best clothes, grab their Bibles and usually a chair and head off to church for a good portion of the day. The Haitian people can teach a lot of us American church-goers about passionate spirituality and how to dress for church.

Our clinic numbers continue to rise and soon will be back to before quake levels. As mentioned before Malaria is the biggest issue now. We are providing free baby food and formula were needed. Free vaccinations are Friday (baby day).

We are pursuing the need for a prosthesis clinic adjacent to the clinic. A gentleman from the states has been appointed to coordinate the development of all prosthesis centers by the Haitian government. He has promised to come and sit with myself and our Field Director and review our ideas. We want to work within the system and be certain we are not duplicating services in place or already being planned. My personal fall back plan if the prosthesis center is not necessary is to lobby for a birthing center instead. Maternal mortality rates are about a hundred times higher here than in the states.

A lot has happened. A lot more needs to happen but we will survive.

The resiliency of the Haitian people gives us strength. Their faith gives us faith. Their patience makes us patient.

Happy Easter and God Bless.
Bert Anderson (Class of 66)



The youngest orphans march to school.



This little girls' name is Leah. She's the youngest of the girls. She is now is 23 months. She was found wrapped in a towel, under a bush. They estimate she was 6 months old at the time she was abandoned. She's doing well now but when found she was less than 8lbs.(at 6 months)

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The cruise was fabulous and different from the more traditional class events. I sensed an even tighter bond being forged among the class group during the cruise.

As a class becomes more active and united it is more inclined to become a more involved participant and supporter of the Association and this is definitely the case of the class of 1963. This is the reason they have my strong support. By the way if you plan on venturing on the blog it should be mentioned that Harry Bouvier'63 is one of the prime authors which can be a very scary experience...be warned.

These are not the only Classes out there who are **“Keeping in Touch”**. Some of the others are the Classes of '67, '76, and '75 who have created their own Websites and I will be exploring others that come to my attention. If you are aware of any send me their contact information.

Who will walk away with the **coveted** award this year? I am not telling. You will have to come to the Alumni Weekend Sunday Luncheon to find out.

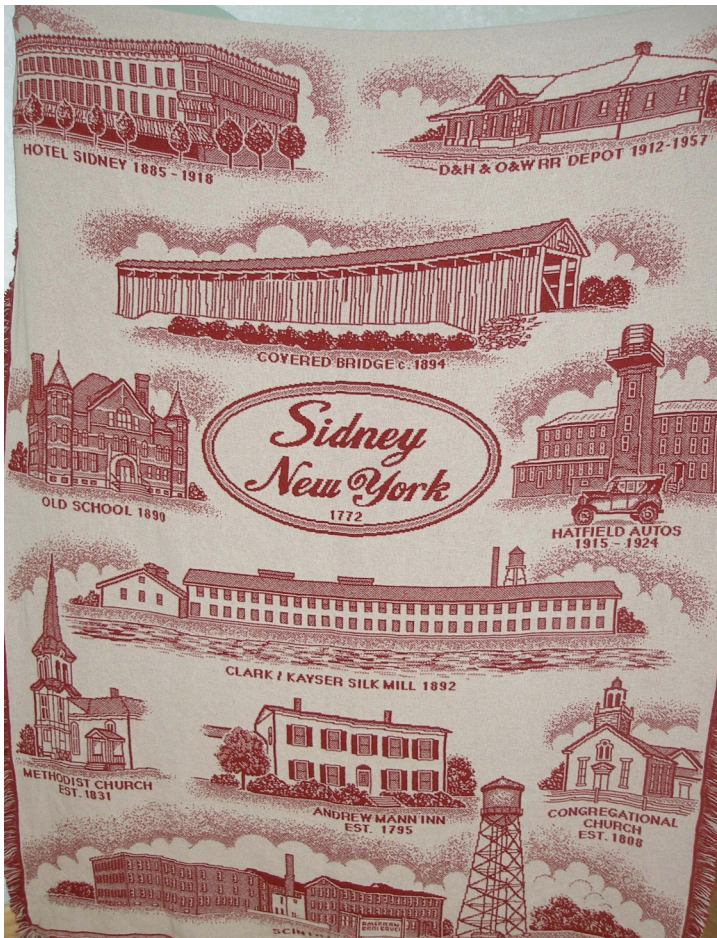
So now I have introduced you another way to **“Keep in Touch”** with your class and a way for the Association to benefit with your feed back. These groups can help us create the resources we need to sustain the mission of the Association.

While, I have demonstrated the effectiveness and benefit of these communication groups, this is not what I was looking for when I issued by challenge in my last column **“Let me hear from you.”** I was hoping someone would answer my challenge to use my column as a forum for their ideas and relieve my loneliness. To my disappointment no one even responded. I should not say no one, because I did hear from John Bethe, a member of the Class of 1963 (should have known) who reassured me that there were people out there listening. At least I know there is one. John thank-you for your nice words and expression of your support.

As I end this column there is happy news and sad news to share. The happy news is that one of our more recent Alumni, Pat Simonds '06, was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in this year's NFL draft. On behalf of the Alumni Association - Congratulations Pat! On a sad note, one of our Wall of Fame inductees and a beloved Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Howard Lynch, passed away in April. The Association extends its sympathy to Dr. Lynch's family. He will be missed.



The SCSAA commissioned this portrait of the Pleasant Street School by artist, Marion Simpson. Prints are available. Contact any board member.



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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.

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Prospect Hill Cemetery

The Prospect Hill Cemetery Association has been working hard at improving the grounds. In the last few years we have purchased the adjoining property to expand the area. The burned house was removed from the site, the entrance widened to make room for a new veteran's memorial park and new burial sites.

There are lots currently available in the old and new sections. Representatives of Prospect Hill Cemetery Association will be available during alumni weekend at the cemetery office. Come back home for your final resting place. If you are interested in any information, please call Don Doyle at 607-563-2810 or Jane Cole at 607-563-1107, or mail: PHCA, PO Box 272. Sidney, New York, 13838.



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The Importance of Being (from) Sidney

By Kevin Lloyd, '69

For starters, I should apologize to playwright Oscar Wilde for appropriating the title of his great comedic play *The Importance of Being Earnest*. In some ways it is apropos. The main character in his play behaved one way in the city, but was a very different character when in the country. In some ways this reminds me of my time in Sidney.

You see, I didn't grow up in Sidney. Since the 1600's parts of my family has lived on Long Island. My divorced Mom moved my sister and I up to East Masonville because she thought we could live more cheaply in the country.

The year was 1968, the summer before my senior year in high school. I can't say that I was aghast at the idea of rural living, nor was I looking forward to it. I wasn't leaving behind any clique of friends; I wasn't breaking any girls' heart.

Like it or not, I left behind a modern, comfortable home in suburbia for a cramped old house with no central heating. Instead of houses and neighbors every 100 feet or so, our nearest neighbor was now 100 yards away. Instead of walking to the stores doing errands for Mom, the nearest general store was now three miles away.

My life certainly had changed that summer and most of it was for the better too. Though I only lived in the Sidney area for three years, it turned out to be an enriching experience I will never forget.

I suppose the first lesson was one we had to teach each other. Folks in the country were basically the same as suburbanites and city dwellers. Our fathers earned paychecks, and we struggled to get by. The kids in schools all complained about homework and talked incessantly about cars, the future and the opposite sex.

I quickly learned that not all country people were a bunch of hicks. I had to strike a few words from my vocabulary: hayseeds, yokels; well, you get the idea. It was an equal exchange too. The kids in Sidney had to learn the same thing about Long Islanders. Suburban Long Island is not New York City. You have no idea how many times people opened dialog with, "So, how's things in the big city?" Geez, I hated that! New York and Long Island were socially and politically quite different then. We rarely went to the city except to see some museum my Mom liked. However, I did get to see many ballgames at both Yankee Stadium and Shea Stadium, even the Polo Grounds.

One big difference for me was that there were now farms everywhere. Though Long Island was once mostly farms (my grandfather was raised on a farm), after World War II it became the picture of the idyllic suburban life. Only living in E. Masonville did I learn to appreciate the rough life of the farmer. They weren't stereotypical characters in books and TV. They worked hard, very hard, every day, in every weather condition. The pay was nothing to brag about either. This is not news to you who grew up around Sidney, but for me it was an eye opener. I even worked part time on a couple of farms.

Another unique experience for me was hunting. I never knew anyone who owned a gun or went hunting. Suddenly, for many of my new acquaintances it was a part of life. Though I never went hunting for game, I did get to try various firearms occasionally with random target practice in idle fields. Believe it or not, I wasn't appalled. I kind of enjoyed it, even though I couldn't hit a blessed thing.

It was also surprising that many local people were also adamantly against guns and hunting as sport. It was simply a way of life and no one was chastised for it. What a great lesson for respecting our differences.

Instead of harping on suburban-rural differences allow me to highlight a more unifying factor. School. Kids everywhere complain about school, teachers, homework. Every school has its' cliques and nerds. Personally, I was more in the latter category. Though still shy, still an average student, being accepted by my classmates in Sidney High was important for me. In helped some of the inner rascal in me (which helped define my adult life) emerge. I think 9th period study hall with Dan Lynch, Terry Lodovice and Tom Houck helped too. Plus, you have no idea how exhilarating it was for me come to Sidney last summer for the reunion and be recognized on the street by Linda Haynes, Huldah Jackson and Sue Shields. I hadn't seen or talked with them in 40 years.

In 1969, in 2009; in Syosset, NY, in Sidney, NY; for me a couple of things stand out. Coming from a larger school to a smaller one I was more noticeable. I was the new kid, the "city" kid. You were eager to find out about a different way of life; I desperately wanted to fit in. We all learned. We all helped each other realize that deep down we all have the same needs, no matter where we come from.

I only spent three years of my life in Sidney, but what I lived thru and what I learned in Sidney I will cherish until the day I die.

I know many of you couldn't wait to get out of the area or couldn't pass up better opportunities not found in Sidney. I ask all of you to remember fondly a way of life that our children and/or grandchildren may not ever share.

Though small town life can be inhibiting to an individuals growth, collectively it enhances what our world today is lacking: caring, compassion and co-operation. For me, that is *the importance of being (from) Sidney*.

Sports Hall of Fame to Honor First State Champs AND the Past!

When you look at each of the first seven inductions of the Sidney Central School Alumni Association's Sports Hall of Fame, you'll notice no two years have been the same. 2010 will be no different!

First the details you need to know: October 8-9 is the 8th Annual Induction Weekend, with Homecoming festivities highlighted by the Friday night football game between the Warriors and an old Susque-nango League rival in Chenango Forks. An alumni reception will follow at the VFW. Saturday's Induction will commence **an hour earlier** than usual. Social Hour begins at 5:00 pm, followed by the dinner & ceremonies at 6:15.

As the headline states, the 11-person SHOF Committee is presenting a mix of the first New York State Champions and those athletes – and one athlete/coach – whose accomplishments were long ago but in this case will NOT be forgotten.

SCSAA's Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2010:

John Pendlebury, Class of 1930.

John was an outstanding student-athlete in all sports at Sidney. Upon graduation, he went to Springfield College to pursue a degree in physical education with an eye on coaching. As fate would have it, John immediately found a physical education job right back at Sidney! In just 3 years at SCS, John coached all three boys' sports, baseball basketball and football with great success. He led two undefeated football teams (1934-35), recording 14 wins, 9 in which the defense did not allow opponents to score. The same two years netted winning basketball teams as well. John later went to Vestal, where he oversaw all boys' athletics through 1969. In 1980, John was elected to the Section IV Hall of Fame.

Bill Rasbeck, Class of 1949

Bill won 10 varsity letters, four each in baseball and football and two in basketball. He also ran some track, thanks to Mr. Redmond. He played in Senior All-Star games in football and baseball. Later, Bill had a tryout with the NY Yankees. At Cortland State, he played 2 years JV football and was student manager of the baseball team. Later, Bill was Athletic Director and coach of all boys' varsity sports at Hancock. From 1961-65, he was Junior High Principal at Sidney. From there, Bill went on to become Superintendent at three Central NY Schools over his career. He has already been inducted as a member of the Section III Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Lee Murdoch Class of 1949

Lee was Bill Rasbeck's classmate and teammate. Lee was class president to Bill's vice president. Lee also played four sports, excelling mostly as an offensive lineman in football. As a sophomore, Lee was a Section IV 440 yard champion and placed 2nd in the shot put. Sidney Football won the Susque-nango League in 1947, his junior year. He went on to Colgate, playing freshman football in 1949, and then 3 years of varsity, despite being outweighed an average of 50 pounds by his defensive opponent. When sports were over, Lee settled in to continue his family's tradition of farming in the West Winfield area of Central New York.

Wendy Simonds Weidman, Class of 1989

Wendy will always be the first name in Sidney's illustrious list of New York State Track & Field Champions. Wendy won the discus event in the 1989 State Meet, setting a Sus League and Section IV record of 136' 4" in the process (Still a league record!). Wendy doubled as Section IV champ in the shot put and discus twice during the spring and had won two additional Indoor Sectional titles in the shot put. In all, Wendy competed in five NYS Track & Field Championship Meets. She was also a perennial Susque-nango League All-Star in Volleyball (while doubling with track!). Wendy rounded out her year with varsity field hockey in the fall playing for Hall of Fame coach Mary Morrison.

Legacy Award: 1978-79 Boys Basketball Team – 24-1 State Class B Champions.

Hall of Fame Coach Jack Jones guided this group of unselfish ball players through an amazing 25-0 season. This run of success came on the heels of an appearance in the previous year's Class B Final Four. Despite being the "smallest team in the (Sus) League" as Jones stated at the time, the team found that great defense did indeed lead to a championship. In the finals, Sidney defeated the state's #1 ranked team Mattituck of Long Island. After the Class B title was won, Sidney lost to Bishop Timon in a game played under the new Federation bracket which pitted public schools with Catholic and Parochial Schools across the state. It would also be the final game in the decade of many championships won by Warrior teams under Jones, who began his coaching career at Sidney in the 1968-69

Some parts of the night's activities will be the same, of course. The popular sports memorabilia auction; the laughter, memories and some tears shared; the connecting of generations past and, in all, a fabulous night for all Warrior Sports fans. We hope you can join us!



Dave Orton's 100 Yard Dash.
At a "play day" on the Willow St. athletic field. Dick Dilmore, '48, 2nd place; Dave Orton '46 Winner!

Annual All Class Reunion Luncheon
Wall of Fame for Distinguished Alumni and Educators Induction Ceremony
Registration Form
July 18, 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)

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Thursday July 15

Open House Alumni Center and Sidney
Historical Association
10AM -2 PM

**Alumni Weekend
Schedule of Events**

Sunday July 18

Annual Alumni Memorial Service
Ed Roelle Nature Trail
10:30 AM

Friday July 16

Open House Alumni Center and Sidney
Historical Association
10:00—2 PM

Saturday July 17

Annual Pancake Breakfast
Sidney VFW
8-11AM \$6.00/person (at the door)

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

Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
7:30 AM and 12:30 PM Flights
Sidney Golf and Country Club
Barbecue and Awards Ceremony 5:30PM

Class of '88—Annual Run/Walk for
Charity - 7AM Registration 8AM race
Keith Clark Park

Sidney Firemen's Facility
River Street
Social Hour 11AM
Program and Luncheon
11:45 AM

Social/Icebreaker
Sidney Elks Lodge River Street
8pm—1:00am

Annual March of the Classes
Alumni Field - High School
Line up 11:00AM
March 11:30AM

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

Open Houses
Alumni Center and
Sidney Historical Association
1:00—3:00 pm

Sidney High School
2pm—4pm

Saturday Evening Social
Charles Jacobi Post
American Legion 8pm
SPLASH! 9-1AM



1949-1950 Men's Basketball Team Oneonta HS

Back Row, fourth from left, Edward "Ted" Huntington,
last in back row: Robert Rowlands, JV Coach



Family!

Monica Cycon Lynch '73 (back) Nancy Cycon Gunn, '65, Margaret
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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?

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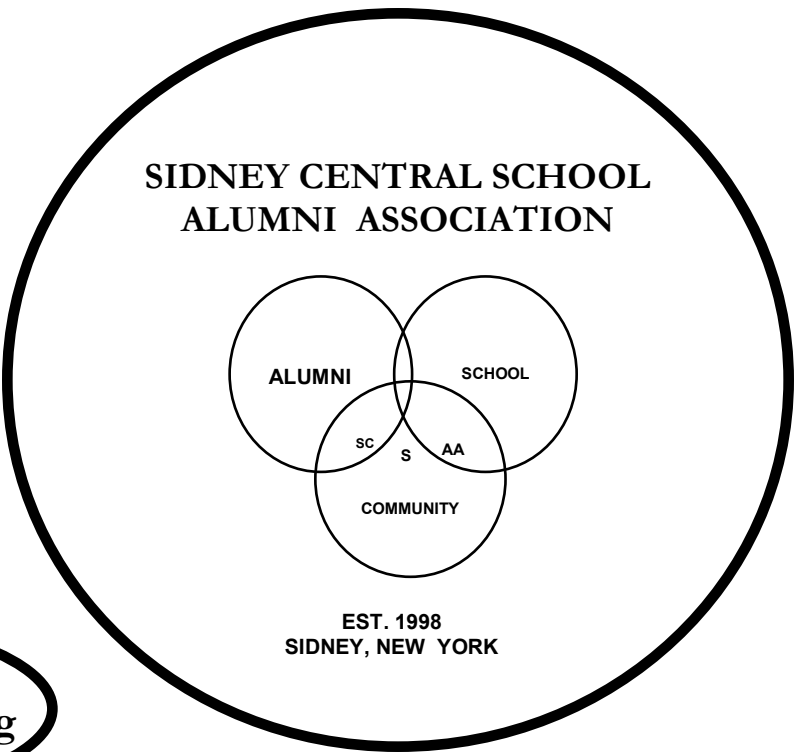
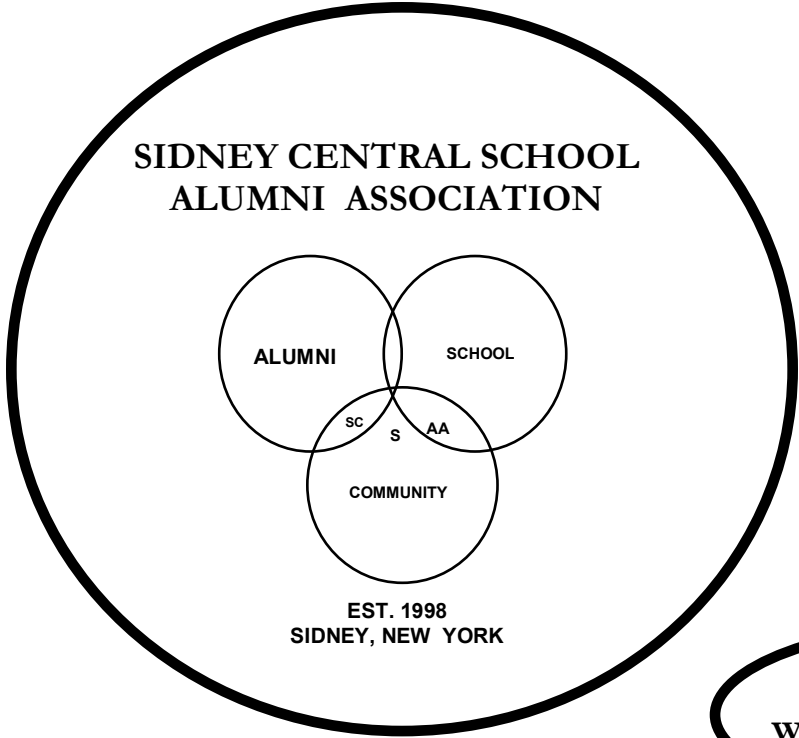
Cub Scout Pack 90 c. 1953-54

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