

# REFLECTIONS

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## SCSAA INDUCTS FOUR INTO SPORTS HALL OF FAME



It was another great evening of alumni nostalgia and appreciation at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Sidney Alumni Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner and Ceremony, held Saturday Oct. 5, at the American Legion.

More than 150 alumni, family and friends gathered for what has become a benchmark event for the Alumni Association. Guests were treated to a delicious turkey and roast beef buffet served by the Legion banquet staff.

The Class of 2013 was comprised of David Ineich (class of 1956) and Allen "Punky" George ('58) – two former teammates – plus Greg Davie ('76) as the first "contributor", and Coach Bob Finnegan, who guided Sidney student-athletes in three sports over 82 seasons.

Also inducted as the seventh "Legacy Team"

were the 1967 and 1968 boys cross country teams under Hall of Fame coach Bill Davidson. Both groups ran to a Section 4 Class B championship and competed in the New York State meet the following week.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was longtime Sidney coach Mark Hirsch. Mark filled in for Greg Davie who, as an inductee, stepped away from that duty. In addition, Dr. Jon Jay DeTemple ('61) provided the "welcome" address. Jon has now served as a guest speaker (2003), has been inducted (2011) and been the SCS Alumni Board representative for the welcome – a unique "triple play".

Greg returned to MC duty briefly as the dinner was winding down to recognize two SHOF committee members for their ten years of service.

Wayne King ('52) and

Bonnie Provenzon Curtis ('59) received personal plaques in appreciation for their contributions. Wayne handled the financial aspects since year one (2003) and took charge of the first Legacy Award – his 1950 unbeaten football team – in 2007 with mailings and all team correspondence. Bonnie's nickname of "Decoration Queen" certainly fit as she oversaw all eleven banquets for table seating, reservations, centerpieces and much more. Thanks Wayne & Bonnie!

During the evening, audience members heard anecdotes and memories from each inductee's introductory speakers. This is done to allow for a real personal touch and connection to each athlete or coach.

Dave Ineich went first, introduced by former teammate Russ Hall ('56). Between the two they recounted numerous pickup games in neighborhoods around Sidney that were chock full of kids. Dave's recall of kids within each neighborhood was still fresh almost 60 years later! Many of Dave's classmates attended to help cele-

brate his special evening.

Next came Punky George, who introduced best friend Jerry Curtis ('59) last year. This time, Jerry returned the favor. Punky proceeded to tell many of the same football stories as a year ago to a "new" audience, and showed true emotion for what growing up in Sidney away from racial divides was like for him. His words touched everyone in a positive way.

WCDO Station Manager Craig Harris divided his introduction of Greg Davie between Greg's thorough knowledge of teams and names of all sports eras and while having the inability to remember all of his equipment! Greg covered how he started as a radio announcer and how local support enabled him to create an award-winning sports program for 20 years.

The final inductee, Bob Finnegan, was introduced family-style. Two of his three daughters, Kristen Leahy ('93) and Jennifer Patruno ('90) recounted what growing up with a coach for a father was like, in the sports they played or didn't play under him. They also compiled a list of testimonials from his former athletes, many of whom were in attendance. Bob's class and loyalty shown toward his family and students over 30 plus years was quite evident in his speech.

Coach Bill Davidson, the only other cross country varsity coach other than Bob

Finnegan then spoke briefly on the formation of the cross country program and how quickly the number of boys joining the team grew in a short time. He then presented each runner in attendance with a keepsake medallion made for the occasion. Each one is engraved, as is the matching display case, made by Jaime Cole ('94).

Prior to the Induction of October 5, the inductees and Legacy team were honored at halftime of the Sidney-Seton CC football game the night before, as well as an alumni social at the VFW.

As usual, proceeds from the dinner, which include sponsorships, dinner tickets and a memorabilia auction, go to the SCS Athletic Department. This year's donation is the formation of a Hall of Fame display near the high school gym.

The committee will meet again shortly after the New Year to begin the process all over again, with new committee members being recruited. We have a few names already and look forward to creating more athletic memories for years to come!

#### **REFLECTIONS STAFF**

Elaine Anderson, '67  
Deb Woytek Puffer, '68

#### **WEBMASTER**

Ray Taylor, '55

#### **SCSAA Officers** **January 2013-2014**

Terry Dermody, President

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Greg Davie, '76  
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Amber Wilson Fogarty, '93  
Sean Fogarty, '93  
Dick Germond, '63  
Adele Greene Harrington, '88  
Brian Innes, '01  
Wayne King, '52  
Vicki Kulze, '70  
Jim McIntyre, '60  
Anne Mott, '83  
Dennis Porter, '66  
Deb Woytek Puffer, '68  
Doug Sheldon, '59  
Ray Taylor, '55  
Tony Zieno, '71  
Elaine Dewey Anderson, '67

#### **REMEMBER THE 1974 SIOB**

## **DO YOU REMEMBER THE SIDNEY TO IRELAND (OR BUST) TRIP?**

In March 1974, a large group of Sidney High music students, faculty, chaperones, and boosters traveled to the International Parade of Bands in Dublin, Ireland. This trip was made possible by the hard work of the parents, friends and families of the students involved.

Catskill Travel made the arrangements. During their time in Ireland, the Sidney musicians performed in three separate venues under the direction of Otis Atkins — and they took top awards at all three events! In celebration of the **40th anniversary** of this trip and in order to support the Sidney Music program, the Come Back To Sidney Committee is sponsoring a gathering of all participants and family members on March 22, 2014. **Please respond with YOUR INTEREST ONLINE at this time** to Kay DeMott ([demottbk@frontiernet.net](mailto:demottbk@frontiernet.net)), Larry Halbert ([larryhalbert7@gmail.com](mailto:larryhalbert7@gmail.com)) **by November 20, 2013**. You may also leave a message at 607-369-3610. Additional information will follow. Please note that **all** proceeds will be donated to the Sidney Music Program and Advocacy Group.

## **SCSAA ALUMNI VETERANS MEMORIAL**

The SCS Alumni Association adopted the project for development of a SCS Alumni Veterans Memorial more than five years ago. With the continuing support of dedicated SCS alumni, that honorable vision is proceeding toward its fulfillment.

The Alumni Veterans Memorial (AVM) Committee, under the auspices of the SCS Alumni Association's Strategic Planning Committee, continues its efforts to develop a final SCS Alumni Veteran Memorial design which will contain unique and distinctive design features recognizing and honoring the service and sacrifices of SCS alumni veterans. The SCS Alumni Association Board, at its recent October meeting, has affectively approved the AVM design concept - pending cost, funding, final location recommendations to be coordinated with the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park Association. The alumni veterans memorial design concept consists of a bronze plaque on a suitable stone or other structure: inscribed with words suggested by students and alumni, makes mention of the SCS Alumni Association, and incorporates Sidney Central School and Alumni Association related features. The SCS Alumni Veterans Memorial would be placed in a prominent location near the entry to the park's central monument. The commemorative inscription will be selected from submissions received from SCS alumni, and possibly SCS students.

The AVM Committee plans to utilize the SCS Alumni Veterans Memorial SCS open group on Facebook, and possibly the SCS Alumni Association and the Sidney Central High School websites (<http://www.sidneyalumni.org> and

<http://www.sidneycsd.org>, respectively) to publicize the guidance for submission of wording for the commemorative inscription. Also, alumni desiring to exchange ideas regarding the AVM's commemorative inscription, and other design features, for the SCS Alumni Veterans Memorial may post comments/questions at the SCS Alumni Veterans Memorial SCS open group on Facebook, or email a member of the AVM Committee listed at the end of this article. The AVM Committee is interested in "recruiting" alumni living in the Sidney area, not already actively committed to the development of the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park, who are able and willing to support the efforts of the AVM Committee in the process of developing AVM design sketches and models, associated costs of AVM materials, and a potential AVM location; and to serve as interface with the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park Association on related AVM matters.

Alumni desiring to take a more active role in the development of the SCS Alumni Veterans Memorial may contact any of the AVM Committee members:

Joe Hager (chairman):  
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Shane Eaton-Armstrong:  
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Bill Schmidt:  
[bschmidt@ghs.org](mailto:bschmidt@ghs.org); and  
Dane Woytek:  
[dwoytek@gmail.com](mailto:dwoytek@gmail.com)

## **WE REMEMBER DECEASED ALUMNI**

### **Class of 1934**

Virginia Baker Gardner

### **Class of 1937**

Helen Gifford Armour

Elizabeth (Betty) Smith Rowe

### **Class of 1942**

Stewart Brooks

### **Class of 1946**

Douglas Begeal

Doris Farrier Miller

### **Class of 1950**

Wesley Wright

### **Class of 1953**

Edward Cunningham

Louise Davis Pittaway

Beverly Shaver Steele

### **Class of 1957**

David Clapperton

### **Class of 1960**

Diane R Waldron Crandall

### **Class of 1962**

Ronald Stark

Calvin Pritchard

### **Class of 1963**

Fred Stevens

### **Class of 1965**

John Axtell

Gregory Wadsworth

### **Class of 1968**

Penny Parker Ostrander

### **Class of 1971**

Judy Edwards

Jerry Jones

### **Class of 1973**

Edith Jones

Paul E Ruff

### **Class of 1974**

Steven Place

### **Class of 1979**

Ross Allan

### **Class of 1987**

Mark Freyer

## **WE REMEMBER DECEASED FACULTY MEMBERS**

Tom Ammon

John Balling

Mary Beardsley

Frederick (Ted) Jones

Ruth McKinney

Mary (Vredenburg) Morrison

Bertha Redmond

Francis Redmond

Jim Root

## **SUGGESTIONS, ANYONE?**

- During Alumni Weekend 2013, attendees were given an opportunity — in fact, invited and encouraged — to offer suggestions to make YOUR SCSAA and Alumni Weekend better. Here is a brief summary of those suggestions:
- Name tags to be worn throughout the weekend
- Eliminate one of the bands to save money and encourage people to do the chatting and catching up they really came to do!
- Limit WOF and SHOF inductees to 1-2 people who are truly extraordinary to shorten program

and encourage more people to attend the gathering.

- Memorial inside pavilion.
- Consider moving luncheon to another day.
- Change dinner time to later time following golf tournament.
- Consider transportation center for all class luncheon or brunch.
- Luncheon should be place to gather with friends, not WOF.
- Consider doing Memorial at Transportation Center or in front of High School.

Do you have suggestions? Send them to <http://www.sidneyalumni.org/Forms/suggestion.html>

## **DO YOU DO DUES?**

Recently, the SCSAA Board discussed the fact that a record low number of alumni have paid their dues (\$15 per year, \$10 if 65 or over). While no final decision has been reached, one possible option may soon be to mail Reflections only to those members who currently have paid the annual membership. SCSAA does a great deal of good for the Sidney area and especially the Sidney school district and does so largely through monies raised from events such as Alumni weekend and Sports Hall of Fame as well as member dues. Please consider paying your dues today! Next to your name and address on the label you will note an expiration date for your membership. If you have any questions or concerns or suggestions, please contact SCSAA. Thank you for your support!

## ALUMNI NEWS AND UPDATES

### Class of 1946

**Bill Landon**, Class Rep, reports that 16 of the original 44 graduates are still alive and kicking. Hurray for '46ers!

### Class of 1949

**Miriam Hellerud Palmer** class of '49 says, Hi to my fellow classmates, I am living here in Alexandria, VA, Probably forever. We have our home in Masonville up for sale, but no takers so far. The weather is very nice here, and if I remember last year correctly, we didn't even have any snow etc. Will miss seeing all of you this year, but I wish the best for you all.

### Class of 1951

**Jan Gregoire Coombs** ('51) and husband Guerdon cele-



brated their 80th birthdays and the marriage of their grandson this year.

**Dick Holloway** is finally retired and with his two black labs is sharing a home with a friend. His new address is 15722 N. Starboard Dr., Tucson, AZ 85739.

**Janet Flyzik** is in good health, enjoying her garden, and is very active in her church. She had just returned from a family reunion before the

class reunion picnic this summer, so decided to stay home this year.

Kathy Senko says, "Sixty-two years since we graduated – WOW!" She had hoped to be at the picnic but was unable to attend.



The Pecks  
in 1953

**Ann and Bud Peck** write that long trips, like to Egypt, Greece, Turkey, and the Holy Land, and to Ireland two years ago tire them, so they don't travel except 'to doctors, church, and bed' They have been living in North Carolina for 16 years and volunteer at the Joars Center (Wycliffe Bible Translators) and at their church. On July 11th they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. (Congratulations!!) Children Caryl and Kim live in Auburn, and Darryl lives in Sequin, TX.

**Frosty Landon** writes that at the moment he is grounded by a mild stroke last October but hopes to come to our next reunion. He thanks Dick for his 'good work on behalf of the class of '51.'

**Gladys Jacques** writes that she has lunch once a month with Marge Wickes, Kittie Williams, Bea Mott, Marguerite Place and Joyce Hard. It is great to hear this; you gals have the biggest class reun-

ion we've had in years. Keep it up!! Next time you get together, send us some news and current email addresses, please. Thanks.

**Bill and Ann Maycock** were sorry not to get down from Utica because of 'knees and backs.' They send their best. Bill was so pleased that Bob Foree's widow, Laverne, has given the class some sports photos, etc. from Bob's collection. Thanks, Laverne.

**Ernie Riesen** was very sorry to miss seeing friends in July. He writes of his wife, Betty's ordeal with dementia for seven years, her death in April, and his great loss after 56 years of marriage. Our love, prayers, and sympathy go out to Ernie.

**Ann Arnold** was unable to come to the reunion picnic because she was in the hospital with pneumonia. She is improving. We wish her good health.

**Quentin and Mary Begeal** were unable to come to NY this summer because of illnesses in their family. We ask God's blessings on them.

**Evelyn Thayer** is the new class representative and thanks **Dick Holloway** for his work since our graduation those many years ago. Above and beyond, Dick! Thank you!

Evelyn attended the picnic at the Ingalls Homestead with a good number of Class of '50 grads. They are always so kind to include our class at their picnic, and we are



grateful for their hospitality. Evelyn enjoys her grand and great grand children, volunteers at her church, the retirement village where she and Charles live, and at schools in Sioux Falls. She is hoping that class members



will send any email or snail mail addresses they might have. We'd rather have that address a couple times than not at all. In 2016 we will want to celebrate our 65th graduation anniversary. Let's get the contact information up to date!

### Class of 1956

From **Janice Knight**, Class of 1956 Rep: The two events that come most quickly to mind for the class of 1956 are the Alumni Weekend gathering, and the Induction of David Ineich into the Sidney Sports Hall of Fame. On July 20, 2013 the class of 1956 gathered for our 57th anniversary. In addition to the many festivities throughout Sidney that weekend, the class gathered for our annual picnic in Ed and Lea Ray's beautiful garden. Since most members of our class turned

75 this year, we decided to have a group birthday party, complete with cake and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday".

**Pat Simpson** reports that he and his wife are doing as well as can be expected. Daughter Diana has re-launched her singing career. Pat has been busy plugging his books (*Desert Angels* and *Wheelchair Down Under*) and blogging.

### Class of 1957

**Robert Stark** will exhibit 'The New American Seascapes' at Picture This Gallery on Hilton Head Island opening October 21st through November 16th.

**Pat Bazata Hall** reports that she and husband Robert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family and friends luncheon on June 8. Among the guests who attended were **Joan (Tiska) Reilly ('57)** and her husband, Gene, and **Judy (O'Neil) Scott ('57)** and her husband Bill. Joan was maid of honor at our wedding, and Judy was my across-the-street neighbor as we were growing up. Their son John, daughter-in-law Kate, and children Lena and Tiarnan came from Colorado. (Lena and Tiarnan will be 15 in November.) Robert's sister and her husband and several nieces and a nephew at-

tended, as did two of my cousins and their wives. Guests came from Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Ohio, Virginia, and England. A wonderful time was had by all! In July Pat and Robert attended the wedding in Niagara Falls of the granddaughter of Florida friends. The wedding was held outdoors on the banks of the Niagara River -- beautiful! They had met the entire family over the years, so it was a nice reunion with them as well.

### Class of 1958

**Irene Rothman Friedman** and husband, Lee, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at dinner with friends in Greenville, South Carolina and are looking forward to a cruise to the western Caribbean with their children and grandchildren for Thanksgiving.

### Class of 1961

**Bob Cable** says that he and his wife continue to live in Gilbert, AZ. They have 2 granddaughters. Bob's wife is a retired special ed teacher. Bob retired from corporate life in 2010 and is now a certified Clinical Hypnotherapist with a practice located in Mesa, AZ. Bob says, "Life is good."



**Jim Britton ('61)** Jim ('61) & Elizabeth Britton (pictured) have just returned from a visit with his Mom & brother Rick in Massachusetts. While there, they celebrated not only Jim's 70th birthday, but also Elizabeth's and Rick's 67th and Mom's 99th! Jim says: We still live on our horse farm in Oregon's beautiful Coast Range Mountains, and still have two Arabians in the barn here. We've sent several others north to be in our daughter's care. Our kids, Aaron and Mary, both 40, live in SW Washington. Mary has given us 4 wonderful granddaughters, and she and the 3 younger ones live near Chelalis. Our eldest, Cassy, is in Carson City NV preparing to enter college. Aaron is still single and working as an IT whiz-kid in Olympia. Jim's retired, but still does some engineering contracting from home. Elizabeth is an artist and is currently revving up her career--so much more to say (paint)! All in all, life is good, despite the pains of aging!

### **Class of 1965**

**Maureen McDonald** has recently taken the post as Gallery Director at the Showcase Gallery in Southwest Plaza Village in Costa Mesa, CA. She spent 5 years refreshing her ceramics skills. Her first show-

ing will be exhibiting the works of Dora DeLaria, well known for her 36 foot porcelain murals and for the presidential dinnerware during the Carter administration. She invites classmates to contact her if they are in Southern California at [MRNMACDON-ALD6@aol.com](mailto:MRNMACDON-ALD6@aol.com).



### **Class of 1979**

**Lori Booth Shaw** says that she is very happily remarried (in July 2011) to Rick Shaw and enjoying living in Downsville. In addition to her three children, **Jeff DuFour (class of '99), Kristin Collins (class of '03), and Michele (Collins) Lofay (class of '04)**, I now have three step-children, Meghan, Lucas, and Kari, all graduates of Downsville. Jeff and his wife, Shannon, live in Endicott, NY with their two boys, Cooper and Connor. Kristin lives in Philadelphia and teaches Physics at St. Joseph's Prep School. Michele and her husband, Christopher, are currently living in Canberra, Australia with their three children, Andrew, Nicholas, and Savannah. Rick and Lori were able to visit

Michele and her family in Australia last Christmas and spent three wonderful weeks with them. Lori works at Amphenol Aerospace in Sidney as the Internal QA Auditor. Rick is employed at BOCES as Health and Safety Coordinator. Lori says, "I am looking forward to our Class of '79 35<sup>th</sup> reunion next summer (July 18-20) and hope to see everyone there! I'd love to hear from you at [lvbooth@yahoo.com](mailto:lvbooth@yahoo.com)."

### **Class of 2003**

The Class of 2003 celebrated their 10 year reunion during Alumni Weekend. Approximately 20 classmates and ten guests gathered for dinner and drinks at Angus and Ale in Sidney followed by a gathering hosted by Mary Sullivan.

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Dorothy Smith Radomski ('62) and Emily Smith Drodgy ('60) on a recent visit to Sidney





## **B-17 MISSION**

The date, February 28, 1942. The place: Classified, somewhere North of London. It's almost midday and it's cold and windy on the tarmac. We've been working on number three engine on this B-17 for several hours, troubleshooting the problem that has kept this stubborn lump of cold metal from starting. Finally the problem, what appears to be sabotage to the Scintilla "shower of sparks" starting system, has been found and the nine cylinder, 1,200 horsepower Wright-Cyclone radial engine finally roars to life, belching flame and smoke out into the cold morning air. With all four engines finally running and warming up the thick, cold oil to operational temperatures, we pull the chocks from in front of the main wheels and my fellow crew members and I scramble through the aft entry door and move to our stations for take off. I'm flying this morning as the radio operator and strap into my seat, as the right waist gunner straps into position next to me on the other side of the fuselage. Should we be attacked, we will both man the waist guns, but that is unlikely as this is just a short repositioning flight to a more Southern airfield where we will be prepared and briefed for our next mission.

Our aircraft is a B-17 F model called the flying fortress. This particular one has been named the Memphis Belle by it's captain and it is a four-engine bomber, 74 feet, 9 inches long with a wingspan of 103 feet, 9 inches and carries up to 16,000 lbs. of bombs. It carries a crew of ten for most missions, and generally has an armament of 10 fifty caliber machine guns, two free guns in the nose, two in a top turret, two in a bottom "ball" turret, one free gun on each side at the "waist" and two in the tail. It has a top speed of over 300 mph, and a service ceiling of about 40,000 feet, although crews will tell you they've been much higher than that. And at those heights, it's cold, so cold that if you're wounded, the blood

freezes almost instantly, if you lose your oxygen supply you have less than a minute to get to an emergency bottle before you pass out. The airplane is unheated, so you rely on your electrically heated suit to keep you warm, but you're still cold and uncomfortable for most of the trip, eight to ten hours typically, but as many as 16. We don't have our heated flight suits on for this short, low altitude (we won't get above 3,000') flight, but it's still cold on this winters day.

Finally the oil is warm and the pilots advance the throttles and we trundle out to the end of the runway to perform the pre takeoff run up to check the engines. The engines come up to near takeoff power and the airplane starts shaking like a wet dog as the pilots run through their checks. The noise is deafening and I am thankful for the earplugs I have put in. Checks completed satisfactorily, the pilots call the tower for clearance and we taxi to the active runway. The power comes up, and those four roaring engines, with the four three bladed propellers beating the air into submission, pull us down the runway and slowly into the air. I feel the thump as the landing gear sucks up into the wheel wells and, since we are far below combat weight, we climb quickly to our cruising altitude of 2,500 feet. I unstrap from my seat and move through the bomb bay, up through the cockpit, between the pilots, and forward to the Plexiglas nose of the bombardiers station, as this is where the best view is. The countryside spreads out below me and I think about what it must be like watching those fighters coming straight at me with their guns twinkling in their wings from their fire, with only that thin glass between those bullets and me.

OK, so the year is really 2013 and the Memphis Belle didn't arrive in England until September, 1942, but the rest is mostly true. The airplane is not the real Memphis Belle, (that's in the Air force Museum in Dayton, Ohio undergoing restoration) but it is one of two airplanes that were used in the movie of the same name. The airplane spent the winter at Cherokee County Airport, just North of Atlanta, Georgia, where it underwent maintenance to ready it for the 2013 Summer tour. I managed to get in some hours working on it with my good friend, Rodney Schneider, who is the chief mechanic for the Liberty Foundation, which operates the airplane. (Libertyfoundation.org for more info.) During the summer the airplane

tours and gives rides all over the country. In exchange, I was able to fly in the airplane when it relocated from Cherokee County Airport to Peachtree Dekalb airport where it was scheduled to give rides to the media and to some WW II veterans who had flown in B-17's during the war. We also have the occasional veteran visit us while we are working on the airplane, and they are always invited to go anywhere in the airplane they wish. Unfortunately, the climb to the cockpit from the rear entry door requires a bit of flexibility, and it is seldom that the 90+ year olds can make it up there, but it still brings back the memories and just talking to them is an education.

I grew up in the 50's and 60's building models of the WW II airplanes, and many of the adults I knew, growing up, were WW II veterans, including my father-in-law Ed Hinkley and step father-in-law Tom Egnaczak, both of whom were in the Army Air Corps, but most of them never talked about their experiences. It wasn't until years later that Tommy Tompkins, a man I knew from Scouting and the Sidney Emergency Squad, told me just before he died that he had been a B-17 pilot. (I should have realized it from the way he "piloted" that ambulance) I never, in my wildest dreams thought I would ever get the chance to work on a B-17, much less get to fly in one, but it is a real honor to help keep alive this symbol of the spirit that defined them as "The Greatest Generation".

**Bob Matteson. Class of '66**





## **Class of 1968 Celebrates 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion**



About 38 classmates, along with spouses, gathered on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cream of the Crop to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> reunion. We had a nice surprise when our principal, Bill Spendley, stopped by to visit with everyone. He was up from North Carolina to attend the alumni luncheon honoring his good friend Bernie Theobald.

We all had a great time of reminiscing with everyone and then sat down to a great lunch of pulled pork, chicken wraps, tuna salad, homemade rolls, toss salad, fresh fruit, baked beans and homemade cookies.

Blake Hayes was the emcee for the short program that started and had each table come up with an interesting story from high school. Pete Diffenderfer seemed to remember the best of anyone because he had several stories to tell. Most of them were quite humorous and even a little embarrassing. Then Blake read an article from the senior edition of our Maroon & White where someone had written a story like it was from our 20<sup>th</sup> reunion.

That was really funny talking about how they saw certain classmates 20 years after graduation. Some of it was spot on!!

I think everyone had a great time and is ready to do it again in 5 years but who knows, we may need to celebrate turning 65 in 2 years. Some interesting facts about our class are we had 6 sets of siblings that graduated with our class: Randy & Terry Bresee; Jody and Chris Logan; Kathy and Rose Morenus; Terry and Romana Nichols; Joanne and Jim Nordberg and Dane and Deb Woytek. We also have 3 classmates that share the same grandchildren: Sharon Bargher DeIello, Joanne Nordberg Darling and John Holden. Joanne and John's daughter was married to Sharon's son.

### **30th FOR CLASS OF 1983**

The Class of 1983 had their 30th class reunion on July 20, 2013 at the Moose Club in



Sidney. Approximately 36 classmates were in attendance, coming from Connecticut, Nevada, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania,

Maryland and Minnesota, not to mention many locations within New York State. It was great to catch up with old friends that we haven't seen in many years!

## **CLASS OF 1948 CELEBRATES 65TH ANNIVERSARY**

The class of 1948 gathered at Angus and Ale to celebrate and reminisce.



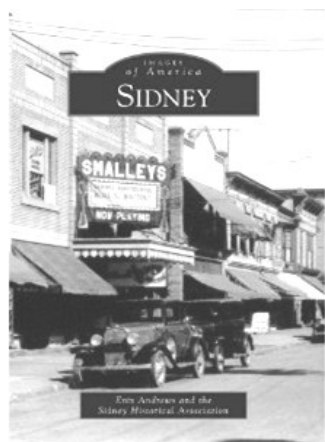
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## **50th CELEBRATION FOR CLASS OF 1963**

The Class of 1963 began their celebration with their 10th Annual Warm-Up Barbecue at Dick Germond's residence and Camp Eagle Spirit on the Susquehanna hosted by Harry Bouvier, Bill McIntyre, Al Murray and Dick. At least 79 classmates and friends attended making it a success and great kickoff to the weekend. On Saturday, classmates gathered at the Old Mill, and Sunday were proud to celebrate **Bill Cables's** induction into the Wall of Fame and a visit to Sidney by **Fleming Larsen**.

## DO YOU REMEMBER ? 1955 Recital with Mrs. Waters

Photo courtesy of Maryalice Sherman



## A WORD FROM SIDNEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Sidney Historical Association thanks SCSAA Reflections for its assistance with publicity for our organization. Members enjoy chatting with visitors to our museum throughout the year but we especially enjoy Alumni Weekend. Also, thanks to

alumni who purchase books, calendars, mugs, yearbooks, notecards, and key chains. Our fundraisers pay for guest speakers, preservation materials, and supplies.

A dozen 2014 calendars with 12 old-time Sidney photographs are available for \$12. They may be mailed for an additional \$4. We still have copies of our "Images of America Sidney" book for \$22. Please include \$5 for shipping and handling if you want it mailed to you. Call Joelene Cole at 607-563-1425 or e-mail her at [jcole58@stny.rr.com](mailto:jcole58@stny.rr.com) to order mailed calendars and books. Or stop in room 218 in the Civic Center on Liberty Street during our open hours to buy them. The museum is open from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays. These items are great gifts for current or former residents of Sidney!

SHA recently received several important and historical gifts. The Bornstein family donated objects and memorabilia from the days when Sidney was known as Sidney Plains. The Parker family gave us photographs of the officers and volunteers of Mac-Donald Hose Company. The Davis family contributed the scrapbooks of our former mayor, Dixie Davis. We are grateful to these families who have generously helped us preserve the history of Sidney.

We are also involved in helping preserve Sidney's history by loaning our microfilm of Sidney's newspapers to

the Sidney Memorial Public Library. The microfilmed newspapers are being digitized and indexed for easier research through both the library and museum. Thanks go to Ben Lainhart, SMPL Technology Librarian for applying to and receiving grants from the O'Connor Foundation, SCSAA, and The Friends of the Library to pay for this project. It should be completed in May 2014.

Our website is [www.sidneyonline.com/sha.htm](http://www.sidneyonline.com/sha.htm). You can see a slide show and take a video tour of the museum, download a form to become a member, check for upcoming meetings and events. You can also e-mail us with requests for genealogy searches, copies of obituaries, or other questions at [sidneyhistorical@stny.rr.com](mailto:sidneyhistorical@stny.rr.com). There are wonderful pictures and conversations on our Sidney Historical Association Facebook page. Check it out to see what has been posted.

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## ALUMNI FAMILY NEWS

The **D'Imperios** visited Lititz PA. Pictured are **Mary and Teri (1984), Chuck (1967),**



**Bob ('976), Chris (1977), and Mom/Kate (1946).**

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Four SCS alumni from the area visited England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and France on a **British Isles Cruise** this summer. In the photo below are **Linda Schneider Gunther '65; Pat Schneider Nichols '67; Dolores Hayes Breunig '62 and Mary Jane Gelder Plummer '58.** Pat Nichols of Catskill Travel made all the arrangements and was key to making this a very memorable trip.



### The PUFFERS GATHER TO CELEBRATE THEIR MOM, DORIS' BIRTHDAY

Recently, the **Puffer** siblings and their families, hosted a



birthday gathering for their mom Doris and numerous friends and extended family. Pictured above, Front row: **Sonnie ('67). Doris ('52), Tina ('78);** Middle Row: **Maria ('86), Jerry ('68), Sharon ('73);** Back Row: **Vance ('82), Blair ('70), Jeff ('71).**

### Kokalas Family



Three members of the Kokalas family returned to Sidney for Ellen Kokalas Whipple's 45th Class Reunion, Ed Kokalas' 50th class Reunion and Sue Kokalas Terry's 70th Birthday Party during Alumni Weekend.

### CENTRAL NEW YORK RACER TO WATCH

**Craig Carlson, (class of '64),** has enjoyed racing for much of his adult life. He now has an even greater reason for this interest due to the growing success of his grandson, Jamie, as an up and coming racer.

From attending races as a



young child to working as a pit crew member to buying bits and pieces and finally his own race car from well known racer Ted Lamb, Jamie has learned a great deal about racing. In fact, Jamie recently won a qualifying race and his first feature race. With lots of support from family and friends, Jamie finished the season ninth in points. Looks like a lot more time will be enjoyed at the track by all of the Carlson clan! Best of luck, Jamie and Craig!

# MEMBERSHIP FORM SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

Dear Sidney Central School graduates and former students,

At a recent SCSAA (Sidney Central School Alumni Association) meeting, there was considerable discussion regarding the decreasing number of alumni who are paying dues to the organization.

In order to support the many projects of the organization, it is important that we all contribute to the Association. One very large expenditure is for publication and mailing of this newsletter. To avoid the possible discontinuation of your subscription to Reflections due to non-payment of your membership, please consider completing the form below and mailing to SCSAA. Annual dues are \$15 per person per year (\$10 if you are 65 or older). Please mail to SCSAA, PO Box 2186, Sidney, New York 13838

You will note an expiration date on your membership near your mailing label.

Thank you!

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**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NAME OF SIGNIFICANT OTHER AND CLASS YEAR (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**

**VOCATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE YOU RETIRED?** \_\_\_\_\_ **IF SO, WHEN DID YOU RETIRE?** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOBBIES, INTERESTS, VACATIONS, VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**NAMES OF YOUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN** \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT** \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Fellow Alums:  
Please note that there are several classes without a class representative. We sometimes hear alumni who are dissatisfied with the representation their classes receive. Rather than complain, please consider getting involved. The SCSAA is only as strong, as good, and as representative as the members who are actively involved. If you or someone you know is interested in being more involved with the SCSAA or any of its activities, please contact us at SCSAA, PO Box 2186, Sidney, NY 13838 or email <http://www.sidneyalumni.org>

## COMING EVENTS — ALUMNI WEEKEND 2014 — JULY 18-20

### Class of 1959

The mighty fine Class of '59 is planning their 55<sup>th</sup> reunion for Saturday, July 19, 2014. This also marks All Alumni Weekend and many familiar (and unfamiliar) faces will help us celebrate this wonderful time of gathering and sharing our memories!

Our luncheon will be a buffet at the Sidney Country Club from 12:30 to 4:00 PM. A menu is still in the planning stage & further details will be announced as time draws nearer.

If any classmates have any suggestions for this event, please feel free to contact Bonnie Provenzon Curtis at [jnbcurtis@stny.rr.com](mailto:jnbcurtis@stny.rr.com).



### Class of 1979

Plans are currently being made for the 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The arrangements so far are: July 18 - Friday evening Ice Breaker at Sidney American Legion

July 19 - Dinner at Cream of the Crop, Bainbridge  
Watch for further details coming soon! Contact Jill (Curtis) Brazee, LouAnn (Miller) Rorick, Dave Rutenber, or Lori (Booth) Shaw for information

or with suggestions. We hope to see everyone there!

### Class of 1984

The class of 1984 will gather on July 19, 2014 at the Sidney Golf and Country Club for their 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Please send your updated contact information to Michelle Dann Stewart at [fourstews@att.com](mailto:fourstews@att.com). You may also visit the class Facebook page at Sidney New York class of 1984.

### LOOKING FOR NEWS OF YOUR CLASS?

If you enjoy reading about news about alumni and don't see your class represented or your updates included, please submit anything you wish to share along with your membership form to the SCSAA website at this address: [scsaa@stny.rr.com](mailto:scsaa@stny.rr.com) or by contacting your class representative. Reflections is your newsletter, please support this effort by staying in touch and paying your membership dues regularly.  
Thanks!



Fleming Larsen was the Keynote Speaker at the Alumni Wall of Fame Luncheon and Induction Ceremony. Fleming was an exchange student with the class of 1963.

### MORE IMAGES FROM SPORTS HALL OF FAME



LEGACY TEAM



THANK YOU, BONNIE PROVENZON CURTIS (above) and WAYNE KING (below)





# IMAGES FROM REUNION WEEKEND 2013

## Breakfast at the VFW



## WALL OF FAME



## Thank you, Karen Cycon



## March of the Classes



## Thank you, Karen

For many years, Karen Cycon served as the Editor of Reflections. In spite of her busy life and many obligations, Reflections was carefully researched, edited, rewritten (or sometimes even written from scratch), and submitted for publication twice a year. Karen told me once that she was always amused when people said "you and your staff" as she looked over her shoulder in search of the non-existent "staff."

Once the final edition is put together it is sent to Deb Puffer who spends many hours going over the document word by word, character by character before sending it on to be published. Deb then gets the first class papers ready for mailing and works with the Tri-Town News employees to get everything ready to mail to alumni.

Unless you have firsthand experience with a production of this kind, it is hard to understand all that is involved (obtaining suitable photos, getting readable copy before the deadline, making it all fit, correcting grammar, spelling, and checking, re-checking, etc.).

All this happens before Sidney Alumni receive it in their mailbox or read it on line. It is a huge undertaking and Karen did it for years, year after year. Now that she is moving to the next chapter in her life, please add your voice to the chorus who are thanking her for all her efforts and wishing her the very best!

Elaine





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