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REUNION WEEKEND 2022

I am truly thrilled at the turnout and participation at Reunion Weekend. Mother Nature was very kind, giving us perfect weather!

Past staples, such as the golf tournament, pancake breakfast, corn hole tournament, memorial service and Friday/Saturday night socials went off without a hitch. It was so nice seeing alumni coming together to re-connect after being stuck inside for the past few years.

The highlight of the weekend was the new and improved March of Classes that took place on Main Street, Sidney. Generations of Sidney alumni gathered in front of the Community Cultural Center after a spectacular breakfast to march proudly down Main Street, with the help of Greg Davie and Bob D'Imperio as emcees. The reimagined venue helped breathe new life into this time-honored tradition. Another new edition this year was the pitch tournament, held at the Community Culture Center where we had 14 teams compete. I'm sure we'll see this tournament again in 2023.

The weekend closed, as it always does, with the Wall of Fame Reception, held this year at Club 55. This year's class of inductees was truly awe-inspiring. If you've never been to a Wall of Fame induction ceremony, I strongly recommend attending. It's a privilege to see the high caliber of people who've come from Sidney High.

The weekend is such a success due to the help of the Reunion Weekend Committee and Board of Directors of the Sidney Central School Alumni Association. A very special thanks to all members for making this year one for the books. I would also like to thank all the platinum sponsors whose support is greatly appreciated: Sidney Federal Credit Union, Wakeman Construction, Amphenol Corporation, C.H. Landers Funeral Home, Mirabito Energy Products and NBT Insurance.

We are always looking for new Reunion Weekend Committee members. Meetings begin in January and happen monthly up until the weekend itself. If you are interested and would like to join, please contact me at alumnigolftourney@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing everyone in 2023!

Sincerely, Bryan Innes



Alumni begin assembling for the revamped 'March of the Classes' in this aerial drone photo, taken by Sidney alum Mike Sellitti. Hundreds took over Sidney's Main Street that Saturday morning in what officials called a 'wonderfully enthusiastic reunion.'

More reunion pics inside!

WALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

A beautiful summer morning brought honorees, classmates and family to Club 55 to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Class of 2022 Wall of Fame honorees: Michelle Pressler, Joe Suriano, John Mirabito, Mary deVos Shaheen and Gregg Norris.

The Wall of Fame program showcases how students, hometown residents and Sidney Central School alumni can stay local or go anywhere in the world and accomplish great things. This year's honorees came from near and far.

Each year, the Wall of Fame committee researches and gathers information about candidates who have been nominated for this prestigious award. It is amazing to see how many Sidney alums have set their goals high, achieved their dreams and contributed so much to their career field and communities.

There is no shortage of deserving candidates. The committee looks for outstanding career achievements, honors and awards earned, level of education, contributions made to a career field and community commitment and dedication.

Honorees give credit to their hometown of Sidney – the teachers, administrators, coaches, family friends and community leaders who inspired and guided them through school and beyond. They agree that the stability, strong education, sports and arts programs, value system, work ethic and hometown pride all played an important part in helping them develop strong and vital character traits and business skills.

Following the Sunday morning memorial service, honorees, alum and families arrived at Club 55 to enjoy a sit-down buffet/reception/luncheon. At noon, everyone entered the beautifully decorated large room for the awards program. Hosts Alumni President Doug Sheldon and VP Jon Jay DeTemple introduced former honorees, including Pat Greene, who charmed us with her humorous thoughts. Doug and Jon Jay then shared the honors of introducing the presenters, giving unique information and interesting stories about each honoree. Presenters included Sidney grads, family members and inspirational leaders. Each honoree spoke for a few minutes, then pictures were taken with their awards.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Wall of Fame honorees, as well as all former honorees. This year, the honorees were invited to lead the March of Classes.

Next year, we hope to have more recognition of all past and present honorees. We invite Class Reps to bring their classes together to reserve a table and celebrate honorees at the awards program, and we encourage all honorees to return to Sidney to attend and enjoy Alumni Weekend.



From left, John Mirabito, '72, Gregg Norris, Michelle Pressler, '82, Mary deVos Shaheen, '72 and Joseph Suriano, '82.



WALL
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19th Sports HOF Induction Weekend Oct. 28-29

The Alumni Sports Hall of Fame committee has been busy preparing for the 19th Induction Weekend, coming later this month.

Chairman Greg Davie, '76, reports a steady and productive series of meetings, that started in July and continued bi-weekly through September. October will mean weekly gatherings until the big weekend.

The Class of 2022 will include the Henderson twins, Ron and Don, '67; Dr. Don Laird, '73; Neal Miley, '98; Eric Miley, '00 and Coach Steve Hornung, as well as the two-team Legacy Award recipients: the girls' cross-country teams of 1989 and 1990.

Induction Weekend begins Friday evening with HOF and Legacy recognition at halftime of the Sidney versus B-G football game at Alumni Field. Game time is 7:00 p.m. Following the ceremony, all inductees and alumni are invited to the annual social at the VFW, an event sponsored by ACCO Brands.

Tickets for this year's dinner and ceremony at the Elks Lodge are \$30 for adults, \$12 for kids 5-12 and kids under 5 eat free. A turkey and roast beef buffet dinner will be accented by a vegetable lasagna, with dessert provided by the Beez Kneez, a new Sidney business supporting Sidney alumni.

Interested alumni can contact Greg Davie at 607-643-5728. Payment can be arranged by check, money order or Venmo with Greg, just ask for details.

An additional weekend highlight will be an alumni soccer game, to be held outside (weather permitting), or indoors at noon on the 29th. If you are interested in playing, male or female, please bring a maroon shirt and white shirt and contact Greg Davie to reserve your spot.

Remember, the Sports Hall of Fame Induction also raises money for the annual \$750 scholarship, in its third year of honoring a graduating senior who makes significant contributions to the athletic department at Sidney Central School.

Defending Champs Take Cornhole III

If you've followed the cornhole event over three Alumni Weekends (2019-'22), you know the same two teams have battled it out each time for the top prize.

Fun fact: the third- and fourth-place tandems have never repeated, making it the best feature of all!

This year, 18 teams entered with a chance at those runner-up positions. Awestruck Cider, our gracious host, made their facility available, with three side-by-side courts. This allowed for prime viewing by spectators, and we thank them very much.

The tournament was dedicated to Doug Fessenden, longtime coach at Sidney, who passed away less than a month prior. Doug threw the ceremonial "first bag" before the start of the inaugural tourney in 2019. Through the double-elimination format, run by Jeff, '82, and Shelley Martindale Pendorf, '82, the cream did indeed rise to the top. The father-son duo of Kevin, '85, and Hunter Sowersby, '13, again emerged victorious over familiar opponents, Mike Boyce, '84, and Rick Beardslee, '02.

Third place this time went to brothers Andy, '11, and Billy, '14, Kozak, while fourth place was a married couple, Paul, '01, and Erin McCall Harrington, '02.

Half of all proceeds went to SCSAA, with the other half dedicated to the top four place winners. Cornhole remains a popular addition to Alumni Weekend.



1st place: Kevin and Hunter '13 Sowersby, '85 and '13. 2nd place: Rick Beardslee, '02, and Mike Boyce, '84.



Cornhole continued...

3rd place: Billy and Andy Kozak, '14 and '11. 4th place: Paul and Erin McCall Harrington, '01 and '02.



Chris Jayne, '67; Pete Riker, '64; Amy Fitzgerald, '67; Sue Bennett, '67; and Ellen Robinson, '69.

Reunion Weekend!

Deb Barnes, '70, and Deb Norman, '70.





Saturday Night Social

Tom Rettburg, '64; Robin Goodrich, '84; Jon Jay DeTemple, '61.



Harry and Gloria Papastrat, '66.



Gail Secunda, '67, with Cheryl and Steve Kozlowski, '66.



Doug Sheldon, '59, and Chris Schaeffer Ossont, '66.

March of the Classes



Joe Suriano, '82; Gregg Norris; John Mirabito, '72; and Michelle Pressler, '82.



Bryan Innes.



Gail Secunda, '67, and Peg Phelps, '68.



All four Felter sisters.



Ray and Elma Taylor.



Memorial Service Brings Great Music, Record Attendance

The 2022 Memorial Service was held under sunny skies at the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park. To many who attend this event annually, this year's marked the best of them all.

More than 75 people enjoyed a unique trilogy of live musical selections, a tribute to veterans and the traditional remembrance of departed classmates.

The service was again sponsored by C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel. Owner Jeff Bagley, '89, and manager Rosemary Gregory Fisher, '03, assisted in many phases, including the offering of an invocation and benediction.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the inaugural memorial service, held at the high school during Alumni Weekend 2002.

Musicians Jeff Doyle, '78, Terry Knight Dundon, '77, and Greg Davie, '76, were joined by their good friends from the Class of 1977, vocalists Nancy Soroka Hendrickson, Lori Hayes Hess and Rosemary Roberts Mirabito. Assisting with vocals and conducting was Jeff's brother, Jack Doyle, '73.

The first two songs were selected as 50th anniversary tributes to the Class of 1972: "Morning Has Broken" and "Lean on Me." Following an acknowledgment of alumni veterans by SVMPA President Doug Barnard, '77, the musicians performed a special "Tribute to America" medley arranged by Greg Davie.

It was nice to see the effort put in by the musical talent and the positive response from alumni who attend the memorial. A special thanks to those class reps who read the names of their departed classmates during the service.

Thanks, also, to all who attended and for the many positive comments.



Above: Singers Lori Hayes Hess, Rosemary Roberts and Nancy Soroka Hendrickson, all members of the Class of 1977, are pictured at the memorial service.



From left, singers and musicians Terry Knight Dundon, '77, Greg Davie, '76, Nancy Soroka Hendrickson, '77, Jeff Doyle, '78, Rosemary Roberts Mirabito, '77, Lori Hayes Hess, '77 and Jack Doyle '73 are pictured at this year's memorial service.

Class Notes

Faculty Robert Finnegan lives in Oneonta and taught elementary school in Sidney, along with coaching many sports. He retired in 2008 and enjoys golf, landscaping and stamp collecting. He has three daughters, **Jennifer**, '90, **KeriAnn**, '91 and **Kristen**, '93, and four grandchildren. He volunteers on the SCSAA Sports Hall of Fame committee.

Irma Donaloio Ruhr retired as the Sidney Junior High music teacher and enjoys reading. She lives in Texas and has one daughter, Brenda.

1952 Erma Scott-MacDonald is retired with two children and two grandchildren. She lives in New Jersey.

1953 Pat Greene lives in Unadilla and retired in 1999 as a clerk for the State Troopers. She enjoys bowling, reading and puzzles. She volunteers at the local Elks Club, the DAR, Women's Club and church. She recently traveled to New Orleans for the Women's Club Convention. She has two daughters, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She loves the newsletter and is very lucky to travel and spend time with family and friends.

1956 Patrick Simpson lives in Raleigh and enjoys writing and creating videos since retiring from IBM in 1991. He has written four books and has been a Christian since 1974. He has four children and three grandchildren. He volunteers for a newsletter as a writer and editor.

1958 Donalie Rosa Kelly retired in 2021 and enjoys reading and crafts. She volunteers at her church. She has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1959 Jim Hamilton was an owner of a lab and retired in 2006. He has two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He said the Sidney people are great.

1960 Linda Landers Burke works for a horse show management services company and recently traveled to St. John Virgin Islands. She does lots of volunteer work and lives in Horseheads. She has three grandchildren.

1961 Howard 'Dan' Bonnell lives in Virginia and retired in 2007 from carpentry. He enjoys model/HO train collecting, reading and building things. He recently traveled to Michigan to visit family and has two grandchildren.

June Haynes Elsemore lives in Penfield, New York and retired in 2006. She enjoys reading and crocheting. She has a daughter, Lisa, and two grandchildren.

1963 Marion Jipson Luce lives in Saratoga Springs and retired in 2002 from NEA of New York. She winters in Florida and has one daughter, Tina.

1964 Susan Dermody Kuehn retired in 2020 as the department supervisor for the English Department, where she was a teacher. She enjoys reading, gardening and travel and is a Eucharistic minister at her church. She recently traveled to Maine and Maryland. She has a daughter, Lori, and twin grandsons

Sharron Hamilton Sandberg lives in Norwich and has one daughter, Lorraine, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Nancy DuMond Selford lives in Ocala, Florida and has two children, Troy and Tonya, who were Afton graduates.

1965 Richard Derrick enjoys songwriting and playing his guitar, especially for worship. He volunteers at the Youth Coffeehouse. He lives in Sidney and has one son, Grant, and three grandchildren.

Carol Roof Hulbert lives in Sidney Center and has three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1966 Greg Wyss retired in 2015 to resume his writing career. His latest book "Sit Down and Have a Beer Again," an anthology of his poems and stories published in the 1970s, was recently published by Cholla Needles Arts and Literary Library. Greg and his wife Barbara live in Houston, Texas, enjoying life and traveling as much as they can. He looks forward to next summer, when the Class of 1966 celebrates turning 75.

1967 Edward Green lives in Binghamton and has two children and three grandchildren.

1968 Patricia Deering Brown retired in 2002 and her hobbies include her many pets – four cats, one dog, two rabbits, one parrot, eight chickens and 10 guinea fowl. In her spare time, she enjoys needlework, puzzles and thrift-store shopping. She volunteers for the Sacramento Wildlife Care Association and Stephen Ministries. Her most recent trip was to Costa Rica. She has three grandchildren.

Warren 'Duke' Finch is married to **Sondra 'Sonnie' Puffer, '67**, and they celebrated 54 years together this year. They are retired from working the AMA Motorcross and love to go motorcycling. They live in Florida most of the year, but enjoy Sidney Center in the summer months.

1971 Ron Burnham retired in 2019 and enjoys fishing, gardening and watching his two grandchildren. He lives in Maine and has four children, Derrick, Dana, Patrick and Laura.

Tony Zieno lives in Binghamton and is retired and enjoys traveling.

1972 Marsha Franks Gardner-Stickane retired in 2019 and enjoys gardening, reading, hiking and bike riding. She lives in Dryden and is so happy for the small school atmosphere in which she grew up. Her most recent trip was to Florida.

John Mirabito retired in 2019 from the insurance business. He enjoys travel, golf and yardwork. He has visited all seven continents. He enjoys his six grandchildren.

Philip Nuffer only lived in Sidney for one year, 1971-1972. He lives on the St. Lawrence River outside of Clayton and has been there for 50 years. He is retired from the New York State Parks system.

1976 Carole Redmond Stanbro lives in Greene and retired in 2013 from school administration. She likes to hike, travel and do volunteer work for hospice. Blessings in a Backpack and Greene Community Services.

1976 Jeffery Kirby retired in 2020 as the CEO of the New York Farm Bureau. He lives in Ballston Lake and enjoys golf, hunting and the beach. He has two children, Kaelin and Alexandra, and recently traveled to Bonita Springs, Florida.

1977 Christine D'Imperio Dexheimer lives in Sidney and has two children, **Sarah, 2005**, and **Tyler, 2010**. Her granddaughter, Jordyn Marie, will graduate from Sidney in 2034.

Brenda Walker Gerow lives in Walton and is a home health aide. She enjoys flowers and plants. She has three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Nancy Soroka Hendrickson is a registered nurse living in Oneonta. She enjoys golf and camping and sings in her church choir. She has three children and three grandchildren.

1982 Ellen Moran Bedell lives in Schenectady and loves to sew and reupholster and flip furniture and read.

1984 Robin Goodrich is a registered nurse in Connecticut with two children, Christian and Stephanie. She volunteers on the SCSAA board.

1987 Helen Hayes is a PA in orthopedics and has an alpaca farm in Harpursville with her spouse, Karen.

2017 Trenton Stillman is a family man living in Auburn. He enjoys staying active, going on hikes, hunting and fishing.

FIELD HOCKEY REDUX RESULTS IN A NAIL-BITER

It was a revamped format that created the closest game in the history of the field hockey alumni game, one of several aspects of Alumni Weekend to have new energy.

The 6th Alumni Field Hockey game was chaired for the first time by Tiffany Mott Thomas, '04. Tiffany abandoned the oldest versus youngest format and arranged teams according to odd or even graduating years.

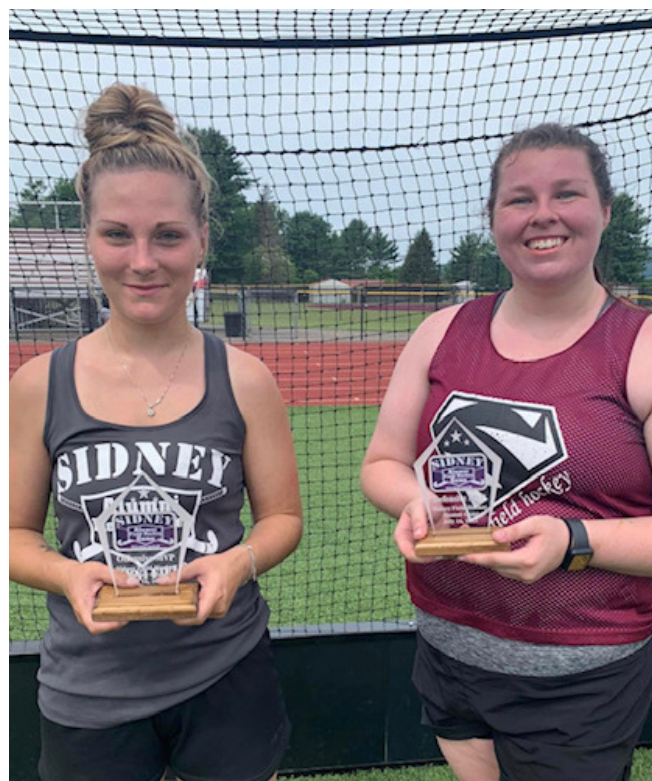
For the second year, the oldest alumnus was Helen Harris, '87, who joined the even years to balance the rosters. The game itself was evenly matched.

The "odds" secured an early lead, only to see the "evens" battle back. A late flurry led to a final game-winning goal by the odds, for a 6-5 victory.

The defensive MVP was Leanna Houck, '17, while the offensive MVP was Kristen Jones, '12, who scored two goals.

Tiffany wants to express her gratitude to the following folks who assisted in making the sixth alumni field hockey game a huge success:

Unofficial coaches were current varsity coach Christine Race and Hall of Fame coach Roxy Birdsall, '71. Current varsity players Ava Cirigliano and Emma Constable served as referees, and athletic coordinator Jim Karl, '87, gets props for his help, as well.



Clockwise from top, names not in order of appearance: White (even years): Kristen Jones, '12, Hannah Gray, '20, Bailey Gifford, '22, Faith Wheeler, '22, Dakota Cotton, '18, Bryleigh Beauchat, '20, Sandra Gannon, '16, Pam DuMond Tarnowski, '92, Helen Harris, '87 and Mikayla Wakeman, '14.

MVP Kristen Jones, '12, (offense) and Leanna Houck, '17, (defense).

Maroon (odd years): Tiffany Mott Thomas, '03, Ondrea Mott Gransbury, '05, Leanna Houck, '17, Sarah Singlar Lane, '07, Hannah Calkins, '19, Kelly Allen Cirigliano, '99, Ariyahna Bernard, '17, Michael Young, '07 and Sierra Boice, '05.

CLASS REP CORNER

Hello, Class Reps!

As we begin a new school year, let's work to improve our plans to get our classmates connected and involved.

*Are you excited about being a Class Rep?

If not, is there a classmate who can inspire or join in and help you?

*Are your class contact list and your classmate dues up to date?

Check your classmate info at sidneyalumni.org. Help your classmates to update their info, so they will get Reflections and can connect with each other.

Check your list of classmates on the website who are current with their dues. Help others to update and pay their dues.

*Do you connect with classmates monthly, or at least occasionally?

Birthday announcements or holiday greetings often generate interest and are fun for all.

*Are you thinking ahead to Alumni Weekend 2023?

It's a great time to gather for an anniversary dinner or a special birthday celebration!

The weekend is full of exciting activities, so your planning is easy.

Enjoy your classmates. Find out exciting news or classmate pictures and send them to Allison Collins, Reflections editor, at alliedcollins@frontier.com.

And contact me with questions, comments or great ideas to share.

Chris Schaeffer Ossont

chris.ossont23@gmail.com

315-794-2627

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY NEEDED

The Sidney Central School Alumni Association is seeking someone to assume corresponding secretary duties, beginning January 2023.

This person would become a member of the board of directors and be responsible for picking up all mail and keeping track of dues paid, addresses, deaths, etc. on the database. They would keep track of any correspondence and send out thank-you letters for any donations received.

They would write up the Class Notes section for Reflections from submitted membership forms and print out the labels that go on the Reflections mailing.

The incoming corresponding secretary should be someone residing in Sidney or nearby, so they can pick up mail on a regular basis, though it does not need to be every day.

They should also be willing to help during the annual Alumni Weekend.

Please contact Deb Puffer at dwpuuffer@frontiernet.net or 607-967-8480 if interested or for more information.

Who Was YOUR Favorite Teacher?

Mary Ruland: My husband, Don, and I loved and highly respected Miss Ruland. She taught Latin and history. She encouraged Don to think about going to college, even though no one in his family ever had. He did go to Colgate University, after serving two years in the Navy. She was a quiet lady, but a very good listener and she cared about her students.

Helma Bremser Chartier, Class 1953

In Memoriam:

James Wright, Class of 1944; d. March 2022
Howard Dingman, Class of 1947
Grace Hoyt Wright, Class of 1948
Herman Riesen, Class of 1950
Virginia Wagner Compton, Class of 1950
Bernice Gillar Gaydorus, Class of 1952
Calvin Pritchard, Class of 1952
Esther Weeden Davidson, Class of 1952
Howard Mills, Class of 1952
Carlton W. Crandall, Class of 1955
Dorothy Dunshee Finch, Class of 1955
James Clum, Class of 1955; d. Aug. 25, 2022
Paul DeForest, Class of 1955
Ella Bryden Morley, Class of 1957
Sandra Silvernail Coonrad, Class of 1957; d. Oct. 28, 2019
Stuart Sheldon, Class of 1958
Ann Bramley Laing, Class of 1960
Bob Davies, Class of 1960
Sharon Dimorier Odone-Duso, Class of 1960
Charlie Bishop, Class of 1961

Robert Darrow, Class of 1961
David O'Neil, Class of 1962
Michael Nichols, Class of 1962
Russell Germond, Class of 1962
William J. Cable, Class of 1963; d. July 19, 2022
Jack B. Parsons, Class of 1966
Richard Lawrence 1966 (ungraduated)
Dawn Hess Palmetier, Class of 1967
James Simpson, Class of 1970
Patti Simmons Stewart, Class of 1972
Susan Hotchkiss Glave, Class of 1972
Sharon Robbins, Class of 1973
Janice Beebe Williams, Class of 1974
Marilyn Steele Reynolds, Class of 1975
Terry Moore, Class of 1977; d. May 2022
Thomas Harris, Class of 1982
Randy Stringer, Class of 1984
Kevin C. Woods, Class of 1986
Joseph Beers, Class of 1987
Lewis Wolcott, III, Class of 1997
Doug Fessenden, faculty

Did You Know ...

- Who was pictured with Mikhail Gorbachev, former president of the Soviet Union?
- Whose dad was a beloved Sidney barber?
- Who lived on a houseboat in Boston Harbor?
- Who is still best friends with Sidney math teacher Marie Sejersen?
- Who recently had great seats at an Andrea Boccelli concert in Houston?
- Who was locally famous for creating hundreds of beautiful themed cakes?
- Who recently enjoyed a family wedding in Denmark?
- Who has attended the World Series, Kentucky Derby, Golf Masters, Indianapolis 500, US and British Open?
- Who creates beautiful quilts, placemats and wall hangings?
- Whose grandfather, Floyd Doolittle, was the Sidney postmaster?
- Whose new book, "Sit Down and Have a Beer Again?" is available on Amazon?
- Who managed a medical clinic in Haiti after an earthquake?
- Who graduated from Cornell University and grew garlic and vegetables and raised goats?
- Who owned a beautiful mountainside B&B?
- Who created "Speranza Quartet in C Major?" now on Spotify and YouTube?
- Which twins born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania weighing a total of seven pounds?
- Who has visited all seven continents?
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- Who are these people and what do they have in common?
- Answers: Jean McIntyre, Patti Jo Provezon, Rindy Wood, Lee Ellen Coy & Bill Palmer, Harry Papastrat, Kathy Eckerson, Monica Egnaczek, Dennis Porter, Charlotte Johnson, Chris Schaeffer, Greg Wyss, Bert Anderson, Doug Bowne, Steve Anderson, Jon White, Candy & Cathy Lentz and Jay More.

•**All classmates of the Class of '66!**

Send YOUR "Did You Knows" to Reflections!



Alumni Pancake Breakfast at the CCC



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Alumni Pitch Tournament



An Amazing Sidney Alum Story: Jay More

When you graduate from Sidney Central School, you can go anywhere...and do anything! That's just what Jay More, Class of '66, did.

Jay More has toured all seven continents. He's made exciting memories in more than 60 countries and has accumulated 60 albums and over 300 trays of slides, which he used for teaching in his classroom, turning students into world travelers.

As a kid, Jay grew up moving between five states, then moved from Minnesota to Sidney as a high school freshman. Traveling was in his blood.

Jay graduated with his bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY Oneonta, then taught in Cooperstown for 33 years before retiring. While teaching, he chaperoned a few school trips to Spain and, in 1982, Jay was ready to venture out. From 1983-2020, he explored and pursued his interests in history, travel and photography, exploring Europe, Asia and Africa. He loved the animals and the people. He enjoyed seven wildlife safaris. He loved the culture and the people of China, Vietnam and India, as well as Tasmania, Iceland, Indonesia, Tunisia and Myanmar. He photographed landscapes, kids, the elderly and now has a museum-quality collection of over 200 beautiful and captivating framed photos.

Jay loved the people in cities and rural areas. He enjoyed the differences in lifestyles and terrain. He stayed in large, glamorous hotels and small, quaint hotels. He loved the variety of food, and "never had a bad meal."

Especially fond memories include a waiter in India who insisted on preparing special fruit for him; gifts of handmade pillows in Peru; a treasured jade ring from a sweet little girl in Bolivia, for whom he of course had a special return gift.

Jay practiced his unique talent – his impression of Donald

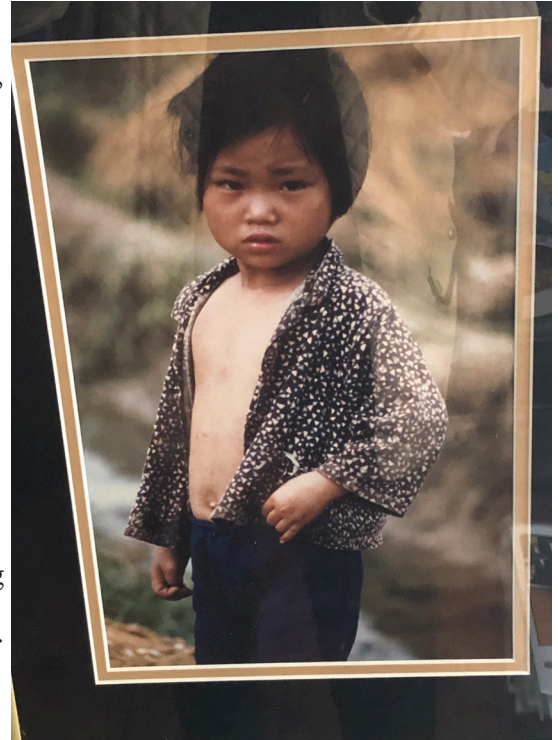
Duck's voice! – for

new friends, and young and old would gather 'round. His talent seemed to eliminate the language barrier, creating mutual trust and many smiles; kids would laugh and adults would try to imitate Jay.

During his lifetime of incredible experiences, Jay was most impressed by the friendliness of the people, commenting that "everyone, everywhere went out of their way to be welcoming and friendly."

What a positive message from our friend, Jay More, who traveled from Sidney, New York to the far corners of the world...

Please share your special stories about people you've met, places you've been, collections you have and things you've created and done.





MEMBERSHIP FORM

Sidney Central School Alumni Association (SCSAA)

(Please Print)

Today's Date: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Addr.: _____
(PO Box/Street #) (Street) (Apt #)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone No.: _____
(Area Code) (Phone Number)

E-Mail Address: _____
May we place your contact information on your class list on the
SCSAA website, www.sidneyalumni.org?
() YES () NO

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please send your tax-deductible membership
contribution of:

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☐ \$10 Over age 65 Annual
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www.sidneyalumni.org/PayPal/membership.html

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Would you like to help out or serve on a committee?
If yes, what area(s) interest you?

_____ Community Relations _____ School Relations
_____ Reunion Weekend _____ Membership
_____ Sports Hall of Fame _____ *Reflections*
_____ Wall of Fame _____ Other: _____

ALUMNI CONNECT

Alumni Connect is our online database connected to a
touchscreen monitor interface located in SHS. Current
students can interact with the screen and search
Alumni by specific criteria: profession/trade, branch of
service, college/university attended or sports played.
The student can then have the option of contacting you
however you choose. This a great opportunity for you
to give back by providing guidance and insight to
Sidney students. Thank you for your support!

() Yes, please count me in! () No, thanks.

If yes, how would you prefer to be contacted?

() Email () Phone () Postal Mail
() Facebook Messenger () Other _____

SCS INFORMATION:

Your SCS Class Year: _____

Your Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Maiden name (if applicable): _____

Spouse's/Partner's Name: _____

Spouse/Partner's SCS Class Year: _____

Are you (or were you) a SCS faculty member?

If yes, which subject(s)/grade(s)? _____

**Did you coach any sports teams? If yes, which
sports, the level, and the year(?)** _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Vocation: _____

Retired? If yes, what year? _____

Hobbies: _____

Volunteer Activities: _____

Recent Vacations: _____

Children's First Names (& SCS graduation yr.) _____

Number of Grandchildren: _____

Number of Great Grandchildren: _____

Your Personal Statement: _____



How Alumni Giving Makes a Big Impact

MYTH

I can only give a small amount to SCSAA and it won't make a difference.

Every dollar helps us to do more for the school, community and alumni.

MYTH

My information isn't important to the association.

Out of 7,768 names in our database, we have 3,360 for which we have addresses, and some of them are not correct.

MYTH

My dues will not make a big impact.

Out of those 3,360 addresses, only around 850 are paid members. Dues are our only guaranteed income to help us accomplish our goals.



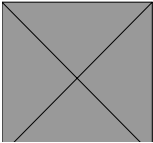
Here are some of the impacts our association has had on different organizations and incentives:

1. Our alumni association and alumni were able to give over \$50,000 to the Sidney Veterans Memorial Park
2. We buy six yearbooks every year for students who cannot afford to buy one
3. We gave \$2,500 to the library to digitize all the Tri-Town News newspapers
4. We give five scholarships to graduating seniors, two academic awards and one sports scholarships every year
5. We have a Career Day at the high school
6. We send a student to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program
7. We helped United Way financially during the 2006 and 2011 floods to help businesses stay afloat
8. We gave over \$12,000 to the Sidney Center Revitalization Project
9. We gave \$10,000 to United Way to help businesses during COVID
10. We pay for the Christmas music that is played over the downtown speakers every year
11. We give four Teen Institute scholarships every year (SADD)

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