

LAKE GEORGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS



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Thank You Rachael. Chances are we are the luckiest organization in the Lake George area thanks to celebrity alumni '86 Rachael Ray. For 11 years she has traveled home and given of her time to our Spring Cooking Show Benefit Fundraiser. These dollars are turned into at least 10 - \$1,000.00 awards plus new awards that we have been able to assist with such as a gift to the Post Star Teen Excellence recipients, Leanne Bulich and Hannah O'Connell; Future Leaders of America, French Immersion Weekend, Elementary Library upgrades and the Clarkson New Horizon Summer Classes for Math and Science recipients in 7th and 8th Grade. This success is also due to the event partnerships with Fran Coccozza, Lindy Sicard, Todd Wood, Maryanne Gipson, Andy Caruso and the Night Crew and the Media Club, Lake George Baking Company, Oscar's Smokehouse, and our dear members Gloria Gilman, event coordinator, Tom & Bev Roach, Judy Sullivan, Jerry Eichen, Ellen Himmelblau, Carol Labruzzo, Roberta Sweet and John Whitely and many more evening volunteers. This event is rain or shine and thank the heavens for all those tents outside. Pet and People food donations were at an all time high as distributed to SPCA-Queensbury, Purrs & Paws - Lake George and the Sacred Heart Church Food Pantry. Thank you also to the team of volunteer students that set up and stayed until the end to clean up.

2014 ~ Rachael Ray Benefit Show ~ TO BE ANNOUNCED

2012 LAKE GEORGE ALUMNI BANQUET, "Blast from the Past '62" Honoring the Class of 1962

The 2012 Lake George Alumni Banquet was held at the TIKI Resort in Lake George Village on Saturday, October 6th. 144 folks attended including 22 Classmates of '62. Opening remarks were given by LGHS Alumni President Thomas Roach '59 and Patricia Burden Connors '62. Entertainment was provided by Bobby Dick "Rock 'n' Roll 101" with DJ Susie Q.

The annual silent auction was held throughout the evening. It featured a variety of items from local area businesses and citizens. The Alumni would like to thank all who participated by either donating or purchasing items. The profit from this event helps to give scholarships to students and to purchase necessary equipment for the school.

Rounding out the evening were annual awards presented as follows: Special Honors went to Carl R. DeSantis from the Class of 1944; Educator's Awards to Douglas and Barbara Wilson; and the Community Service Award to Charles E. '40 and Ruth Hawley.

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**2013 ANNUAL BANQUET ~ "Blue Hawaii '63" ~ GEORGIAN RESORT
Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013 • Lakeside Reception ~ Buffet ~ Awards ~ Music ~ Dancing!**

Annual Alumni Banquet, "Blast from the Past '62"

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Evening highlights included: Lynn Goodness '62, a Vietnam veteran, spoke to honor all veterans; Sam Hagan, a reknown tenor (husband of Marty Ellis Hagan '62) sang a heart-warming "God Bless America"; and Sandra A. Smith remembered our departed classmates with a poem.

The Class '62 gift to the school was presented to Francis Coccozza, LGHS Principal, by Orest Boychuk '62. It is a 90 inch bronze plaque, now in place over the school's Main Entrance, engraved "Lake George Jr.-Sr. High School."



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Banquet

"Blue Hawaii '63"

Join us **Sunday, October 13, 2013**
at the **Georgian Resort**
on Lake George
from **5:30 - 11:00 pm**

**CELEBRATING
THE CLASSES of
1953 and 1963**



- Peg & Garry Duell
and Phyllis Vandecar Meader,
1953 - Committee
duellinthesun2@att.net
- Pam Parrott, 1963 - Chairperson
518-668-2822

Reception on Newly Renovated Lakeside Patio

- Buffet Dinner: \$38.00 pp all inclusive
- Music & Dancing with Bobby Dick and Susie Q
- Small Silent Auction Scholarship Benefit
- Honors, Awards & Class Photos
- Hawaiian Attire Optional
- Best Dressed Couple Prize

If you are unable to attend, send us a short hello and thoughts about your time at Lake George Central School.

WALL OF HONOR - 2012



CARL R. DESANTIS

Carl graduated with the Class of 1944 and continued on to Skidmore College after serving his country in the US Army Air Force. In 1943 he, with his father's encouragement, opened the first of many well known restaurants in the Upstate New York area. As the Adirondack Northway became reality, he was visionary enough to foresee the potential for more successful restaurants. His perseverance in the food industry led to continued success and over the years resulted in ownership and operational responsibility for six Howard Johnson's franchises, and three additional independently owned restaurants. Carl has always had a keen interest in helping other people, and by using employment at his restaurant, created opportunities for thousands of young folks with need for seasonal, and often, long term employment. Throughout his business career, Carl has always been involved in civic affairs, serving as Lake George councilman, President of the NYS Restaurant Association, Director of Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce, and myriad other key leadership positions. As Chairman of the Lake George Park Commission, Carl's actions have enhanced the betterment of the entire Adirondack Region, including Lake George. Now retired, Carl and his wife, Barbara, reside near Lake George. They are the proud parents of five children, eleven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

EDUCATOR AWARD: 2012 Recipients

Douglas and Barbara Wilson showered their students at Lake George Jr. Sr. High School with sincere and loyal dedication. They are a married couple that worked every day together and actually had the entire third floor at the school to use as a showcase teaching room that enhance the best from their students. Together they were an incredibly positive influence on all their students lives due to their own love, appreciation and creative art abilities. Marla Meyers a former student gave a beautiful introduction as they were welcomed to accept their award. Doug and Barbara have been retired for several years though still substitute as needed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: 2012 Recipient

Charles "Chuck" '40 and Ruth Hawley - The committee realized their generosity over a lifetime of giving of themselves led to the enrichment of so many folks, young and old through the many organizations and programs that were strengthened and supported by their work and that still exist today. Charles was the artist and Ruth the teacher and promoter. Chuck dedicated his life to protecting Lake George. As an artist, Chuck was able to capture the pristine Lake that always moved him toward the guarding of its well being. As a town supervisor he was able to continue the watch. As a member of the Lake George Park Commission for 30 years he generated much stronger support for the care.

Ruth was devoted to her Troop 8 Girl Scouts for many years along with friend Doris Bruno. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Lake George and a religious education teacher. She was a volunteer in the Girl Scouts of America and became the historian on the Archive Committee. She received the highest award of a Girl Scout Volunteer, the Girl Scout's "Thanks" Badge. She was a volunteer docent with the Hyde Collection of Glens Falls, a member of the Lake George Historical Association, and a member of the Lake George Planning Board for many years.

Both Chuck and Ruth assisted with the publication of the Lake George Sacred Heart Church stain glass window guide booklet depicting the story of Father Isaac Jogues, a Jesuit missionary from Orleans, France, believed to be the first European to discover beautiful Lake George in 1646.

And so it goes, as a couple they continued to always show their love and passion for the Lake by teaching it's history, staying aware of the protection and nurturing needs and willing to stand up for the right steps in growth and development. Their legacy was a lifetime achievement for the Hawleys.

We thought you might like to know...

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- The Alumni's proper name is, "Lake George High School Alumni Association, Inc.
- Membership dues have been increased to \$20.00 per year
- Our 2nd Year Scholarship Applications for \$1,000.00 are due in August.
- The next regular Alumni meeting is September 18
- Agenda: Banquet & 2013 Scholarships
- Nominations for Wall of Honor, Educator and Community Service by 9/25/13
- Thank you to Vic Lefebvre '47 for assisting with the donation of an American Flag and stand from the Alumni Lake George American Legion

ALUMNI & CLASSMATES

- Class of 1937 Valedictorian Winfred Stranahan LaRose was a driving force and instrumental in the preservation and restoration of the Warren County Courthouse as an Institute of History, Arts and Science in 1963. The Lake George Historical Association oversees the museum and programs and alumnus Alex Parrott is the President.
- Alumni classmates donated to the new 10' diorama of Canada Street, circa 1930's, representing the time when world famous artist Georgia O'Keeffe and husband photographer, Alfred Stieglitz lived in Lake George at Oaklawn on the Bolton Road. See list on page 5.
- Diorama built by Dunham Studios, Pottersville also accents the O'Keeffe/Stieglitz exhibit with grant funding from Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership.
- Thank you to those donating to the expansion of the latest exhibit Museum diorama.
- 60 Years ago, Class of 1947 Valedictorian Don Baxter started the Painted Pony Rodeo in Lake Vanare. Horses came from Montana by rail car to Hadley that spring.
- Don's good friend and classmate, Gordon Ellsworth, began team roping then, retired last year from the sport and continues to attend every rodeo with wife Betty.

ANNUAL BANQUET:

- Class of 1953 Reunion organizing committee: Peg & Garry Duell and Phyllis Vandecar Meader
- Class of 1963 reunion committee: Pam Parrott, Marsha Humphrey Bartels and Peter Torgensen
- PS: Pam Parrott was the Friday Night Fish Fry Girl at Howard Johnson's Lake George way back when.....Oh 1962-63.

RACHAEL RAY SPRING BENEFIT SHOW

- Allison Squires, Adirondack Journal intern, did a great job interviewing Rachael during our spring fundraising cooking show.
- Thank you Mark Frost for capturing that moment.

In Memory

Joan Moffitt Bannon
Robert L. Griffen
Joann Graves Harris
Sharon Moon Howes
Richard Horn
Mildred Brown Hughes
Gladys M. McNeill
Alexander J. Mulligan
Joseph Regan
Donald Edward Sanders
Robert S. Thompson
Erik J. Virta
Michelle Ann Virta

EDUCATORS

Ronald G. Cole
Rino Frulla



ENGAGEMENTS

*Amanda Susan Copeland**
to
Brad Kelleher

WEDDINGS

Marissa Lynn Stone
to
*Erik John Greco**

Jamie Lynn Benway
to
*Dana Martin**

* Lake George Graduate/Alumna

Lake George High School Alumni Association, Inc.

AWARDS for School Year 2012-2013

The Alumni Association is proud to be able to coordinate special fundraising events that enable us to sponsor the following monetary donations to worthy students furthering their education. Many thanks go to the generosity of Alumnus Rachael Ray '86 for her dedication to giving back to her High School.

2012 LGHS Alumni Association: Awards to 2nd Year Students

- Lauren Azer
- Jennifer Bechard
- Erin Blunt
- Richard Feather
- Gavin Garry
- Stephanie Gipson
- Hunter Hamilton
- Caroline Murphy
- Chaskin Saroff
- Cassidy Woods

2013 Alan and Mary Pike Awards (per endowment from the Pike Family)

- Rachel Leombruno
- Robert Leombruno

NEW 2013 LGHS Alumni Association Awards

- Elizabeth Belyea
- Hahnah Saroff

NEW 2013 LGHS Rachael Ray Award

- Emma O. Feathers

NEW 2013 Clarkson University Horizon Award

Acceptance to the Math & Science Summer
Girls Program for 7th & 8th Graders

- Margaret Earl
- Alydia Meinke
- Kristen Martindale
- Shannon Mulcahy

NEW 2013 Post Star Teen Excellence Awards

- Leighann Bulich
- Hannah O'Conner

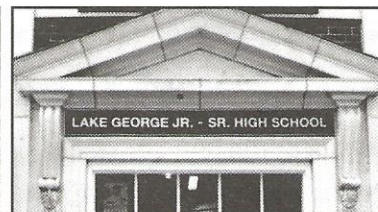
2013 Donations

- Future Business Leaders of America
- French Immersion Weekend Sponsor

CLASS OF 1962



Front Row L-R: Carolyn MacEldowney Morgan, Burt Morehouse, Lois Kissinger, Carol Hughes Prejean, Joan Wills Goodsell, Peggy Ginniff, Pat Burden Connors. Second Row L-R: Marsha Russell Sires, Ellen Sahlke Ridley, Marti Ellis Hagan, Lynn Goodness, Gail Morey Couse, Peter Jackson, Morgan Allen, Jean Briggs Jacobs, Bob Ellsworth, Rich Montena, Orest Boychuk, Sandra Archard Smith, Dan McGowan, Raymond Putney, Dick Sanford.



Thank You to the Class of 1962 for the replacement of the sign over the LGHS main entrance.

Pat Burden and Orest "Butch" Boychuck coordinated the effort and the following were financial contributors.

- Sandra Archard Smith
- Vonda Varnum Beattie
- Karen Bialous Boltz
- Orest Boychuck
- Gail Morey Couse
- Peter Jackson
- Jean Briggs Jacobs
- Patricia Burden Connors
- Martha Willis Hagan
- Robert Ellsworth
- Margaret Ginniff
- Lynn Goodness
- Carol Hughes Prejean
- Linda Kornoff Sheehan
- Daniel McGowan
- Richard Montena
- Carolyn MacEldowney Morgan
- Burton Morehouse
- Peter Parrott
- Raymond Putney
- Ellen Sahlke Ridley

We Wish You The Best!

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2013



Your Help is Requested!

Request for nominations for the 2013 Banquet Awards are due September 25, 2013.

Nominations For:

Wall of Honor

Educator / Teacher

Community Service

Please send your nominations with a brief background to:

LGHS Alumni Association

PO Box 575

Lake George, NY 12845

LAKE GEORGE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION DIORAMA CO-SPONSORS

- Marsha Humphrey Bartels
- William V. Beswick
- Marian Reuf Bicks
- P. Neal Caple
- Harry Carey
- Patrick M. Dee
- Marcia A. Hastings
- Kenneth C. Hyde
- David J. King
- Penny Morey
- Pam MacDonald Morin
- Pamela L. Parrott
- Beverly Hughes Roach
- Thomas Roach

2013 Alumni Officers

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Past President and

Fundraising Chair Gloria Gilman

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MEMBERSHIP, RENEWALS & DONATIONS

Date _____

NAME:

First _____

Maiden _____

Last _____

Class _____ Years _____
Year _____ Attended _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Annual Membership DUES include
Newsletter, Updates and Announcements
(Membership year is Dec. - Jan.)

☐ Annual Dues \$20.00

☐ Scholarship Fund \$ _____

☐ Dedicated
Donation of \$ _____

To _____

(Example: Music Department)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check # _____

Date Rec'd. _____

Dep. _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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"Taking Care of Memories"

Lake George High School

ALMA MATER

Oh Lake of crystal water,
surrounded by yon hills:
the mountains peaks rise up
to kiss the blue'nd skies and rills.

Our high school stands
upon the mound,
we gaze at all thy charms!
God bless our Alma Mater
in the Adirondack Arms!

As forward through the years
we march,
our footsteps toward success . . .
we dream of

Lake George High School,
and the friends that we possess.
The love and honor in our hearts
shall last forever more:
the things that we have accomplished
shall reflect upon the door!

Written by
Lake George Central School Sophomore
Barbara Parsons Langworthy 1941

"Thank You, We Appreciate Your Support"

----- RETURN THIS PORTION -----

"Blue Hawaii '63"

2013 ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION

- October 13, 2013 from 5:30 to 11:00 pm at the Georgian Resort
- Lakeside Reception, Buffet, Awards, Music and Dancing
- Small Silent Auction for Scholarship Benefit

- Response Deadline: September 30, 2013
- All Dinners: \$38.00 per person - includes Tax & Gratuity
- Welcome and Class Group Photos

Name/s _____ Class _____
(Include Maiden Name)

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____

Comments/Special Requests _____

If possible, I would like to be seated with:

No. Attending: _____ Total: \$ _____ Check #: _____ Rec'd Date: _____ Deposit Date: _____

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An alumnus (pl. **alumni**) according to the *American Heritage Dictionary* is "a graduate or former student of a school, college or university."