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Alumni 2017 "Sharing for a Moment"

"Wrapping the Old and Welcoming the New"

January 1, 2018 It is really very cold here in the Lake George Area with record below zero temperatures all around the Adirondacks for the next week. Also, it's a FULL MOON Weekend. Seemed to be "no problem" when I was 16 working at Wilcox's after school and had to run home. Or when skating on Lake George or Parrott's Pond with the new Christmas skates. However, now fast forward, I stay inside, have meals on wheels delivered, can't even bend over to pull up the new \$15.00 copper compression socks and if I can get them started I practically fell out of the chair pulling them up. And, if I am lucky enough to get them up, then I am supposed to go back down and tie up the lace sneakers. Yikes. Oh, that's right, I must have been absent when Miss Casey talked about the aging process. For the other things she forgot to tell us, I have decided at 71 it was best she didn't or I (and perhaps a few others) would still be clinging to the front door of school, too afraid to leave. Then, by now, Principal Coccozza would have identified and bronzed all those bodies as a piece of historical artwork. Guess I'll be moving on now..... As I try to find good words to express a life time of thoughts.... here is my best for today.

- **I am thankful for all the long-lasting friendships** I have been part of, some since kindergarten (1952) at Lake George Central District School including the afterschool neighbors that played Ring-a-Liveo, built snowmen, tree houses and set up tents in the rain.
- **I am grateful for this beautiful Lake George community** I grew up in and the feeling of always being safe.
- **I appreciate the LGCSD educational efforts** to make me stronger, even though I should have listened better.
- **I feel lucky I can still remember:** Miss Casey, Mr. Chase, Mrs. Barbara Pratt, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Moon, Mrs. Horn, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Fordyce, Mr. De Grush, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Bevins, Mr. Morgan, Miss Bozanic, Miss Belden, Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. Kincaid, Mrs. Combs, Coach Dawes, Mrs. Church and Mr. Cronin to name a few. Oh...and Mr. Finlayson, that's right, he's the one that let me drive a car. Each of them adding a little something very important.

For finding out **Mrs. Barbara Langworthy wrote the LGHS Alma Mater and Roberta Sweet Whitely designed our LG Alma Mater Pins..... by Pam MacDonald Morin '64, Sec/Treas. LGHSAA**



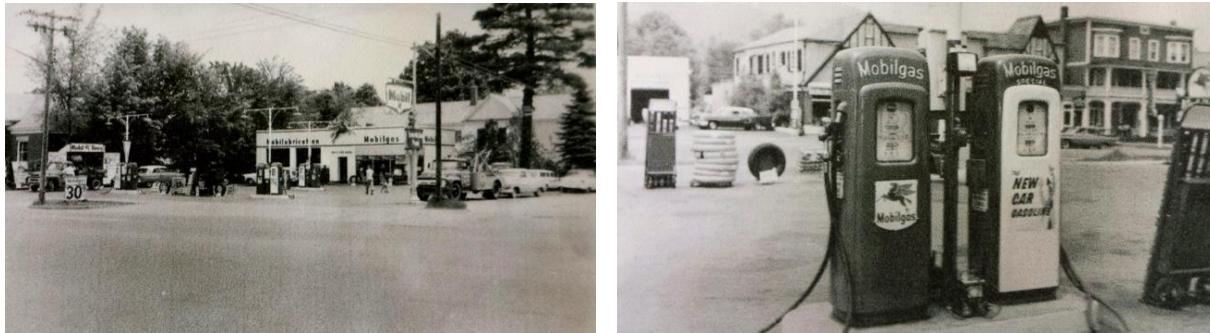
Kent and Barbara Langworthy



Cort Langworthy and Roberta Sweet Whitely

Do you remember?

Haskell's Mobil Station Gas Station is where Duffy's Deli and Tavern are now. Marge Haskell Mannix's Family owned this gas station. Photo provided by Tom Roach.



FYI Around Town

- Denny Galloway, 92, has been a driving force in the project to accent the entrance to Lake George Village at Exit 21, with lighting, a new memorial and visitor seating. "Time to Care". He is a Rotarian and a WW II Veteran with an amazing dedication for his Lake George Community.
- The Fort William Henry created a "Field of Flags" covering the lawn facing Route 9 with approximately 5,000 flags to celebrate Veterans Week.

Catching Up

1. **It is official.** At a recent LGSAA meeting, President Tom Roach '59, reported, "We received the final decision from the Rachael Ray Organization that the LGS Cooking Show will unfortunately not be possible this Spring. Our association is grateful for the many years Rachael was able to provide this unbelievable fund raiser. Through her generosity, the association has been able to give back to student related projects, scholarships, activities and equipment in the amount of over \$200,000.00."
 - New fundraising ideas may be sent to Tom. tomroach2658@gmail.com
2. **Front Lawn Sprinkler System was completed, funded by the LGSAA.**
3. **Front Lawn Main Sign has been upgraded funded by the LGSAA.**
4. **Four electronic information boards were placed in the High School and funded by the LGSAA.**
5. **The Lake George Elementary School will celebrate their 50th Anniversary in September 2018**
 - The Alumni Association has pledged funds to continue the enhancement of the elementary school main entrance and garden areas under the direction of the 2017/2018 Elementary Leadership Program.
 - Your Kind Words and/or Stories are Welcome and may be sent directly to Principal James Conway: conwayj@lkgeorge.org

Good News

Active Alumni become New Leaders at Lake George American Legion Post 374

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Commander: Gary Vernum

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2nd Vice: Ted Beaudet

3rd Vice: John Sheets

Auxiliary President: Jean Monroe

S.A.L. Commander: Steve Swanson

AMVETS Commander: Charlie Luce

Adjutant/Finance Officer: Randy Powell

Chaplain: Dale Fordyce

The Lake George American Legion Post 374 Annual Boat Ride & Steak Dinner will take place from May 11th to May 13th, 2018. The boat ride is **open to the public**. So far, we have confirmed the following details:

- **Friday, May 11th: Ham dinner & entertainment**
 - 5-7pm. Dinner is \$12 per person.
- **Saturday, May 12th: Boat Ride & steak roast dinner**
 - Bloody Mary Party takes place at the Post from 9am to 11am.
 - The trolley will shuttle guests from the Post to the dock between 10:45am and 11:45am.
 - **ALL ABOARD!!** The Mohican will depart at 12 noon and return around 2pm.
 - The trolley will shuttle guests back to the Post.
 - Steak roast dinner will be from 2:30pm until 4:30pm. Dinner is included with your boat ride ticket.
 - Entertainment and raffles to follow! The S.A.L. will host a lottery raffle while the Auxiliary will host a basket raffle.
- **Sunday, May 13th: Farewell Breakfast**
 - Upstairs at the Post from 8am to 11am
 - Included with your boat ride ticket

IN MEMORY of “Schuyler Heights” Heroes: George and Bob



Dennis Dickinson '64, Nancy Kornhoff Stannard
George Stannard* and Andy Grant Dickinson '65



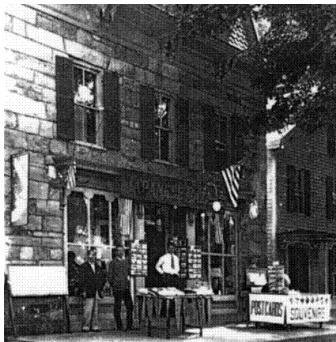
Robert “Bobby” Bruno’s* Best Friends
Fred Stannard and Nathan Hamilton

George enjoyed life to its fullest. He loved to be surrounded by his family and friends, especially for Sunday dinners at his home on Lake George. George had a unique ability to establish long-lasting personal relationships with all those he met along the way, and you just never knew who might be joining family and friends at Sunday dinner. From the first time George walked into the woods at Blue Ridge off of the Boreas Road in the town of North Hudson with his father, he became an avid whitetail deer hunter. Each fall he waited in anticipation for the opening day of hunting season. He found comfort being in the woods surrounded by all the beauty of the Adirondacks and spending time with his family and friends at camp on Prospect Mountain and in Newcomb. George started his career in law enforcement more than 50 years ago with the Queensbury Police Department. George was a retired Warren County Police Sergeant, Fire Police Captain for the Lake George Fire Department, worked for the Department of Environmental Conservation in the summers and was a softball, basketball and baseball coach.

Robert Bruno, was a graduate of Lake George High School in 1971. He passed away July 2016 and this award has been set up in his name. The enclosed picture shows Fred Standard, his lifelong friend and classmate, and Sgt. Nathan Hamilton, the first recipient of the Sergeant Robert E. Bruno Award of Investigative Excellence. Sent to us by Jean Bruno. **Press Release**. NH State Police Troop F is proud to recognize one of its own. On April 11, 2017, Sergeant Nathan B. Hamilton of the New Hampshire State Police-Troop F, was recognized at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, (DHMC) surrounded by his family and peers where he was awarded the First Annual *Sergeant Robert E. Bruno Award of Investigative Excellence*. This award is given in recognition of those who have achieved the highest standards of excellence as embodied in the work ethos established by Sergeant Bruno in the investigation of crimes against children and families, facilitated by the office of the Grafton County Attorney. Sergeant Robert E. Bruno served 28 years with the New Hampshire State Police, retiring as a Detective Sergeant assigned to Troop F in Twin Mountain, NH where he was a very successful investigator, working several high-profile cases during his tenure retiring in 2007. Sadly, Sergeant Bruno passed on July 23, 2016 after a short battle with cancer. The award was presented at the *Shield Our Children from Harm* conference at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, (DHMC). This was particularly appropriate because Sergeant Bruno was recognized as an early supporter of the Grafton and Sullivan County’s Child Advocacy Center at DHMC. Child Advocacy Centers are child-friendly places where trained forensic interviewers talk to suspected victims of child abuse. As DHMC’s website explains “It’s a place where Child Protective Services social workers, police investigators, mental health professionals, victim advocates, prosecutors, and medical providers plan and coordinate services and interventions for children where there are concerns for abuse. It is a place where young victims of sexual abuse can talk about their abuse without further traumatization by the system.” Present for the presentation of the award, was Sergeant Bruno’s wife Jeanne, his daughter Katie and son Michael.

IN MEMORY

Robert Tamon Kurosaka '53



HISTORIC BUILDING REMAINS IN LAKE GEORGE VILLAGE

The Bazaar is a long-time fixture in Lake George. Constructed of rugged field-stone quarried from east Lake George and brought over on the ice by sleighs. The building on Canada Street of Lake George Village has seen many tourists and visitors overtime. Built in 1819 by Halsey Rogers, an early settler, it housed a post office and general store and several kinds of shops in its early days and also survived some fires.

For eighty years the Kurosaka family leased the building from the Benham family and ran a gift/souvenir shop. This long venture began with George Kurosaka Sr and his wife Sato. George came to the United States in 1922 from Japan. He resided first on the West Coast and then moved to New York City. Here he contracted tuberculosis and was advised to move north to the mountains. After seeing photos taken by Itsuzo Sumy, a Japanese photographer who settled in Chestertown, he moved to Lake George in 1925. In 1927, he married Sato Tago, his cousin, who was born in Ueda, Japan in 1902. Together they operated the Nara Gift Shop. George's health shortened his life and he passed away in 1969 leaving Sato to carry on the business by herself for 19 years.

The Kurosaka's had four children – Peter who died as an infant in 1930, George, Jr. who died in 1997, **Robert passed away November 14, 2017** and a daughter, Grace Watanabe of Tokyo, Japan – and two granddaughters. Sato's shop sold small items for tourists. These consisted of leather products, postcards, pencil sets, jewelry and souvenir items stamped "Souvenir of Lake George". Other fine items were imported from Japan. Outside the Bazaar on the landing was the soccer machine built in 1928. Its animated figures amused many tourists over the years. A mail box also enabled people to send their postcards right from the shop.

During WW II, George was called to be interned along with many Japanese in the country at that time. The community of Lake George gathered around this hard-working family and George was spared having to leave his home. After the war, Sato became a US citizen in 1954. Sato retired from the business, closing The Bazaar in 1988. She was honored at that time in a village ceremony. Lower James Street next to the Bazaar was named Kurosaka Lane and Sato received a Beautification Award "for keeping her business and home on Schuyler Street looking beautiful." She died in 1994 at age 91. Memorabilia related to the Nara Gift Shop and the Kurosaka family and their life in Lake George is currently on exhibit at the Lake George Historical Association Museum. Presently, the Bazaar Building houses a year-round and very popular Bella's Deli featuring excellent homemade soups and sandwiches. (From the Warren County Bicentennial Souvenir Program)



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