

◆ LAKE GEORGE ALUMNI NEWS ◆

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2005 ALUMNI BANQUET

Roaring Brook Dude Ranch was the site of the 2005 Banquet in October. Toastmaster Jack Mannix '49, assisted by Vic Lefebvre '47 entertained the attendees. The Class of 1953 took the honors with 7 members present.

Attending from the Class of 1945 for their 60 Year Reunion were, Muriel Sullivan Newcomb and Dorothy Verra Sica. The Class of 1955, the 50 Year Class, was represented by Carolee Jackson Parwana, Marilyn Simonetti Duell, Ham Traver, and Jim Gilday.

2006 ALUMNI BANQUET OCTOBER 7

The date is Saturday, Oct 7 and the place is the Fort William Henry Conference Center. The Banquet Location Committee, Connie Harris Farrington, Margaret LaFond Mulcahy and Nora LaJoy Nellis (all Class of '56) state that there is ample room for dining, an outer lobby and a small room which can be used for displays and conversation. Additional information will be given in the August newsletter.

Tours of the High School and of the Elementary School will be offered on Oct 7.

WALL OF HONOR & TEACHER AWARDS

Application Forms may be obtained by writing to the Alumni PO Box, e-mailing to lgaa575@juno.com or calling 518-747-1251. Forms must be submitted by June 30.

ALUMNI OFFICERS

President-Gloria Sweet Gilman
Class of 1952
Vice Pres-Joyce Lockhart Wood
Class of 1953
Secretary - Ellen Baldwin
Himmelblau Class of 1971
Treasurer-Gertrude Wood
Kacenas - Class of 1941

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Thanks to your generous contributions, the Silent Auction, several endowments and the Rachael Ray Cooking Show we have been able to give assistance and scholarships in the total amount of \$11,650. Awards were as follows:

SCHOLARSHIPS

Laura & Ken Mason Award to Graduating Seniors: Emma Harvey & Matthew McLaughlin \$500 Each
Lumianski Award: Adam Baertschi, Albany State Univ. \$200
Second Year College Scholarships \$1,000 each to:

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| Michael Seaman | Biology, St. Lawrence |
| Meagan Hurley | Communications |
| Fordham Univ. | |
| Karina Bengsz | Psychology Siena College |
| Rachael Ray Scholarship | \$1,000 to |
| Marissa Aspland | Dietetics |
| Oneonta State. | |

OTHER GRANTS

Lake George Elementary School-PTSO Funding - Educational Games \$1950
Lake George Jr/Sr High School Media Room Equipment \$3,000
FBLA of LG High School Participation in Conference \$500



Our Graduates have covered the World

MEETINGS

MARCH, APRIL, MAY, AUG, SEPT, OCT.
Third Wednesday

American Legion

Rte 9L, Lake George

7 PM

1956 CLASS PLANS REUNION

Connie Farrington, Margaret Mulcahy and Nora Nellis, have been working on plans for the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1956. Connie has done a great job of locating everyone, and they are looking for input from their classmates for activities. e-mail nnellis@capital.net with any suggestions.

WEDDINGS

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| Kristin Rougeau '98 | Lawrence Stroebel |
| George M Stannard '93 | Theresa Beadnell |
| Raymond Kraft '99 | Jennifer Hill |
| John Peter Brown '89 | Terrie DeGrechie |
| Mecleta Meyers '77 | Roger Murray |
| Michele Meyers '77 | John Langdon |
| Thalia Matthews '98 | Lester Chase |
| Rachael Ray '86 | John Cusimano |
| Kristen Clark '94 | Alan Crisler |

IN MEMORY

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

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| "Andy" Fish Beaudet | 1960 |
| Peter Strausser | 1957 |
| Edith Worden Bailey | 1932 |
| Linda (Fudge) Curtis | 1976 |
| Frances Kirker Varga | 1944 |
| Madge LaFond Neville | Attended Lake George |

LOOKING FOR YEARBOOKS

From *Connie Harris Farrington '56*

A yearbook is an excellent genealogical resource for someone trying to learn about a relative. As a special project of the Northeastern NY Genealogical Society, we are trying to fill in some of the gaps in the yearbook collection at the Crandall Library's Local History Room. For Lake George, they have 1948-53 and 1959-62. Does anyone have a yearbook they could offer to the library? Contact **Connie Harris Farrington**, Class of 1956 and Vice President of NENYGS. 518-792-5569 or : connieandlee@adelphia.net.

LOST

Our records are missing a number of addresses for graduates, particularly the Classes of 1974, '78, '80, '81, '83 thru 2000. If you have addresses for any classmates, please share them with us. Our e-mail is lgaa575@juno.com. Thank you.

ALUMNI HONORS TWO

Two more Alumni were selected for the Alumni Wall of Honor at the Annual Banquet. Their pictures will join previously selected honorees: James "Wes" Fry, Class of 1942, Rachael Ray, Class of 1986, Victor LeFebvre, Class of 1947. The newest additions to the Wall are:

Susan Heunemann Sullivan

Susan was a member of the Class of 1971 who, after hundreds of transfusions for a rare blood disease, was infected with the HIV virus in 1982. Susan spent the next twenty years traveling to hundreds of schools across the country, speaking about AIDS education and bringing knowledge and her own personal courage and insight to thousands of young people. Susan worked with the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York and with numerous universities and schools throughout the country. She worked with the School system of the State of Texas and developed a video to help with their prevention program. Susan appeared on PBS, spoke at the State Legislature and to many service organizations. At a time when HIV infected people were shunned, Susan had the courage to talk about her problem. Susan's family attended the banquet and received the award in her memory.

William J. Lockhart

Bill graduated in 1936 and continued with his schooling at the California Diesel Engineering School. He returned to Lake George and kept very busy working with charitable organizations. Bill was very involved with the Masonic Hospitals-(Orthopedic Hospital in Springfield, Infantile Paralysis Treatment Centers, SDS Laboratory, Burn Centers, etc.) Bill was dubbed "Sir Knight" by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in May of 2005. A Volunteer Fireman for 24 years, he served on the Mohican Council BSA and many other organizations. Bill developed the prototype for skis to be used by athletes who were missing a leg. He made the first skis for Gore Mountain and set the stage for development of skis for the handicapped, bringing enjoyment to many who now had the opportunity to participate in this winter sport. Bill attended the banquet and received his award in person. His daughter **Barbara Lockhart Thomson**, Class of 1958 was also in attendance.

RONALD COLE HONORED

The 2005 Teacher's Award was presented by **Tom Roach, '59** and **Jerry Eichen, '60** to former High School Principal **Ronald Cole**.

Ron grew up in the Cherry Valley of New York State, and began his college at Oswego State. This was interrupted by his service in World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge, where so many lives were lost. Ron returned to college, finished his degree and began teaching. Ron and his wife Betty moved to Lake George in the mid fifties where Ron was the Industrial Arts Instructor and then Principal. Ron spent his life helping students in the field of education and a number of young people benefited from his assistance, as confirmed by the many letters received from his former students. Ron and his family were in attendance for the occasion.

IN THE MILITARY

Fireman E3 **Eric M. Moon**, Class of 2002, graduated from the Coast Guard Training Center in October. Moon is stationed in Portland, Oregon. At the Training Center, he was a squad leader and Captain of the Honor Guard.

Staff Sgt. **Tim Woods**, 42nd ID-142nd MI Battalion has returned from a tour of duty in Crikit, Iraq and has resumed his position at Boston Scientific. Welcome back Tim.

LAKE GEORGE'S TOP FUND RAISERS

High school Senior **Patrick Gavin-Brynes**, was honored in December at the annual Operation Santa Claus gala at the Sagamore. Over the past 12 years, Patrick has raised over \$100,000 in donations for Operation Santa Claus. He began his fund-raising career at age 6, with the amount of \$3,500 and the rest is history. Patrick is the son of Joanne Gavin and the late **Jack Brynes**, class of 1956. Operation Santa Claus was founded 32 years ago by **Frank Munoff** and **Jerry Eichen '60**.

Another young fund-raiser, **Tara Quillinan**, a six year old student at LG Elementary School, held a Fun Fair to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina. With help from her Mother, Dad and Brother and lots of neighbors and friends, she planned a Saturday Festival. There were games, face painting, baked goods and lots of contests. The Fun Fair raised over \$1,000.

NOTES AND NEWS

Nora LaJoy Nellis '56, has completed 440 hours of study beyond her Master's Degree in creative writing to qualify for certification as a poetry therapist. This certification will be formally awarded at the National Association for Poetry Therapy conference to be held in Boston, April 19-23. Nora is in the process of applying for licensure through the State of New York. She will hold workshops at her home-based business known as "The Creative Growth Center".

Marty Van de Visse (former teacher) writes that he keeps himself very busy and that he enjoys the new craze, Sudoku puzzles. He spends about 5 hours daily working on book #3 in a series that he has authored on the history of the Van de Visse Family.

From another former teacher, **Hank McCann**, comes a great picture of the rapidly expanding family, with a note that a grandson competed in the NY state finals at Queensbury.

Notes - continued

Dennis Moon, Class of 1973 has accepted the position of Director of Finance of Kadant Johnson, based in Three Rivers, Michigan. Dennis is a graduate of Siena College, and has relocated from Queensbury to the Kalamazoo, MI area.

Don and Lee Lewis dropped a note expressing their regrets that they had to miss the 2005 Banquet, especially since it was at Roaring Brook. They are hoping to make the affair in 2006.

From **Peg Doody Lackey '53**, a picture of her parasailing on her 70th Birthday. She writes: "It was such a blast!. I'd really like to do it again this year. I wasn't the least bit nervous as I figured the worst that could happen was that I'd fall in the lake, and I've been there many times before."

OUR SPONSORS

Each year there are many people and businesses who contribute to our fund raising and this year we would like to offer thanks to:

Lake George American Legion
Montcalm Restaurant
Holiday Inn of Lake George
Lake George Forum
Lake George Bowl
Sadies Gifts
Nora LaJoy Nellis, Class of 1956
The Chapman Museum
Lake George Steamboat Corp.
Fort William Henry
The Queensbury Hotel
Adirondack Brew Pub
Fran Smith LaPan, Class of 1953
Peg Smith Adams, Class of 1964
Rachael Ray, Class of 1986
Mario's Restaurant
The Yankee Clipper
The Great Escape
Gertrude Wood Kacenas, Class of 1941
Hayfield Quality Tours
Saturn of the Adirondacks
Saddle Up Stables, John Cocozza, Class of 1979
Old Log Inn
Victor Lefebvre, Class of 1947
Gordon Ellsworth, Class of 1947
Lake George Auto Marine
Log Jam Restaurant
Prospect Diner & Lighthouse Cafe
Adirondack Marine-Tom Roach, Class of 1959
Roberta Sweet Whiteley, Class of 1957
DeSantis Enterprises, Carl DeSantis, Class of 1945

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & DONATIONS

Please remember, the Association needs your help to keep our Scholarship Fund alive.

Name _____ Class _____

Address _____

Dues \$10 _____ Scholarship Fund _____ School Equipment Fund _____

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