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2006 ALUMNI BANQUET

It was party time at the Fort William Henry in October, as many former classmates reminisced and talked the night away.

Congratulations to the Class of 1941 who celebrated their 65th Reunion and had four people in attendance: **Phyllis Blair Marcino, Edward Dahlstedt, Jean Hayes Morris and Harry Horn.**

The 55th Year Reunion included three graduates: **Robert Greene, CeCe Norton Lefebvre and Margaret (Peggy) Wardner Edwards.**

But the Honors for the Evening have to go to **William Lockhart, Class of 1936** who celebrated his **70th year Anniversary.**

THE CLASS OF 1956 turned out to honor their 50th Year, with **Sharon Brazier Traver, Connie Harris Farrington, Roberta Labrum Poulos, Margaret LaFond Mulcahy, Nora LaJoy Nellis, Richard Roosevelt, Marie Schoonover Lashway and Mary Lou Pratt Elkhoff.**

The class with the largest number attending was the CLASS OF 1976. They celebrated their 30th with over 30 in attendance and had a ball. **Gerry Eichen, Class of 1958,** served as Toastmaster and entertainment was provided by **Scott Dunklee (Class of 1980)** and Friends.

SIX RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Second Year Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each were presented in Oct to:

Matt McLaughlin. Ithaca College, Communications & Sports Mgmt; **Matt Lynn,** Potsdam, Mathematics; **Scott Hayes,** Cornell, Biological Engineering; **Catlin Boucher,** Manhattan College, International Studies; **Kerry McEnaney,** Northeastern, Biochemistry; **Ashley Aust,** RPI, Mechanical Engineering.

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-Margaret LaFond Mulcahy

Class of 1956

MEETINGS

**MARCH, APRIL, MAY, AUG,
SEPT, OCT.**

Third Wednesday

American Legion

Rte 9L, Lake George

7 PM

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2007 BANQUET

Saturday, **October 6th,** we will again be at the Fort Wm Henry Conference Center. This year we honor the Class of 1957, and they are already working on their Reunion. They are missing two Class Members: **Adrian Buchert and Ed Wakeley.** If you have addresses for either, call Roberta **Whiteley, 518-585-6837.**

Also planning reunions are the Classes of 1952 (55 Years) and the Class of 1967 (40 Years). The Class of '67 is looking for **Allison "Sally" Smith, Bobby Russell and Garry Dufour.** Contact **Lura Sue Fitzgerald Blondin, 518-793-7094.**

Kathy Flacke Muncil '76, suggested we have a photographer at the next banquet. Great idea Kathy! Any photographers interested?

SOME NOSTALGIA

by Gerry Eichen, Class of 1958

Sights, Sounds and Smells of Iroquois Street "The Alley". My earliest memories of Iroquois Street begin at the north end, adjacent to the old Lake George School Athletic Fields. I'll take you on a tour from that northern point, going south to the Lake behind the Post Office. My earliest memories begin with Jim Pincheon's Riding Stable behind Sisson Motor Court (now an attorney's office). Pincheon's hired horse took summer tourists up around Parrot's Farm, the present Town and LG offices. As we continue down the street, I can remember the back of a home owned by WW Bullis, a local attorney. Next was Caple's Iroquois Lodge, now the Guideppe's, where singles stayed in the summer, seeking the excitement of Lake George. Sterling Caple was the Mayor in the 1950's. I remember the delivery truck at Bud & Doris Laustrup's grocery store and Bucky Prosser's Gulf Station, where he also sold jet boats. The Grand Union on the right and the Worden Hotel on the left, Galloway Electric and then the LG Fire House. In the 60's the Firemen were known to hose down partying college kids!

After you crossed Montcalm St. there were lots of "kid" noises as the fifth grade with teacher David Machell was housed in the Masonic Building (now a Hardware Store). Then on to the Adirondack Resort Press, where Art Knight and staff printed the LG Mirror for many years. On the east side were the back entrances to Joe Sorge's Pizzeria, Dell's Chicken House, the Coffee And, and Zeke's Diner, later to become Nick's Diner. Lots of good smells.

My first job as a 12 year old was being a gofer for Mayor Bob Caldwell in the arcade for 50 cents a day. Mayor Caldwell loved to parade on Canada Street with his pearl handled pistol sticking out of his belt (cont-Pg 2)

Iroquois - (continued)

Who can forget when Dev Malcolm stabled his horses on Iroquois St, before he put in a plumbing shop. Next to Malcolm's was Mike Wolf's TV Repair and behind that, the popular rear entrance to the Delevan. Of course we all remember Harry Cohen's Sport Shop, the sinful smells of LaCasa Pizza and the activity at Phil's Restaurant.

As we turned the corner toward the lake, the distinct odors of "Louie The Baker's Shop" permeated the air! The Bakery sign hangs presently in the Lake George Historical Museum in the old court house. Across Canada Street was the Japanese Bazaar and the sounds of a brass soccer ball leveraged away by the feet of the mechanical players! (all for one cent). The game can also be seen at the Museum. And after all the sights, smells and sounds of the Street, the best of all, the sound of the waves splashing on the rocks as "the Alley" ends at the Water, (presently Shoreline property).

(Gerry wrote this article for the LG Mirror, and offered it to us to print as well)

"Thanks for the memories!"

IN MEMORY

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

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| Heather Marie Moulton | 1995 |
| Kan Lee Putnamre | 1978 |
| Genevieve Norton Venum | 1947 |
| Eleanor Morehouse Orleman | 1953 |
| Elanor Parrott Lumianski | 1927 |

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| Garry William Grant | Attended 1960's |
| Margaret Johnson Tubbs | Attended 1920's |
| Francis F. Scoville | Attended 1940's |
| Ernie Crandall | Attended 1940's |
| Shirley McFerson | Attended 1940's |
| Lillian Beach VanDenberg | Attended 1950's |

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| Martin VandeVisse | Teacher 1950's |
| Mary King Pensel | Teacher |
| Marge Plumadore Wilcox | Teacher |
| Rino Victor Frulla | Teacher |

WEDDINGS

Please e-mail any wedding notice you wish printed to: lgaa575@juno.com

WALL OF HONOR

In October of 2006 the Association added another member to the Alumni Wall of Honor located in the Alumni Room, off the Library in the Lake George High School. The picture will join previously selected honorees: **James "Wes" Fry**, Class of 1942, **Rachael Ray**, Class of 1986, **Victor Lefebvre**, Class of 1947, **Susan Heunemann Sullivan**, Class of 1971, and **William Lockhart**, Class of 1936. The most recent addition to the Wall was:

JOHN (JACK) MANNIX

Jack graduated with the Class of 1949 and continued on to Cornell University. In 1953 he entered the US Air Force as a 2nd lieutenant. After his discharge, he returned to Cornell Law School and graduated in 1958. He then returned to his hometown and practiced law for more than 40 years. Jack was a founder of the Warren County Bar Association; served on the Lake George School Board in the 1960's; was President of the Robert Nolan Foundation & Past President of the LG Rotary; director and counsel of the Ft. Wm Henry Corp; served as an elder at the Caldwell Presbyterian Church; was past President of the Warren County Historical Association and organized the tour of the "Great & Gracious Homes". Jack was involved with the committee that erected interpretative signs along the Warren County Bikeway.

His friends will always remember his wonderful magic shows, and he billed himself as the "World's 7th Greatest Magician". The Alumni Association was entertained many times at their annual banquets, as Jack was always willing to act as "Master of Ceremonies".

Jack's Family was well represented at the banquet with 18 in attendance. **Gerry Eichen**, **Caryl Dahlsted Clark**, **Al Kouba**, **David Malcolm** and **Vic Lefebvre** shared their memories of Jack with the audience. Pam **Mannix Kubricky** accepted the Award for the **Mannix Family**.

NOTES AND NEWS

Michael S. Dier, Class of 1983, was promoted to Senior Vice President at the Glens Falls National Bank & Trust. Mike also serves as chief investment officer for North Country Investment Advisors. He has been a featured speaker on the economy & capital markets at various programs and colleges.

John & Mary Shevrovich were feted at a surprise 62nd wedding anniversary party. John was formerly Superintendent of Schools at Lake George

Scott Dunklee, Class of 1980, will be appearing at the Lake George Forum on May 26th, along with four other stand-up comedians.

The Alumni Association is taking applications for the **2007 Wall of Honor**. If you wish to nominate someone, e-mail or write for an application.

Must be submitted by July 15. lgaa575@juno.com

This poem was written and read by **Nora Nellis** at the 2006 Banquet, to celebrate the 50 Year Class Reunion - **CLASS of 56**

AFTER GRADUATION

At first, minutes of our lives scatter
 Across miles
 Through late hours
We try to stay warm building fires
Inside ourselves
Honing a life still attached to its source
Time flies when you're having fun
Even when you're not
We try giving away what we never had
 It works
 It doesn't work
What we once measured in minutes
We now see as hours
We know what it was we needed to learn
 Words count
 Silence does too
Numbers add up into years
There are new places we call home
New people we embrace
 It works
 It doesn't work
Sometimes we return
Visit parents who need us
As we once needed them
And wonder if those we used to know
 Have it better
 Or worse
Tonight, fifty years after
Another banquet filled us with hope
 Some of us are here
 Some are not
And again we begin counting
This time downward from years
To hours and minutes
We want to see those who remember
 Our dreams
 Our shortcomings
And tell them we are all survivors
That we know it is more important
To spend time well than money
That nothing ever mattered more
Than what we made of ourselves
With what we had at hand
 A painting
 A carving
 A patchwork quilt
And this poem.

Nora LaJoy Nellis, Oct 2006

OUR SPONSORS

Each year there are many people and businesses that contribute to our fund raising. This year we would like to offer thanks to:

Lake George American Legion
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Caryl Clark, Class of 1949
Roaring Brook Ranch
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William Gates
Howard Johnson's Tiki Resort
Lake George Historical Association
Posies Florist
Gift World, Michael Jones '74 & David Jones '84
Gloria Sweet Gilman, Class of 1952

TEACHER AWARDS

by Judy Armstrong Sullivan '67

It's that time of the year again! We are looking for nominees for the Annual Teacher Award which is given out at the Fall Banquet.

We have all had wonderful teachers throughout the years, and now is the time to recognize them for their many accomplishments and achievements. Send us an e-mail or letter telling us why this certain teacher deserves an Award, along with any special stories and remembrances you may have of your time at Lake George with this teacher.

A committee will choose the winner from all the nominees and he or she will be honored at the Alumni dinner on October 6th. Applications need to be submitted by July 1, so that the Newsletter can announce the honoree in August, thus giving former students the opportunity to attend the dinner and be present to congratulate and converse with their favorite teacher.

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SUPERINTENDENT BRUCE LEVIN RETIRING

After serving 21 years in the Lake George School system, **Bruce Levin** will be leaving, but not to enjoy retirement and soak up the sun. Rather Bruce will apply his experience and business background to do financial studies for other school districts, helping them to solidify their systems. Lake George Schools have twice been cited as Schools of Excellence by the Federal Government, during Bruce's time in office. He will be missed by all.

CLASS OF 1996 REUNION

September 9th & 10th marked the 10 Year Reunion for the Class of 1996. They began their weekend with a tour of the High School, conducted by Principal **Dave Eagle**. This was followed up by a picnic at Usher's Park, swimming, food, kids and fun. Dinner at the Lone Bull Restaurant was a nice finish to the day. Sunday Morning, bright and early, a breakfast rendezvous at the Lone Bull. Sounds like everyone had a great time. If you want info about the festivities, and to connect with former classmates, e-mail **Gayle Nelson** at superwoman114@juno.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & DONATIONS

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