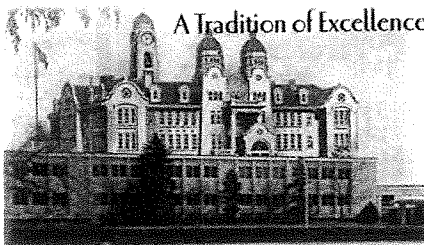


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May 2014



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Alumni Association Tea

Hosted by Jane Fulton Hess '53

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

at the ALICE T. MINER MUSEUM

CLASS OF 2014 GRADUATION

School Auditorium

Friday, June 27, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Reserved seats available for
the honored Class of 1963

and any class over 50 years and their spouses

ALUMNI BANQUET

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014

SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL

\$22 per person

COCKTAILS 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.

DINNER 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

DANCING 8:00 p.m. - ?

Catered by Sandy's Deli – buffet style

All Alumni attending the banquet must have their dues paid.
If husband and wife are both alumni, each must pay \$20 dues.
No exceptions. Guests need only pay the cost of the dinner.

Class of 1964 Biographies

Janet Beall Ward

"I graduated from Bishop's University in 1970 and took a computer programming course in the Boston area. After a brief stint with an insurance company, I married and moved to Wilmington. During the next ten years I taught sixth grade, completed a Master's degree in Library Science, worked as a school librarian and had two children, Karen and Henry. We moved to Houston in 1982 where I was a full-time homemaker and volunteer at my daughter's school. After divorcing in 1987 I returned to Wilmington to be closer to my parents, who retired there in 1976. I returned to the school library field and finished my career in 2007 as the Media and Technology Coordinator of a rural high school north of Wilmington. In 1991 I married Everett Ward, Jr. and we are now enjoying a quiet retirement, reading, traveling and gardening."

Diane Bechard Cioci

"After graduation I married Howard Cioci. He was stationed at Plattsburgh Air Force Base for one year, and then we transferred to Anchorage, Alaska for 2½ years. When Howard's tour of duty ended we moved to East Lyme, CT. We built our first home and began our careers. I was in banking and spent 30 years as a Teller Manager. Howard worked as Tugboat Captain for General Dynamics. Howard and I have two daughters, Kristy Donahue and Kate Seidel. They blessed us with seven grandchildren and one more on the way. We both retired at age 60. We spend all of our time with the grandchildren, ball games, school activities and vacations. It keeps us young!"

Ronald Roy Bechard

"After graduation I worked at Sikorsky Aircraft in Bridgeport, CT as a sheet metal worker. Then I decided to come back to Chazy and work for Harris Graphics for 21 years, until the plant closed. I spent the next years working for the Clinton County Sheriff's Department. I was sent to Saranac Lake to the Police Academy to become a Sheriff's Deputy. I worked for the Sheriff's Department for 15 years, retiring in 2001. In 1966 I married Gail Trombly. We have two children. Son Derek lives in Plattsburgh and works for Homeland Security in Champlain. He has a daughter, Sophia (3). Daughter Sarah married a lifetime Navy man and lives in Guam. They have two sons, Peyton (9) and Hunter (3). I enjoy four-wheeling, snowmobiling, dancing, traveling, and spending time with our grandkids. I played a lot of sports in the past. My passion is following the Chazy soccer team."

Barbara Castine Gravelle

"I have worked for Dexter Shoe Company as a manager for 20 years, until the store closed in my area in 2006. For the last 8 years I have been employed at Target as a team leader in the café area. I have two sons, Robert, Jr. and Jonathan. Robert and his family, Gia and Grant, live in Florida, NY where he and his wife are schoolteachers and Robert coaches many sports. Jon and family, Michelle, Kathryn and Austin, live in Chazy, NY where Jon works for Riley Ford and Michelle is a hairdresser. My three grandchildren are Kathryn (19), in her second year of college, Austin (16) and Grant (12). I have two brothers, Harold and Bobby. Both live in Chazy, NY. I also have two sisters, Pat, who lives in Chazy, and Betty, who lives in Burlington, VT. I visit everyone in Chazy throughout the year and I have

also traveled to Myrtle Beach around Easter for the last four or five years. I am also a breast cancer survivor."

Carol Duprey Hamilton

"After graduating, I completed one year of college. I became inspired by a summer job in the medical lab at the Plattsburgh Air Force Base hospital. I joined the Navy for three years and was trained as a medical laboratory technician, then was stationed at the Naval Hospital in beautiful, historic Annapolis, MD. I went to SUNY Albany on the GI bill and worked in the labs at the Medical Center. I married a Canadian and Ottawa has been home these many years. I raised two sons while working part-time. After a divorce I went back to college for my Ontario accounting certification and worked in that field until I retired in 2003. I have wintered in Florida, toured the Pacific Coast, and spent wonderful weeks touring nine European countries. Best of all is having the time to read those waiting books. Life is good!"

Brenda Goodsell Roy

"Upon graduating from CCRS, I attended the University of Vermont where I majored in math and secondary education. I married my college sweetheart, Lee J. Roy, and we moved to Long Island, NY where we taught school, Lee in Hampton Bays and I in Sag Harbor. We were off to a good start, but needed Master's degrees to continue. We left for Maine, the Roy family's home state, where we both earned those degrees at the University of Southern Maine. We lived and worked in Maine for the next 35 years. Lee ventured into the ice arena business where he managed a number of arenas, taught power skating, and coached hockey."

I stayed home with our two children, Tobi and Travis, for several years, and then went back to work teaching math at Deering High School in Portland. I taught for 12 years before moving into administration. When I retired in 2005 I had served as Deering's assistant principal for five years and principal for 10. I thought of Mr. Pombrio often during those years, and developed a new appreciation for his influence and contributions to our school. Deering is one of the larger high schools in the state, with close to 1,400 students at the time. I sometimes wished for a graduating class of 23 rather than the 300+ that I served! In 2003 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. After going through surgery, radiation and chemo, I made the decision to retire early. We sold our house in Yarmouth, ME and moved back to our family compound in Colchester, VT. We now spend summers there with Brent, Barbara and Sandy, their families, and a whole host of cousins. Both Tobi and Travis have neighboring cottages as well. Tobi and her husband Keith have provided us with four beautiful grandchildren, so we look forward to summer as a time to enjoy them all. Travis, you may recall, was injured in a hockey accident playing for Boston University. He has been a quadriplegic since 1995. The CCRS Alumni Association was wonderful at the time, lending both financial and emotional support. I am still very grateful. As a family, we started the Travis Roy Foundation to give back to all those who carried us through that very difficult time. The foundation raises money to provide adaptive equipment for spinal cord injured survivors and their families, and to support research that may one day lead to a cure. You may have heard of the Wiffle Ball tournament that we sponsor in Jericho, VT every August. Last summer the weekend event

raised over \$500,000 for the cause. Travis and we are very proud of the work his foundation is doing. Travis, by the way, is doing very well. He works for the Travis Roy Foundation and travels around the country as a motivational speaker. Lastly, Lee and I have become snowbirds, spending winters in New Smyrna Beach, FL. We have a beautiful condo overlooking both the ocean and the inland waterway. Lee left the ice arena business to work for NASCAR as a series director in 2000. Since retiring, he has been working with the Whelen sports car team out of CT which races all over the country in the Rolex/IMSA series. They support his passion for motor sports. He has turned himself into their "tire specialist!" We golf, do water aerobics, read, volunteer through the church, garden in the summer, and entertain guests and family from up north. Life is good and I owe so much to my experiences growing up in Chazy and to the education I received at CCRS."

Willi Kalvaitis

"I have been married for 46 years to my wife, Barbara Rounds. We have four children and three grandchildren. My wife and I still live in the same neighborhood, in the house we built. My hobbies include fishing, hunting, shooting, and I enjoy playing the stock market from my computer. I enjoy playing with my big toys, i.e. front-end loaders, excavators, rock crushers, as well as my farm equipment. I've enjoyed raising beef cattle and improving the herd using registered stock. Over the years I've been self-employed, owning and operating an equipment business and coal business. I spent 20 years working for IBM as a technician, where I received numerous awards, along with two patents as lead inventor. I now farm and run my limestone quarry with my

son. My wife and I are most proud of encouraging and supporting our four children (3 girls and 1 boy) in getting their educations. All 3 girls graduated from Clarkson University, the oldest with an MS in Engineering, the second with a BA in Technical Writing and Master's credits from Plattsburgh State. Our youngest daughter received a BA in Technical Communication, and our son graduated from Canton with a Civil Engineering degree. They are all achievers in their own right."

Arnold E. LaPierre

"After graduating I worked some local jobs. In July 1965 I moved to Connecticut to work at Sikorsky Aircraft Company. While in CT I got engaged to Carol (Trombly), Christmas 1965. I moved back to Chazy in September 1966 to get married to Carol. We have a son and a daughter and three grandchildren. I started working at Sheridan Iron Works in Champlain, then left to work at Noel J. Brunell & Son Paving Company in 1967. I worked my way up to superintendent and have been there for 47 years. I still work part-time. Carol and I own a place in Ormond Beach, FL where we have spent the cold winters for the last 17 years. I enjoy golfing, bocci ball, country music, eating out, and having good times with friends. We will do so as long as the good Lord wills it."

Steven A. LaPine

"I joined Sheridan Iron Works in Champlain, NY in July 1964. In July 1965 I married Bonnie Latremore. I was relocated with Sheridan to Easton, PA in July 1967 as a Junior Draftsman. I completed and graduated from ICS with my designer degree while working at Sheridan. In March 1968 we moved to Essex Junction, VT where I started my career with IBM as a Draftsman in

Semiconductor Development. I progressed through the ranks of drafting, designing and management, working at many sites and with numerous suppliers. I retired in 2012 after 44 years. We have three children, Craig, Wendy and Carrie. We also have three grandchildren, Logan, Ray and Draven. We have one great-grandchild, Cody. We are very fortunate to have all the children living in the immediate area."

Mary Leonard

"I graduated from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam and moved to Massachusetts for the next two years. I taught elementary band for one year and then attended UMASS, where I earned a Master's degree in music history. For the next 32 years I taught in the Onteora Central Schools near Woodstock, NY. An interest in jazz inspired me to create a Big Band style ensemble for 5th and 6th graders, and my career high point was our performance tour in Vienna, Austria. When I retired from teaching in 2002, I joined a chorus, started learning Italian, and continued playing recorders in early music ensembles. I met my husband, Webb, during my first year at Onteora. Together we bought and restored an old farmhouse and traveled frequently in Europe and the Caribbean. Webb died from cancer after nearly 35 years of marriage. Over the next couple of years my Italian came in handy when I twice traveled to Italy. In 2011 I met another wonderful man, Phil White, a retired social worker from Pittsfield, MA. Our lives are happily intertwined and we plan to be together forever."

Clifford Matott

"After graduation I went to work for Ayerst Laboratories where I remained until my retirement in 2004 after 40

years of service. I married Barbara Friedrich on July 30, 1966 and we built a home in Chazy, where we continue to live. In 1967 we had our first daughter, Kimberley Sample, and in 1973 we had our second daughter, Kasie Bartley. We have two wonderful sons-in-law, Allen Sample and Robert Bartley, and three fantastic grandchildren, Ryan Sample, who graduated from college in Omaha, NE and is presently working in the IT department of Hyatt Headquarters; Justin Sample, who is graduating this May from Clinton Community College; and Hannah Bartley, who is a junior at NCCS. I retired from the U.S. Army Reserves after 26 years, with a tour during Desert Storm. Barbara retired after 35 years as a Practice Manager for North Country Medical Group and Urology Associates of NENY. We purchased a home in Kissimmee, FL in a very active community called Solivita in 2010 and live there from January to June each year. We feel very blessed to have such a wonderful family and group of friends. Life is certainly good."

Carol Roberts Alger

"After graduation, in the fall of 1964, I was hired at Wyeth Laboratories in the accounting department. I worked there for several years until I moved to Schenectady, NY where I married my husband, Jerry. I retired in 2006 as a pension analyst for the New York State Nurses Association Pension Plan. My spouse Jerry worked for General Electric in Schenectady for 35 years until his retirement in 2004. We traveled throughout the United States and took various cruises to the islands. Our most memorable trip was a Mediterranean cruise which gave us the opportunity to see various countries. My spouse was an avid golfer, so making a temporary residence in Florida was the ideal

thing to do. We spend our summer months in New York and the winter months in Florida."

Norma Terry Monty

"I started working two months after graduation in August 1964. I worked for Volume Merchandise of New York at their clothing store, Stelens, which was located at the North Country Shopping Center in Plattsburgh, NY. I worked at Stelens for five years before deciding to leave my manager position to stay at home and care for my family. I was married in June 1966 to Gordon Monty. We had two sons. Our oldest, Russell, was born in October 1968. Our youngest, Steven, was born in March 1970. Our sons have blessed us with four precious grandchildren, Vince, Katelin, Troy, and Tyler. Gordon and I moved into Beekman Towers senior center in January 2013. Sadly, I lost Gordon four months later on May 4 due to cancer. Had Gordon lived one more month, we would have been married 47 years. I now keep myself busy doing different things with the family and traveling whenever possible. I also enjoy working on sewing and doing alterations for the seniors here at the "Towers." I always have lots of knitting and crocheting projects started. Last summer I kept the outside flowers flourishing for Beekman Towers as I needed to keep my mind busy and this was good therapy for me. I'm never at a loss to fill my days with all the friends I've made here at Beekman Towers."



Dear Alumni,

Another year has passed and here we are, once again, planning our Alumni Weekend and looking forward to seeing many of our friends as they gather to reminisce, catch up on the latest news and enjoy one another's company.

Continuing with our goals, we are including our revenues and expenses from last year's Alumni Weekend in the newsletter for you to review. As mentioned last year, we are no longer paying for 70 year plus class members meals, but an alumna who wishes to remain anonymous, has graciously offered to continue this tradition by paying for them. Another alumna has assumed the expense of mailing the newsletter, which has always been a huge expense for us. This year, an alumnus will be providing the evening's music, free of charge, with his DJ services, which will save us \$200 and our alumnus who has, for many years, generously provided wine for the evening, will be doing so again this year. Once again, we encourage you to give us suggestions for ways we can do things less expensively, but maintain our standards as we honor the 50 Year Class. Below is a breakdown of our 2013 revenues and expenses:

Banquet Expenses:

Dinners	\$ 2,087
Entertainment	200
Plaques	100 (Alumnus of Year and Service Award)
Flowers	54
Adrk. Pennysaver	1,195 (Table Cloth Cleaning)
Clean-up	<u>50</u>
Banquet Expenses	\$ 3,686
Banquet Revenue	1,980
Net Loss	(\$1,706) (This is why we require dues to be paid in full for Banquet attendees.)

Newsletter Expenses:

Paper	\$ 68
Seals/Tabs	85
Stamps	829
Thank you Gift	<u>42</u> (Printing costs donated-Thank you!)
Newsletter Expenses	\$1054

Yearly Revenues	\$6,173
Yearly Expenses	-7,025
Net Loss	(\$852)

Miscellaneous Expenses:

Yearbook Ad	\$ 55
Yearbook Purchase	30
After Prom Party	100
Frankie Garrow Run	<u>100</u>
Misc. Expenses	\$ 285

Scholarship(s):

Two Scholarships	\$2,000
Donations	1,993
Amt. to the good	\$ 7
	(Added to Scholarship Fund)

Revenues:

Dinners	\$ 1,980
Dues	2,200
Scholarships	<u>1,993</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 6,173

It should be noted that the cost to have the table cloths professionally cleaned this past year was done out of necessity. An alumna had been assuming the chore of washing the table cloths since we purchased them, and we reached the point where many of the badly soiled areas would not come clean with a regular washing. We are happy to report that most of them are now stain free, but it left the Alumni Association in the red, once again. We are hopeful, however, to have a very positive report next year!

We hope to see many of you at our Alumni Weekend celebration. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Sincerely,

Alumni Association of Chazy Central Rural School

IDENTIFYING THE CCRS CLASS TREES: A SENIOR RESEARCH PROJECT

by Blaize Brothers, Class of 2014

As Chazy's 100th Class Day approaches, we are reminded of Chazy's rich history and thriving traditions, which include the Class Day tree-planting ceremony. The continuing growth of our school's graduates is then reflected in the growth of the saplings as both continue to mature. Sadly, some trees have been lost, while others are no longer identified with the class that planted them. As a senior who has witnessed this ceremony several times and understands its importance, I have taken on the challenge of linking the trees with their classes and placing plaques so that all future alumni will be able to locate their class tree whenever they visit the CCRS campus. With the help of my mentors, many of my goals have been achieved, but the challenge is far from over. Some trees remain unidentified. Any help from alumni, whether it be information about the identity/location of a tree, or a donation toward the creation of the plaques, would be a tremendous help and greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping with the preservation of this valued CCRS tradition!

In Memoriam

Rita West Asta Benson '35, Francis John Collins '38, Frances Guay Reid '39, Betty Barber Eaton '40, Joseph Francis Ladue '42, Leo Cote '45, Sally Bouyea Bechard '49, Norman Brown '50, Lorna Barber Parrotte '50, Gerard Duprey '50, Gordon Monty '55, Donald "Bucket" Trombley '56, Susan Fulton Van Vranken '57, Elnor Trombly Gonyo '57, Norman Sellars '72, Emerson "Laddie" Saxe '77, Susan Davis Latour '81, Aleena Farbotko Olarte '87, Dorothy Pickard – Music Teacher

ALUMNI YEARBOOK PARTNERS

All CCRS Alumni and other interested parties are invited to make a gift to the yearbook, the *Aquila*, of any amount. Checks may be made payable to "CCRS Yearbook Club" and sent to CCRS, 609 Miner Farm Rd., Chazy, NY 12921

EAGLE PARTNERS - \$200 and above

GOLD PARTNERS - \$100 to \$199

Dolores (Donivan) Barnes '47

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Keith R. Matott '84

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Jan (Dragoon) Haughey '74

We're looking for more graduation years to list here! Please consider representing your great class as an Alumni Yearbook Partner this year. Any amount is a big help! Donors names and graduation years are listed in the newsletter and the yearbook!

THANK YOU, PARTNERS!

DUES, BANQUET, SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Complete all information where necessary.

Make **ONE** check payable to: ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF CCRS

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Margaret Ryan '79, 1 Bison Street, Chazy, NY 12921

NAME: _____ **CLASS YEAR:** _____
First Maiden Last

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I plan to attend the ALUMNI TEA

I plan to attend the ALUMNI BANQUET Check enclosed for \$22 per person

Payment enclosed for: Yearly dues (\$20) Lifetime Membership (\$100)

Current Lifetime member? YES NO Donation for Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Your dues help to cover the cost of preparing and mailing this letter. Dues also go toward some of the expenses of Alumni Weekend. Thank you for continuing your membership and support.

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Alumni Scholarship Eligibility

1. The applicant must be the son or daughter of a graduate of Chazy Central Rural School who is a member of the Chazy Alumni Association.
2. The parent/guardian must be a paid member of the Chazy Alumni Association for the preceding three years prior to and the year of the applicant's graduation. All dues must be paid by December 31 of those four years.
3. The applicant must be a graduating senior of Chazy Central Rural School who meets all requirements for graduation.
4. Applicant must plan to attend an institute of higher learning full-time.
5. Applicant must submit the application for the Chazy Alumni Scholarship by the deadline date, which is the second Friday of May, before 3:15 p.m. to the school guidance office.
6. The voting board of the Chazy Alumni Association will determine the amount of the scholarship annually. All decisions of the Chazy Alumni Association are final.
7. Payment of the scholarship will be made after the recipient has successfully completed his/her first semester of college and verifies that he/she has enrolled for a second semester of college. A copy of their transcript, verification of classes enrolled in, or copy of the invoice for the upcoming semester must be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Alumni Association by January 31.
8. Three letters of reference are required.

Alumni Association of CCRS
c/o Mr. Richard West
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