

CHAZY CENTRAL RURAL SCHOOL

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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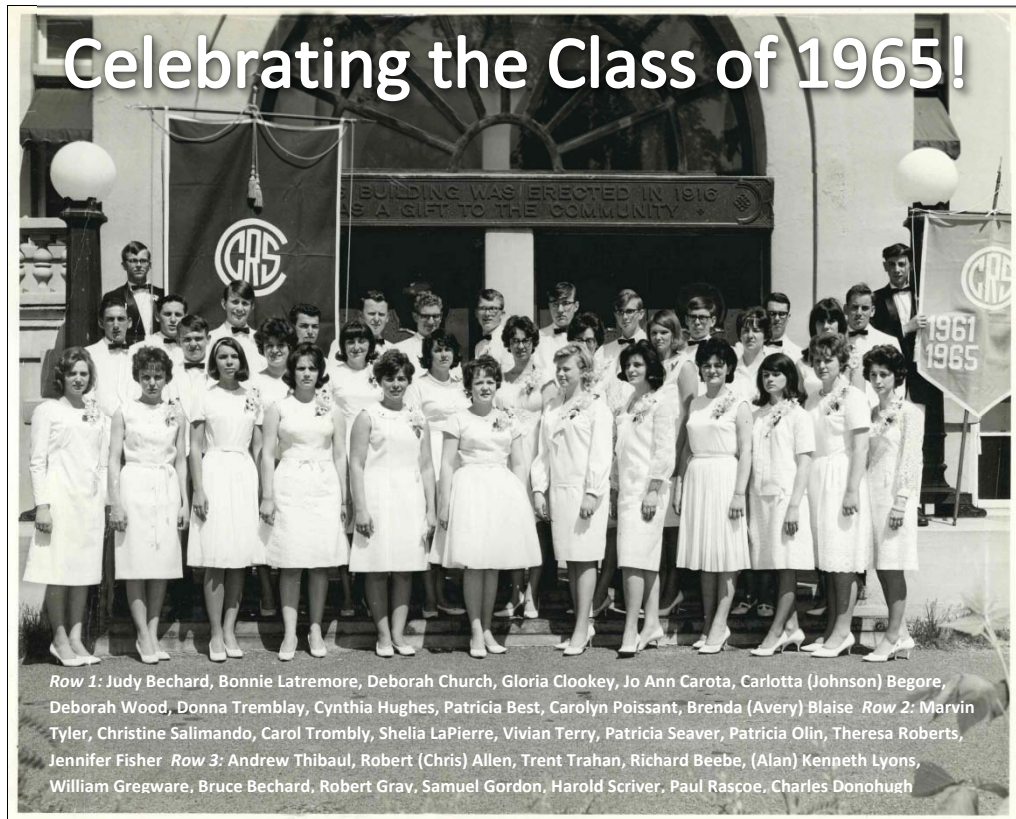
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Alumni Association Tea

Hosted by Jane Fulton Hess '53

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

at the ALICE T. MINER MUSEUM

CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATION

School Auditorium

Friday, June 26, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Reserved seats available for
the honored Class of 1965

and any class over 50 years and their spouses

ALUMNI BANQUET

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015

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 1965 Biographies

Carlotta Johnson Begor ("Kitty")

"I married Lee Begore in 1964. We celebrated our 50th anniversary last year. We built a home in Sciota and are still there. We had three children. Todd has disabilities since age 4 but he's getting married June 20th and living on his own; Mark, who we lost in 1989 at age 20 due to renal disease (I gave him a kidney but it was not successful); our daughter Shelby and her husband Bryan Law gave us four wonderful grandchildren: Cooper, Emily, Grace and Griffin. I went to work at Wyeth Labs in 1991 and retired from there. Been on several great trips and plan on the Bahamas next year. No hobbies, just enjoying family and good health."

Orphir "Andy" Thibault

"I am unable to be at our 50th year celebration so a hug and handshake to all of you. After graduation I started work at Mousseau Pharmacy as a clerk, pharmacy assistant and delivery person. From there I began my career with the U.S. Postal Service, started as a clerk, moved on to Supervisor and then retired as Postmaster. In this time I began an 11-year career with the Vermont Army National Guard as a tank retriever specialist. In 1967 I married Diane Baker (Class of 1968) and we have one son who carries on my name. Diane and I were able to travel to 28 states and five Canadian provinces. My later year favorite was three weeks each year in Las Vegas. My hobbies were cards, sports (especially the Baltimore Orioles and PSU Cardinal Mens' Hockey), bowling and casinos. My special interest was being an active member of the Chazy Lions Club, Chazy Volunteer Fire Department, Champlain K of C 3525, Keeseville Elks Lodge 2072, American Legion Post 769 of Chazy, and honorary member of American Legion Post 20 of Plattsburgh. I was also very active in Little and Pony League baseball and was Scoutmaster of Chazy Boy Scout Troop 42. I now reside at Meadowbrook Healthcare in Plattsburgh due to Parkinson's and Lewys Body Dementia. Diane is still at our home in Chazy."

Paul Charles Rascoe

Motto: Fill your heart with love and there will be little room for hate. "After graduation I attended BOCES and was awarded an Auto Mechanic certificate. Shortly after, I was hired at E.S. Mason Dodge where I was employed as an auto mechanic until I received my draft notice for military service in the fall of 1966. I then entered Basic Training at Fort Jackson, SC, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, GA, and Fort Huachuca, AZ. After training, I received orders for duty in the Republic of South Vietnam. After serving a one year tour, I was assigned to Darmstadt, Germany. After my military service I was hired at Ayerst Laboratories in Rouses Point, NY and met my wife Shirley a short time later. We have three children: Brian, a music teacher at NACS, Darrell, a medical records technician at CVPH; and Christina, a CAN at Meadowbrook Healthcare Facility. We travel as much as we can and love to cook, read, and aid in the plight of neglected and abandoned animals."

Carol Trombly LaPierre

Motto: If silence was golden, I'd be rich. "After graduation I moved to Derby, CT to work for New England Bell Telephone Company as an information operator. In September 1966 I moved back to Chazy, then went to work for Ayerst Laboratories in Rouses Point for the next three years. I went to work for CCRS as a teacher's aide in 1976 and retired in 1996. I married Arnold LaPierre in September 1966. We have two wonderful children and three grandchildren. Our son Ken and his wife Diana live in North Myrtle Beach. He works as a computer consultant for Homeland Security in D.C. They have three children: Kayla and Tyler are in college, and Katie is a sophomore in high school. Our daughter lives in Colchester, VT and works as a buyer for Green Mountain Coffee Roasters. We have spent our winters in Ormond Beach, FL for the past 19 years. We enjoy playing bocce, darts, golf, cards, walking the beach, and spending time with our many friends. We are truly blessed."

Christine (Salimando) Wassermann

"I can still reach out to those gentle memories of the summer of 1965...helping Mom and Dad in the store, carhopping for Anne and Omer Carpentier, and overhauling and painting my first car...a Nash Rambler. That fall I entered Our Lady of Victory, graduated in the spring of 1966, and went to work at Physicians Hospital. I later moved to Boston, then returned to Plattsburgh. I married my husband, who by then had joined the U.S. Marines. We were stationed in Cherry Point, NC, where we enjoyed the beauty of coastal living, as well as the birth of our daughter Paula in 1968. After her birth came Vietnam, and our lives were forever changed. My husband and I divorced and I returned to NY in 1971. In 1976 I went to work for the Pyramid Companies, where I started as the weekend secretary. Over the next 10 years I was promoted and relocated to the home office in Syracuse, where I oversaw the daily operations of eight malls. In 1986 I moved to Annapolis MD where I was a medical staff coordinator and management at Maryland and Washington, DC hospitals. Also in 1986 I visited the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC. I stood there reading and finding names of people I once knew and watched others find their own memories as well. It was sad to realize that so much was still "blowing in the wind." My endeavors in both careers had taken me through the glass ceilings. In 1995 I retired to West Palm Beach, FL and after several hurricanes, some difficult health issues, and triple-bypass surgery, I returned to NY. In the fall of 2012 I moved to the big open sky country of Montana to live close to my daughter, her husband David, and my two grandchildren, Andrew and Kaylee. Andrew, 23, is serving our country in the U.S. Army and is now stateside. Kaylee, 16, is a sophomore in high school. Paula and her husband built me a small retirement cottage that I happily share with two cats, Wick and Will. I enjoy going to the occasional volleyball game to cheer my granddaughter on when she plays. Days in Montana are peaceful and, to my surprise, are much warmer than upstate NY. The town deer frequently visit my yard to partake of my flowers and the town free-range chickens actually

knock on my door for a handout. (I have witnesses). Unfortunately I am unable to make it to the reunion, but my thoughts are with all of you."

Jennifer Fisher Efford

"Upon graduating from CCRS I attended Vermont College in Montpelier where I received my degree in Secretarial Sciences. Shortly after that I married Dalton Jefferson and we had our beautiful daughter Shannon. I was a yoga teacher in Plattsburgh for several years, studying with Carol Ladd. I also worked for Dr. DeSnyder in Plattsburgh for a couple of years. Shannon and I moved to Los Angeles, CA, in 1982, following my family out there. I worked for several years as an office manager for Dr. Greene and then for Dr. Hurtado and Dr. Sanchez. I met and married Bob Efford, a wonderful bass player from London, England. We have been married for 29 years this July 4th. Since retiring, our lives revolve around our beautiful nine-year-old granddaughter Logan and our daughter and son-in-law. We have traveled to England and France. We love vacationing in Kauai and coming home to Chazy, staying at our cousins Leah and Barbara Gagnon's camp on the lake. Regretfully, I cannot attend my 50th class reunion."

Deborah Wood Calisti

"My new saying is, 'Take each day as it comes!' After high school I went to Mohawk Valley Junior College for advertising and later worked for a newspaper company in Philadelphia. My degree in art education was completed at Buffalo State. While home on vacation I was offered a job at Northeastern Clinton Central School. That was where I spent the next 34 years as an art teacher (K-12). In 1973 I married a fellow teacher (divorced in 2002) and had two children. My son Charlie lives in California (1 grandson, 1 granddaughter) and my daughter Brigitte lives in Philadelphia (1 granddaughter-to-be in August). Our family used to spend time in southern France where great-grandma lived to be 107. I now spend my time between Rouses Point, California, Philadelphia and Florida. My home in Rouses Point is where my friends are and I am very happy there. What a pleasure it has been to reconnect with CCRS through

the theatre productions. At one performance there were nine cousins involved. Chazy has had a special place in my heart always. My life has had more twists and turns than a labyrinth...but that keeps me on my toes and keeps life interesting."

Donna Tremblay Gero

Motto: Listen with open heart and closed mouth. "1966: married James Gero from Pittsfield, MA. 1967: had our first child, James Jr. 1968: we moved to Champlain. 1970: our second child Jessica arrived and in 1974 Jennelle was born. My husband passed away at age 49 in 1987. The best jobs I've ever had include Harris Graphics (The Sheridan Iron Works) where I was the first woman hired in an all men's shop. I also enjoyed working for WLFE radio when it was a country station. I found it challenging and rewarding to serve as the Champlain Coordinator of the JCEO. Last July I retired from St. Mary's where I was bookkeeper and Director of Religious Education. I have four wonderful grandchildren and three wonderful cats. I live my life in gratitude knowing that God takes care of me one day at a time and the best is yet to come."

Theresa Roberts Southworth

Motto: It matters not how long you live, but how well. "I returned to CCRS after graduation, first as a teacher's aide and then elementary secretary to Gordon Dragoon. At the urging of Mr. Dragoon and with the encouragement and support of my husband, Gary Southworth, I got my Master's degree in Elementary Education at PSUC. Mr. Dragoon then hired me at CCRS. I spent 24 years teaching first grade, pre-first, and kindergarten. It was a career that I enjoyed immensely and found very rewarding. Gary and I have one daughter who lives in South Carolina. She gave us three beautiful granddaughters. The two oldest are married and between them we have three great-grandsons. All of them live in the south and I fly there a few times a year to visit and catch up. Over the years I have enjoyed tent camping, canoeing many Adirondack ponds and lakes, RV traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada, and spending time working in my flower gardens during warm weather. After retirement I discovered I

loved to paint and spend time almost every day working on some painting project. I also enjoy antiquing and do so often with my husband or sister."

Patricia Boardway

"In school my name was Patricia Seaver. I was known to be kind of a comedian. I love to have fun by making fellow classmates laugh. When I graduated from school I started working at the Franklin County Nursing Home and worked there for 32 ½ years, as a housekeeper for 20 ½ years and head housekeeper for the last 12 years, retiring at age 56. I enjoyed my job working around the elderly residents of the nursing home. My first marriage lasted 32 years and ended in divorce. I remarried and have been married thirteen years. We have five children, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. My hobbies are shopping, visiting with the neighbors, listening to my wind chimes, watching the birds feed from the feeders, and working in my flower beds. My husband and I purchased a camper last year and we are planning on going to Maine this year, and when he retires we are going to do a little traveling."

Bonnie Latremore LaPine

"I married my high school sweetheart, Steve LaPine, in the summer of 1965. Steve worked at Sheridan Iron Works and within two years we were transferred with Sheridan to Easton, PA. Steve was hired in the Engineering Department at IBM in Essex Junction, VT in 1968. We moved to Essex, where we still reside today. We have been blessed with three wonderful children: Craig, a special ed teacher in South Burlington; Wendy, finance manager for VT Special Olympics; and Carrie, who (with her husband Chris) owns a property management company. We have three grandsons: Logan, Ray and Draven, and one great-grandchild, Cody. They all live in the area so I am always busy attending their activities. I stayed home with our children, and after several years I became licensed and started working in commercial insurance. The agency I worked for also had a real estate division, so I became a licensed realtor as well. I worked part-time and also acquired my private investigator license. I did

surveillance for workers comp claims and would sit in my car and knit undercover. Steve retired in 2012 after 44 years with IBM and is enjoying his quiet time. I am still working part-time at a local insurance agency, but have given up surveillance and selling real estate. I have done a lot of volunteer work through the years for Vermont Cares, Fanny Allen Hospital, Essex Library, Animal Rescue, and currently I am mostly involved with VT Special Olympics. Hobbies include traveling and I love all fiber arts. I am an avid knitter, crocheter and rug "hooker," which is always a source of conversation!"

Judy Bechard Pombrio

"After graduating from CCRS, I graduated from OLVA Secretarial School as a medical secretary. In 1966-68 I was employed at the Champlain Valley Hospital as a medical secretary. In 1968 I began my career at Miner Institute, retiring in 2002 after 34 years of service as an administrative assistant. I married Marvin Pombrio in August 1968 and we made our home in Chazy. We were blessed with our son Corey in 1979. We enjoyed attending his soccer games at CCRS and college. He is a store manager for Hannaford in Lake Placid. I am proud to be a member of the Chazy community, continuing to volunteer as time permits. After our retirement, Marvin and I spend three months in Ormond Beach, FL, loving the warm weather. Hobbies are traveling, gardening, spending time with family and friends, and keeping busy."

Sam Gordon

"After graduation from high school I attended SUNY Oswego, graduating with a B.S. in Industrial Arts Education. I then taught industrial arts in Schoharie, NY. After 11 years there Jolie and I decided to return to Chazy to be near family and friends and to raise our family. After moving back I got a job at Clinton Correctional. I worked there 24 years, holding several different positions in the education department, the last of which was vocational supervisor. I married Jolie Bechard, another Chazy alumna, in 1971. We have two children, Seth and Cinnamon. Hobbies include hunting, fishing, traveling and of course as a shop teacher, building stuff. After our children graduated from college they moved out of

the area so we got to travel to New York City and the Lake Tahoe/San Francisco area. They are both back in Chazy, so we will have to find new places to which to travel. Hard to believe it has been 50 years."

Carolyn Poissant Mesec

"After graduation I worked at Physicians Hospital as a nurse's aide. I also worked as a nurse's aide in a nursing home and I was trained as a Home Health Aide and worked for Senior Services. I also worked with clients with disabilities and other aspects of the aging process. I did some private duty work taking care of the elderly in their homes. This was very rewarding to me. I believe home is where the heart is. I also sold Avon products and became a Group Sales Leader, training new representatives. I held meetings to promote the products. I enjoyed meeting new people and helping them in any aspect of life that I could. My hobbies were camping, enjoying the seasons, nature and fishing. I enjoyed cooking, sharing recipes, and having people in for meals. I also enjoyed couponing and doing rebates. I had three children and I also have a grandson. I enjoy life and every day as a gift from God. I would like to know if anyone knows where the tree is located that the Class of 1965 planted. How big is it and what kind is it? Good luck to you all and may God bless."

JoAnn Carota McDonald

"After graduating I attended Mohawk Valley Community College for Advertising Art and Design. Before marriage I worked in Medical Records at both Plattsburgh P.M.C. and Albany Medical Center. Tom and I met during my summers at Indian Lake, NY and were married in 1967. We've been together for 47 years...soon to be 50!! We have three grown children: Jeanie in Niskayuna, NY, David in Raleigh, NC, and Christopher in Baltimore, MD. We have two teenage grandsons. Love going to their hockey games! After raising my family in Schenectady, NY I worked full-time at Union College Book Store and was employed in the ski fashion industry. I was also a part-time ski instructor and volunteer for S.T.E.P. We now live in Clifton Park, NY and are both retired. My love for art and creating always keeps me busy. We love travel, enjoy the outdoors, and

kayak, ski and camp in the Adirondacks. Enjoy the reunion and my best to everyone!"

Patricia Olin Voss (deceased)

"My dear friend passed away a month after her 50th birthday. The evening of her birthday she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage due to the Coumadin she had to take for advanced lupus, which had struck her in sixth grade; she had been told she wouldn't make it past her 20s). Pat was beautiful, self-confident, and very intelligent (165 IQ). BUT...best of all she was a true and good friend with sparkling blue eyes. She earned a degree in computer programming and worked in Washington, DC where a wing of the company for which she worked was named in her honor. Pat was on call 24/7 and they never knew she was ill. No matter where Pat moved she always remembered her Chazy home and the friends she had here. Rest in peace, dear friend."

- Deb Calisti

Cynthia Hughes Clark (deceased)

"Cynthia was a teacher at NCCS for at least 35 years and her musical abilities were way beyond those of most people. She had a daughter and a grandson. Her grandson is involved with music and this really pleased her. We used to laugh at how we thought the girls from Chazy march to their own drummers. A good friend gone too soon and missed."

- Deb Calisti



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!

The Chazy Central Rural School district opened on November 14, 1916. We'll be celebrating 100 years of educational excellence soon! Everyone is invited to join our celebration, and planning has begun for a two-day event. A school-wide celebration for current students and guests will occur on October 21, 2016, followed by a community-wide celebration on October 22, 2016. Visiting alumni, district retirees, community members and guests will find many historical exhibits to view.

We respectfully ask anyone interested in donating to the celebration budget for activities, refreshments and advertising to send donations to the Chazy Alumni Association. Any donations that exceed costs will be used for future graduation scholarships.

Loans of pictures or artifacts from the old or new schools will be most welcome. (Color photos of the old school would be especially appreciated for this event and for the 2016-17 yearbook). Contact John Fairchild, Superintendent, at 518.846.7135 or jfairchild@chazy.org, or Elementary Principal Rob McAuliffe, rmcauliffe@chazy.org. Future details will appear at our website, www.chazy.org.

In Memoriam

*Madeline Fisher Gagnon '38, Russell Trombly '41, Dennis Bechard '44, Richard Trombly '44,
Alice Lou Rasmussen Sanger '48, Lyles Trombly '49, Clarence Loren Baker '54,
Barbara Henrichs Conklin '62, Cynthia Hughes Clark '65, Patricia Olin Voss '65, Jeannine Laurin '83,
Keith R. Matott '84, Philip Fortsch III '96*

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

Kevin F. LaPierre '68 "This gift is in remembrance of (music teacher) Dorothy Pickard, who always offered an encouraging word, but never failed to say, 'Kevin, please don't sing too loud!'"

GOLD PARTNERS - \$100 to \$199

Lori Beth Lafave '87

SILVER PARTNERS - \$50 to \$99

William H. Brunelle '71

BRONZE PARTNERS - \$1 to \$49

Jan (Dragoon) Haughey '74

The Aquila Yearbook Partners fund wishes to honor the memory of Keith R. Matott '84, who passed away this year. Keith was one of this fund's first and most loyal donors and we are thankful.

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

PLEASE RETURN THIS ENTIRE PAGE!

Complete all information where necessary.

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

MAIL BY FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015 to:

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

NAME: _____ CLASS YEAR: _____
First Maiden Last

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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.

Dear Alumni,

Spring is finally here! As we look forward to this year's Alumni Weekend, we would like to a moment to look back at last year's Alumni Weekend and provide you with an accounting of our revenues and expenses. Below is the breakdown.

Banquet Expenses:

Dinners	\$ 1,590
Calvin Castine	100
Plaques	60
50 YearPins	415
Clean-up	50
Thank You Gift	<u>100</u>
Banquet Expenses	\$ 2,315
Banquet Revenue	-1,782
Net Loss	(\$533)

Newsletter Expenses:

Paper	\$ 47
Seals/Tabs	86
Thank You Gift	<u>47</u>
Newsletter Expenses	\$180

Yearly Revenues	\$6,282
Yearly Expenses	-5,810
Net	\$573

Miscellaneous Expenses:

Yearbook Ad	\$ 55
Yearbook Purchase	35
After Prom Party	100
Frankie Garrow Run	100
Senior Play Ad	<u>25</u>
Misc. Expenses	\$315

Scholarship(s):

Four Scholarships	\$3,000
Donations	2,620
Negative	(\$380)

Revenues:

Dinners	1,782
Dues	1,880
Scholarships	<u>2,620</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 6,282

As always, we welcome and encourage your suggestions and ideas on ways to increase revenues and decrease expenses, without diminishing or losing site of the focus for our Alumni Weekend Celebration.

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