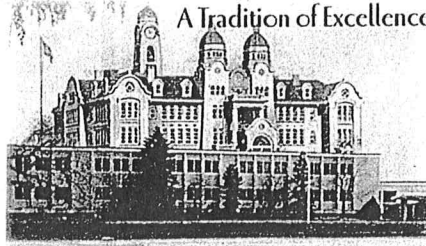


CHAZY CENTRAL RURAL SCHOOL

A Tradition of Excellence

Cathy Devins '73
Executive Director

May 2016



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Alumni Association Officers
2016

Executive Director
Cathy Munson Devins '73

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Alumni Association Tea

Hosted by Superman & Wonder Woman

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

at the ALICE T. MINER MUSEUM

CLASS OF 2016 GRADUATION

School Auditorium

Friday, June 24, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Reserved seats available for
the honored Class of 1966
and any class over 50 years and their spouses

ALUMNI BANQUET

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016

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.

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 1966

Biographies

Stephanie DeVoid Ackey

"I graduated from Chazy Central with all of my other classmates in 1966. I was accepted at Syracuse Business Academy but decided to marry the man of my life, Leo Ackey Sr., on September 11, 1966. We had crazy fun for the first four years and then decided to get serious and grow up.

Leo built our home in 1970 and we commenced to fill it with two boys. Life was good.

Later on in life I attended and graduated from BOCES, now CV-TEC. I received a degree in cosmetology and ran my own salon for many years out of my home. Four years later I went to Ithaca State College and got my degree to teach cosmetology. I was offered a job upon graduation, but because my home and family were in Chazy I declined it. I substituted at BOCES many times.

Through the years I was active in the PTO at Chazy, raising my boys, and was also in the Alumni Association. My many interests include sewing, gardening and traveling.

My husband and I spent many fun-filled times with friends in Atlantic City.

Then the world came to a sudden stop. Leo died in 2009 and I had to learn to be an independent person (like I wasn't already).

In 2010 I moved to Florida and bought a home in Melbourne. In 2011 I got into camping and have camped in every state this side of the Mississippi River. I have been on many cruises because the boarding docks were only 45 minutes from my home.

I sold my home in Chazy. In 2015 I came back to camp for a month and my grandsons decided for me that Chazy was where I'd better stay. They figure as I am getting older, I need to be here with them. So here I am, back in Chazy!"

Constance Heikle Roberts

"Upon leaving the North Country in 1968, I moved to Watertown, New York. It was my Mom's birthplace and several relatives had also moved back there!

While in Watertown, I worked as a bank cashier, and met and married my husband, Bob Roberts.

After being discharged from the Air Force, we moved to Bob's hometown of Youngstown, Ohio.

We have a daughter, a son, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The blessings in my heart!

While Bob worked as an electrician in the steel mill, I worked as a bank cashier.

Later, I finally took my turn to attend Penn-Ohio School of Business.

Bob and I have always enjoyed traveling, so since retirement we get to enjoy more time at our hunting camp in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. We also got an RV and have been able to travel more extensively, when and wherever we want.

Still, the North Country is in my heart and I truly enjoy visiting my long-time friends when there."

Joseph "Joe" Laramie

"After graduation, I somehow completed my BA at SUNY Plattsburgh in four years. I continued at Plattsburgh for another two years, and received an MSED in Counseling in 1972. In 1971 I married Judy Russell from Malone. We spent 1973 as House Parents for Clinton County ARC. I was employed at SUNY Plattsburgh as the Assistant/Associate Director of the Upward Bound Program for 16 years. I was Acting Director for one year. Judy and I were divorced in 1991. I have two wonderful sons from our marriage, David and Steven.

1990 was a year of crisis and renewal in my life. I spent 16 weeks in mental health facilities after a complete major depression crash. After a hard struggle to regain self-strength with excellent support from Four Winds Hospital, I regained my positive approach to life. The process was

very hard, but I am so proud of the result. In November 1990 I accepted a position as Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. I spent the next 20 rewarding years in that position, retiring in December 2010. In 1993 I married Charlotte Laramie, a totally blind, very independent woman. I have had almost 23 wonderful years together. We have independently traveled to 44 of the United States and 8 Canadian provinces, New Zealand and Australia. I enjoy traveling, bowling, our two cats, at our Albany home. I hope to see all of my remaining classmates in 2016, and God bless those who have left us."

Michael Laurin

"Jeezum crow! How quickly 50 years transpire. After graduating with an Associate in Mechanical Design degree in 1968 from Canton ATC (now SUNY Canton), I was employed in the engineering department of GE Aerospace Armament Division in Burlington, Vermont. Over the span of 41 years that I was there the department was sold on three occasions. I have had the privilege to work for General Electric, Martin Marietta, Lockheed Martin, and eventually retired from General Dynamics in 2009. Working with clever, ingenious peers, I was awarded, as co-inventor, two U.S. patents pertaining to ammunition handling for two separate weapon systems. I enjoyed the people and the challenging work, but not the strict deadlines.

Therese Bechard, CCRS Class of '67, and married in June 1968. We have two sons Daniel and David, and our daughter Lisa. Daniel, his spouse Shelley and son Patrick reside in Rouses Point. David and his spouse, Myrna, reside in Colchester, Vermont and have six children in their combined family: Derek, Veronica, Taylor, Macie, Brittany and Katie. They have two grandchildren, Gavin and Aniyah. Yes, we are great-grandparents! Lisa and her spouse, Craig, reside in Grand Isle, Vermont and have four children: Stephen, Nicole, Ashley and Joshua. Our family

activities require a day planner for sure. In years past, I was an assistant coach for Little League baseball, on the Board of Directors for Burlington Youth Hockey Association, and a volunteer Vermont Hunter Safety Instructor for over 15 years. Therese and I have enjoyed cruises to Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, and a few road trip adventures with our friends. Now we cruise and vacation with our children and their families. Hunting, fishing and the great outdoors have been a big part of my life and continue to be. Our boys and I have spent many hours on beautiful Lake Champlain both day and night. Theresa and Lisa have accompanied us often. I have been on numerous hunting and fishing adventures in Canada and the United States. Now I am enjoying passing on these hunting and fishing traditions as well as many other great outdoor activities to our grandkids.

In the mid-90s we were able to purchase a piece of ground in Champlain. While some of my co-workers were acquiring sports cars and convertibles, I purchased land and a four-wheel drive tractor. Guess I still had some Lake Shore Road farm dirt under my fingernails. The grandkids love four-wheeling, shooting, and gardening there, as well as helping me maintain it all. I hope they will have fond memories of all they do with us. I spend as much time as I can over there as it's only 75 miles away. Take care and I hope to see you in June!"

Judith Moody Wood

After graduation we moved to Plattsburgh, where I attended and graduated from Our Lady of Victory Secretarial School. In 1968 I met Walter L. Wood, whom I married in 1969 in Aschensburg, Germany. We had three great sons and traveled throughout the country, including Fort Devens, Massachusetts; St. Sill, Oklahoma, and a total of six years between Aschensburg and Gelnhausen, Germany. We were stationed at Stewart Base when we retired in 1984 and moved to Maybrook, New York. In 1989 my husband Walter left the home and I continued to live in Maybrook until 2000,

when I got rid of the house. My three sons, Walter, Kenneth and Tim, all attended Valley Central and graduated from there. They are all doing well and have families of their own now.

I worked at the United States Military Academy (USMA) from 1983 to 2008, when I retired and started traveling as a snowbird during the winter. I started out as a clerk-typist and became budget analyst/accounting technician before I retired.

In 1996 I met Ken Miller, who introduced me to the world of RVs. We traveled and worked until 2008 when we retired and became official SNOWBIRDS. We have traveled over most of the USA but hope to stay in every state eventually. We have also been to Mexico and Canada in our RV. Between us, Ken and I have seven children, 20 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Our future plan is to continue to travel and enjoy life. My hobbies are enjoying our families, crocheting, reading, and computers. Life is good and we hope to be able to enjoy all our family."



**WE'RE LOOKING FOR
COLOR PICTURES
OF THE OLD SCHOOL
FOR THE 100th ANNIVERSARY
YEARBOOK! Please contact
Steve Patnode, 518-846-7135,
or spatnode@chazy.org.**

WE WANT CURRENT ALUMNI NEWS!

Beginning next year, we want to include news from alumni of all ages in this newsletter: college graduations employment news, engagements, marriages, births, retirements, travel, achievements and milestones of all kinds that you would like to share.

Photos can be used as space allows.

Examples:

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Nancy Powers Vesco '77 and husband Dan, owners of Vesco Ridge Vineyards in West Chazy, have added a large deck to their winery in order to host large parties, exercise classes, music events and more. Check it out on Facebook!

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Morgan Roussy '10 and Ryan Esposito married January 13, 2016 in Riviera Maya, Mexico. The couple resides in Peru, NY.



Jacob Spiegel '07 and his wife Krystina (married in July 2013) welcomed a baby girl, Lillia Marie Spiegel, born 2/2/16. The Spiegels reside in Gansevoort, NY.

**Please send your info to:
"CCRS ALUMNI TODAY"
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
609 MINER FARM ROAD
CHAZY, NY 12921**

**OR EMAIL PHOTOS AND TEXT TO:
CHAZYALUMNI@GMAIL.COM**



April 2016

Dear CCRS Alumni,

As alumni of CCRS, we all share a common bond – whether we have actually met in person or not. We share a love of our hometown, a quest for knowledge that our fine school helped to shape in us, a sense of tradition, excellence, community and fellowship that is with us always.

CCRS is a special place – and we know it. In our ever-changing economy and the pressures that it places upon small school districts like CCRS – we know that we must continue to be creative to make sure that our school district not only survives, but is able to give our teachers and students everything that it possibly can.

I have created a new organization called – **the CCRS Education Foundation**. This 501 (c)(3) organization is a fully tax-deductible organization. The mission of the CCRS Education Foundation is to enhance, fund, facilitate, and promote the academic endeavors at CCRS for all students and faculty.

Think of the CCRS Education Foundation as the “Academic Boosters” for CCRS.

The CCRS Education Foundation is also a place to house “special” donor opportunities. We are a fully accredited Not-For-Profit/Charitable Corporation. We can accept the following:

- Individual Tax-Deductible Donations
- Corporate Tax-Deductible Donations
- Joint Charitable Giving Programs (for example, your employer may have a charity match if you give them the CCRS Education Foundation as your preferred charity)
- We can accept bequests, and can be a part of your estate planning
- We can also apply for state & national grants to administer to CCRS

I would like to introduce our Board of Directors:

Lori LaFave '87

Christopher Keuleman '89

Rosemary Souza Botten '81

Lee Barcomb '91

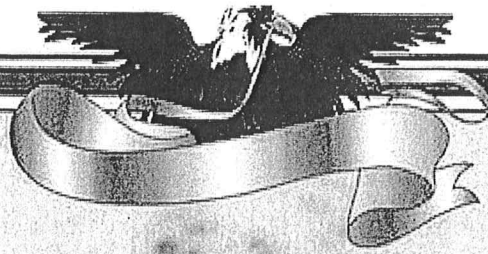
If you have room in your charitable giving, and you wish to be the one of the first donors to the CCRS Education Foundation – you can make checks payable to:

**CCRS Education Foundation
P.O. Box 256
Chazy, NY 12921**

Most importantly, please be in touch – if you have ANY ideas you would like to share. I can't wait to hear from you, and, I am looking forward to working with you – with a shared goal --- to make sure our fine CCRS is here for generations to come.

Always a Chazy Eagle,

Lori B. LaFave
Founder, CCRS Education Foundation
703-304-8407
loriblafave@gmail.com



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 this fall! We invite alumni, past faculty and staff, community members, and special guests to join us in our celebration. The Shared Decision-Making Committee and Alumni Association members have begun planning a two-day event. A school-wide celebration for current students and guests will occur on *Friday, October 21, 2016*, followed by a community-wide celebration on *Saturday, October 22, 2016*. Visiting alumni, district retirees, community members and guests will find many historical exhibits to view, celebrating each decade of our existence. More details on the celebration will be shared as we get closer to the event.

One challenge we face is creating a budget for activities, refreshments, and advertising for this event. We respectfully ask anyone interested in donating to the celebration budget to send donations to the *Chazy Alumni Association*, 609 Miner Farm Road, Chazy, NY 12921. 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 of Schools, at 518-846-7135, ext. 508 or jfairchild@chazy.org. If you would like to help with preparations or the actual celebration, please contact Mr. Fairchild, or Elementary Principal Rob McAuliffe at 518-846-7212, or rmcauliffe@chazy.org. Updates about the celebration will be posted on our website, www.chazy.org.

The 100 Year Celebration Committee wants to share the story of CCRS with current students, the community, and guests at our celebration. We're asking alumni to provide a short essay response to this statement:

"MY EDUCATION AT CCRS PREPARED ME WELL FOR MY FUTURE CAREER IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS"

Alumni may also provide an anecdotal story related to a positive experience while a student at CCRS that impacted their life as an adult.

Responses should be limited to one sheet of paper. Selected responses from each decade will be shared during our 100 Year Celebration. Please help us share the story of CCRS! All responses may be sent to:

John Fairchild, Superintendent
Attn: Alumni Essay
Chazy Central Rural School
609 Miner Farm Road
Chazy, New York 12921

In Memoriam

Myrtle LaPlante Grace '32, Viola LaPierre Mousseau '34, Agnes Raul Beauharnois '36, Charles Ashley '44, Marie Laramie Gennett '44, Donald Green Jr. '46, Marcel Boire '47, Jean Niles Walter '48, Betty Harvey Pombrio '50, Carl LaPierre '50, Robert Gravelle '52, Barbara Laramie Carpentier '57, Robert Peltier '62, Stephen Lapine '64, Orphir Andy Thibault '65, Leon Gonyo Jr. '70, Donald Tre Green III '73, Rodney Harvey '77, Lewis LaFountain Jr. '92

FINANCIAL REPORT - 2015

Banquet Expenses:

Dinners	\$ 1,567
Clean-up	50
Thank You Gifts	<u>100</u>
Banquet Expenses	\$ 1,717
Banquet Revenue	-1,430
Net	(\$288)

Newsletter Expenses:

Paper	\$ 50
Seals/Tabs	69
Thank You Gift	<u>16</u>
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 135

Scholarship(s):

One Scholarship	\$ 1,000
Donations	1,676
Net	676

Miscellaneous Expenses:

Yearbook Ad	\$ 55
Plaques	104
Yearbook Purchase	35
After Prom Party	100
Frankie Garrow Run	100
Senior Play Ad	<u>25</u>
Misc. Expenses	\$ 419

Revenues:

Dinners	\$ 1,430
Dues	2,160
Scholarships	<u>1,676</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 5,266

Yearly Revenues	\$ 5,266
Yearly Expenses	-3,271
Net	\$ 1,995

ALUMNI YEARBOOK PARTNERS 2016

Our 'Partners' fund was established five years ago as a way for Chazy alumni to help ensure the publication of a quality yearbook. Please consider representing your graduation year in the future with a donation to the Chazy yearbook, the *Aquila*. Any level of giving makes a difference, and is appreciated... even a small donation will get your name and class year listed!

EAGLE PARTNERS - \$200 and above

Lori Beth LaFave '87
Debra LaPointe Gowett '77

GOLD PARTNERS - \$100 - \$199

Anonymous '72

SILVER PARTNERS - \$50 - \$99

Jan Dragoon Haughey '74
William H. Brunelle '71
"The Book Club"

BRONZE PARTNERS - \$1 - \$49

Carolyn Donovan Smith '49

Make checks payable to "CCRS Yearbook Club" and mail to:
CCRS Yearbook Club, 609 Miner Farm Road, Chazy, NY 12921

**Thank
you,
donors!**



You're invited! OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Featuring:

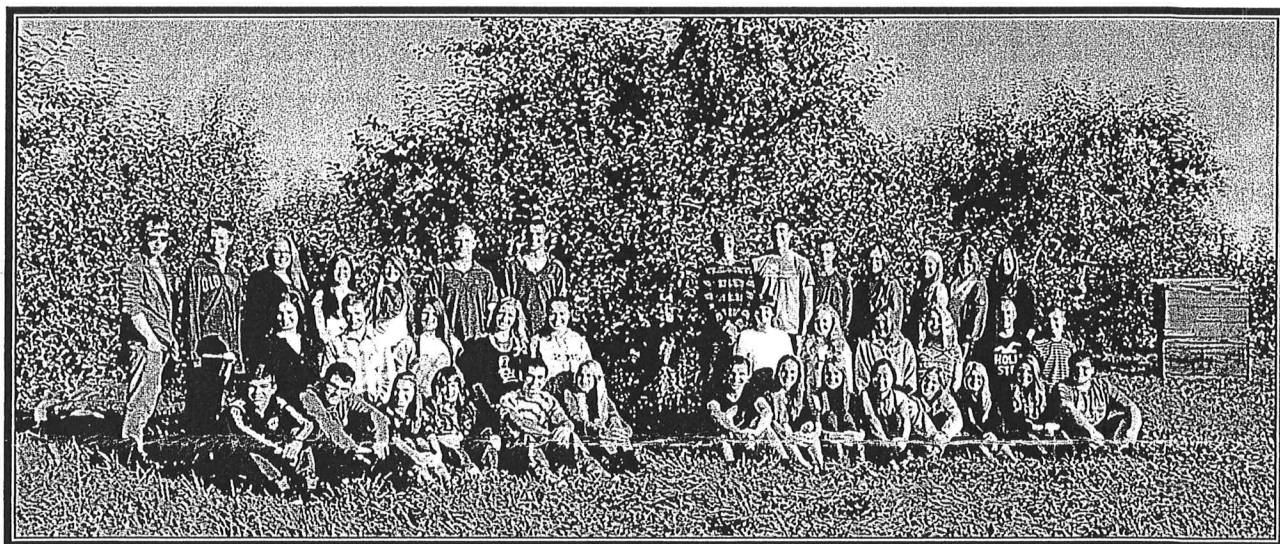
Wagon rides around the Institute
Morgan horse demonstrations
Interactive displays
Samples of local ag products

2015 Alumni

Paige Barcomb
Kenna Barnes
Joshua Barriere
Kayleigh Bell
Olivia Blais
Alyssa Bordeau
Samuel Breyette
Zachary Brothers
Gage Castine
Samuel Christiansen-Provost
Michelle Cline
Shania Coggins
Derek Drake
Alexander Duprey

Elijah Foley
Monica Garrow
Ariana Hagen
Alyssa Hansen
Jordan Hemingway
Adam Knight
Kinnan Latremore
Hannah Laurin
Kallie McGrath
Chloe McNally
Kevin Moore
Brittany Nestle
Keagan O'Connor
Zina Peete

Rachel Pombrio
Donald Reynolds
Abbey Snide
Austin Snide
Jillian Spencer
Mya Stone
Katelyn Therrian
Skyler Thomas
Maura Trombley
Justin Vassar
Brooke West
Jenissa Yang



Chazy Central Rural School Alumni Scholarships

2016 - To Be Announced at Graduation, 6/24/16!

2015 - Maura Trombley - \$1,000

2014 - Logan Baker, \$750

Alec LaPierre, \$750

Brendan Ryan, \$750

Taylor West, \$750