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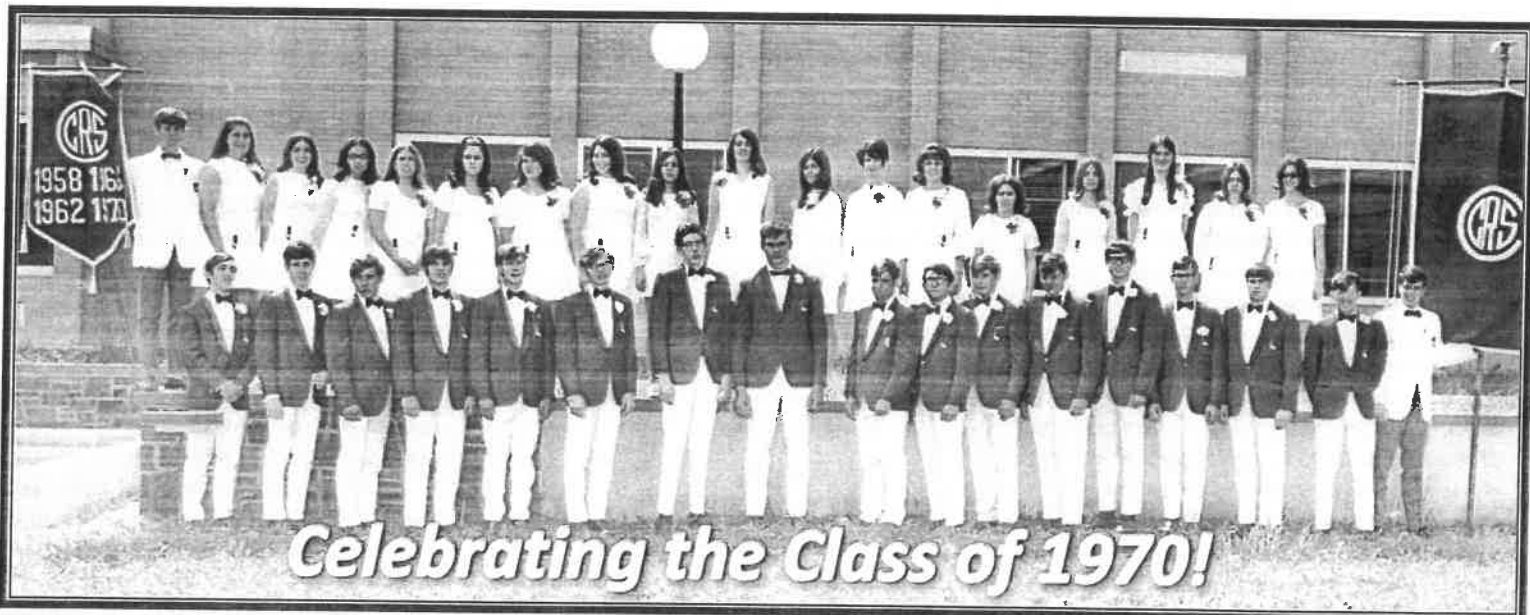
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Dear Alumni,

We are living in challenging, troubled times, with many unknowns and a feeling that our lives will forever be changed. As we were all thrown into this unwelcomed vacation (this "Corona-cation") did any of us think our lives would be turned upside down, resulting in quarantines, social distancing and loss of many lives?

As the days turned into weeks, and weeks into months, the realization came that difficult decisions had to be made regarding our Homecoming Weekend. For the safety and well-being of all, the CCRS Alumni Association has decided to cancel the Alumni Tea and Banquet this year, honoring the 50-Year Class of 1970. This is not to say we will not be honoring the Class of 1970; we will be, just not in the traditional way.

Next year when the 50-Year Class of 1971 gathers in Chazy to celebrate their Homecoming Weekend, the Class of 1970 will join them. We refuse to allow a class to go unrecognized for reaching a life milestone, so next year we will be hosting a combined Homecoming Weekend honoring the Classes of 1970 and 1971! We are certain there will be challenges, but we're confident it will be an evening of fun and excitement!

We look forward to seeing everyone next year, Friday, June 25 for the Alumni Tea, and Saturday, June 26 for the Alumni Banquet. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy, and God Bless!

Cathy Munson Devins '73
Executive Director

Class of 1970 Biographies

Judy Bechard

"I am proud to be a graduate of CCRS along with seven of my brothers and sisters. I was very fortunate to attend a school with such amazing history and wonderful traditions. Chazy Central gave me a quality education, however, CCRS did not provide athletics for girls prior to my graduation. My love for athletics came from playing softball and soccer with siblings, cousins and friends on the farm. Upon my graduation my goal was to pursue a career in physical education and athletics and return to CCRS and start a formal girls' athletic program. I graduated from Clinton Community College, Brockport State University with a BS in 1974 and received a Master's in 1975. The girls' physical education position which was held by Mrs. Helen Thom for over 30 years was available, and I was fortunate to acquire the position. In 1975 the girls' athletic program was created with a girls' field hockey team and the rest was history. The girls' athletic program continues to be competitive in soccer, basketball and softball. In 1989 I was granted a sabbatical from CCRS and attended Ohio State University and Hofstra University and acquired an administrative degree and became the Athletic Director. After 32 rewarding years of teaching at CCRS I retired in 2007. I did not retire from life. I became a professional ski instructor at Stowe Mountain Resort in Vermont. I have just completed my 12th ski season. In 1994 I was fortunate to meet my partner Theresa Page, and in 2004 we were married. We have been together for 25 years. We have two amazing dogs, Bodie and Sadie. They keep us busy with lots of walks. We like to travel, and we have recently completed a trip to Spain, France and Italy. Also, we have taken several cruises with family and friends and ski trips out West. I am also proud to say as of 2016 I became a 46er after completing all 46 High Peaks in the Adirondacks. I have been blessed to have grown up in the North Country, attend CCRS, to be surrounded by my family and friends and to be healthy and active. I am truly looking forward to seeing my classmates who were such a wonderful part of my life at CCRS."

Howard Paul Bell

"After graduating I started college at Canton ATC. After a year and a half, I realized I did not want to work in the computer/business field. In

September of 1972 I started work at CVPH as an Orderly. In a few years, I decided that becoming a Registered Nurse was attainable and Medicine was a good career field for me. The year 1975 was a romantic year as I met my beautiful wife Debbie (already a RN working in the hospital). We were married in 1977 and our oldest daughter was born the year I graduated in 1978. She grew up to be an elementary teacher at Beekmantown. Our second daughter was born in 1981. She grew up and became the next generation RN. We are blessed with four grandchildren (three boys and the last a girl for my wife) from them and two older grandchildren from their husband's previous marriages. We stay very active in our Church (Peru Community) for the last 40 years. Nursing offered many opportunities for me. I have done Medical Surgical Nursing, Pediatrics, Emergency Room, Intravenous Therapy (including administration of Chemotherapy), and Patient Care Coordinator. Finally, ending up as a Surgical (Circulating) Nurse for the last 33 years at CVPH. As my certification, experience and knowledge grew I was assigned the roles of being a Resource Leader in Urology, ENT, Neurology, Laser Safety Officer and the DaVinci Coordinator (for this I went to San Jose, California for a week of training). Upon retirement in 2016 (Deb in 2014) we started a new routine. Gym three days a week, Tai Chi, working around the house, the "Honey Do" list and traveling."

Greg Cote

"After graduation from CCRS, I attended Union College in Schenectady, NY, where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics. While there, I acted as a paid extra on the film 'The Way We Were' starring Robert Redford and Barbra Streisand. I helped fund my education by working as a maid during the school year and at Arpak Plastics, in Plattsburgh, in the summers. During senior year, I borrowed a \$7 guitar from my youngest brother, Kris, took it to school, and taught myself to play. A highlight of this time was a trip to Florida in a Volkswagen Beetle at Christmas vacation, Senior year, in the company of CCRS classmate Mike Dumar. Another highlight was taking SCUBA instruction but, due to an administrative snafu, failing to receive certification. After graduation from Union (at which we had a streaker), I attended Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, for two years. There, I worked for the school as a teaching assistant and earned a Master of Science degree in Physics. To supplement my

income, I also worked as a clerk in the 'Shop & Go' convenience store chain, a job requiring a polygraph exam. It was during this time that I first started riding motorcycles (a 350cc Honda). A highlight of this time was a motorcycle trip to Southern California to spend Christmas with CCRS classmate Ted Martin who was stationed at Edwards Air Force Base. After graduation from ASU, I returned briefly to Chazy and worked at Giroux's Poultry, building a grain silo. After about six weeks of this, I got a phone call from China Lake, California with a job offer to work as a civilian scientist for the Naval Weapons Center. It was a Friday. I asked how soon they wanted me. They said, "as soon as possible." I called North American Van Lines, packed a suitcase and all my earthly possessions in boxes for my parents to put on the truck when it arrived, and booked a flight for California. I arrived at Inyokern Airport on Monday and reporting for work that same day. I have been here ever since. NWC is where the sidewinder missile was invented. Their primary job is the development and testing of airborne weapons, for which they are isolated in the desert with land ranges larger than the state of Rhode Island. However, they do lots of other things. For instance, my first assignment was to improve a cancer cell counter for the National Institute of Health. In fact, most of the projects I have worked on over the years were defensive in nature. In my entire career, I can honestly say I never worked on anything that would hurt you unless you dropped it on your foot or recklessly exposed yourself to its radiation. In 1976, most activities were on the base which was the primary employer in the area. The adjoining city of Ridgecrest had only local, small businesses and only one traffic light. I settled into work and joined the men's soccer club, which was quite active due to all the scientists and engineers with European backgrounds. I also kept in touch with, and even played soccer against, Ted Martin, who was still stationed at Edwards AFB about 90 miles to the south. It was through Ted that I briefly met Brewster Shaw, who later became a Space Shuttle pilot. In 1978, I took a class in International Folk Dancing where I met Cindy Kochman, a local girl, which was a rare thing in a town established after World War II. In 1979, we married, and I moved off the base into Ridgecrest. Life has been extremely busy since then. I stayed in touch with Ted until he retired and moved to Colorado. I took a basic mountaineering class at the local community college and became a member of the China Lake Mountain Rescue team. I took another class in SCUBA

(in the desert!) and, this time, got certified. I got certified as an Emergency Medical Technician. I continued to play soccer into my 50's and coached in the local youth league. I have climbed Mt. Whitney (highest point in the 48 contiguous states) four times, the last time with artificial hips. In 1983, our daughter, Brianna was born. I have stayed active at Church. I worked at our local Junior Olympics competition for many years. I got involved in community theater (shades of David K. Martin!), having served as actor, choreographer, lighting director, etc. on multiple shows. I dusted off my trumpet after about 40 years and started playing with the Big Band Express and the Desert Community Orchestra. Through the years, my parents visited us in California multiple times. On one visit, we briefly met and shook hands with Muhammad Ali, a high point of my father's life. Likewise, we visited Chazy many times. In fact, I retired in 2010 (although I 'failed retirement' and still work part-time as a defense contractor) largely so that we could visit more often. In fact, we were in Chazy last year when Ridgecrest was hit by the big earthquakes that made the national news. We sustained minimal damage and dealt with it on our scheduled return. We have nieces currently attending CCRS and, in many ways, continue to consider the North Country as 'home'."

Steffen Parker

"I left CCRS planning on becoming the next Ms. Coupal and ended up becoming another Mr. Bentley. My first three years of college at Plattsburgh State, with a side trip to Clinton Community, majoring in Mathematics did not go as planned and I switched majors to Music my senior year the day before classes started in the fall of 1973. Three more years at Plattsburgh, all just taking music courses, and I graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Trombone Performance. Luckily I had worked at Sam Fairchild's Plattsburgh Hardware to pay for school for four years and stayed employed there till the fall of 1977 when I was hired to be the music educator at Mount Assumption Institute (MAI), my start of now more than four decades in education. Five years later, after also becoming MAI's yearbook advisor, Scholars Bowl and Drama Club coach, snow plow guy, bus driver and resident hall director, I left the Mount because they wanted me to be their computer teacher without a reasonable increase in compensation. I packed up what I had, took the \$500 I had to my name and headed West ending up in Fort Collins, Colorado where I convinced Colorado State University (CSU) to admit me to their Master's in music program.

I found a place to live, got a job at the local hardware store and started working on completing that degree in two semesters instead of the five they normally required. While there, I directed one of the school's jazz ensembles, directed the 140 member CSU Pep Band (often seen on national TV - what a blast that was), and guest conducted the college's wind ensemble, concert band, symphonic orchestra and women's chorale. I also worked as a photographer for a daily newspaper, using my self-taught skills to develop the film and make my own prints (no digital back then), and advanced at the hardware store till I was full-time there, the Merchandise Manager, third person in charge. I stayed in Colorado over the holidays, weathered the Christmas storm of 1982 like a true Vermonter, and got my Master of Music in Conducting degree that spring. I stayed an additional month to discuss an offer by the hardware store's parent company to work for them in their franchise stores across the West. In early June, I decided to come back to Vermont and look for a teaching job here. That led me to become the Colchester Junior High School Band Director and general music teacher in the fall of 1983. Unfortunately, that position was eliminated after that first year there and I headed to Williston Central to cover a one-year sabbatical as their band person. But before I could start at Williston, the Colchester High School band director now saddled with my old job along with his high school gig, quit and the two superintendents traded me back. So I became the Colchester band teacher from start to finish, 6th grade to 12th grade. I stayed there for 19 more years, teaching band, starting the jazz ensemble, advising yearbook, working with the theatre and drama clubs, and becoming actively involved in our music festivals at the local, state and regional levels, associations I have maintained and expanded in the many years since then. During this time, I, then we lived five months a year on a houseboat in Lake Champlain, an experience that I hope to repeat in retirement. The administration at Colchester changed multiple times during my years there, each with their own challenges, but the principal and superintendent in place in 2002-2003 were people whose actions I felt were not just inappropriate, but dishonest and corrupt. So of course, I said so to those I believe would make corrections and because of their fear of that administration and the weakness of our teacher's union leadership, I not only lost my job there, but my reputation as well. That led to my having part-time jobs in education over the next 15+ years ranging from music teacher to substitute teaching to data coach and finally district data manager. To supplement my income, I continued to work the various part-time and seasonal jobs I had

acquired since returning to Vermont after Colorado State and added a few more temporary ones including construction worker, FedEx driver and science center facilitator. In December 2018, I offered to return to Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington (having been there part-time from 2005 to 2007) as a one-period-per-day band teacher as they had had five different teachers in that role in the last five months. I stayed through the end of the school year to help right the ship and when their Digital Media teacher left last July, I was hired as the band and jazz ensemble director, digital media teacher, yearbook advisor, IT support person, freshman technology teacher and summer-time lawn mower. I just completed my 43 year in education, my 33rd in the classroom, as I started a new career teaching these new subjects, with a little music as well in my day. On the personal side, I finally found someone who could tolerate me in the early 90s (when I was already in my 40s). Kathryn, a former music educator, and I have been married for 26 years now, with three challenged children; Josiah, criminal justice graduate from Western New England University (Asperger's), Molly, graphic imaging graduate from Rochester Institute of Technology (deaf & Autism), and Jacob, architecture student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (highly gifted). We live in a house that I built with my father (he designed it) in the 70s that he and my mother lived in till he passed in 2004 and she moved to a smaller home in 2007. We run a small produce farm on the property, focusing on specialty pumpkins and running educational farm programs for Pre-K to 6th grade students from around the region. I now also care for my mother as she battles Alzheimer's, requiring 24/7 care and my brothers, Michael '73 and Peter '75 assist with that effort. I still work multiple jobs, many for more than 20+ years; fireworks, television, water quality testing, hardware manager, tech support person; and since 1994, have run a small software company from home that provides online data management for music festivals. My wife Kathryn takes care of our home and family, and runs a small in-home fudge company known for quality ingredients including pure Maple Syrup that I make in my part-time job as a sugar maker. I continue to volunteer in a leadership role for various music festivals and serve on the board or other committees for several state, local and national associations. And after helping my two sons achieve their Eagle Scout awards, I have stayed active in Scouting at the local, state, national and international levels. In July 2021, I will be returning to the national Boy Scout camp in West Virginia for my sixth year there and my third experience working on staff

for our National or World Scout Jamborees. I expect to retire in June of 2027 after I have led the Vermont All State Music Festival through the celebration of its 100th year. When retired, I plan to hike the Long Trail from Massachusetts to Canada and then travel the Great American Loop (travel by boat from here to Florida up the Mississippi to the Great Lakes and back over the course of year) with my wife."

Mary Keven Church Preston

"I open with this nagging question for everyone: How the heck is it that **FIFTY (!) YEARS** have elapsed since graduation from CCRS?!?! (Oh, wait ... I just looked in a mirror ... I think I get it now ;o). I started as a freshman at Russell Sage College, in Troy, New York in September 1970, majoring in Psychology/Elementary Ed. In the summer of 1973, I was introduced to Marty Preston, then the newly hired high school band director in Champlain. We met at a Straw Hatters rehearsal, with a subsequent "executive session" at the Weathercock! After college graduation in May 1974, I began my thirty-four-year teaching career in South Glens Falls, NY. Marty and I married in June 1975. He finished his master's degree in Music Education, while I began my studies for an MS in Elementary Ed. He was hired by the Warrensburg school district in September 1975. During my time in SGF, I taught second grade (two years), kindergarten (nine years) and first grade (twenty-three years). We welcomed our son, Christopher ('topher) Shea, in August 1979. In August 1980, Marty left his teaching position to pursue a military career with the NYS Army National Guard. He soon decided on taking the path to become an officer. Throughout his career he attended a variety of schools and short-term positions away from home, but never a duty station change from Albany/Latham/Troy. (Whew - after all, I married a music teacher, not a military man!!) We welcomed our daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, in February of 1982. The Preston Family lived happily in Fort Edward, NY until 1983, then relocated just south to the beautiful little city of Saratoga Springs, where we resided until 2003. We had become the proverbial empty nesters and "downsized," building another house - this time in nearby Wilton, NY. Christopher graduated from the College of Visual and Performing Arts @ Syracuse U in 2003. He pursued a career as a cameraman out in LaLa Land and spent a couple of years out there. He returned to NY in 2006. He met and "courted" Nobina Chakraborti. In October 2010 they were married in a very quiet, civil ceremony in VT. Then in December 2011, they were united in a

lovely Hindu ceremony. A big blow-out reception followed in May 2012. They became the very proud parents of a son, Shea Nimesh, in March 2013. They are both employed by a window treatment business in Cohoes, NY. Sarah attended Savannah College of Art and Design where she met and married Tyson Ruhle in 2004 - a tall, lanky Army dude from Alaska - stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah. Amelia Marie was born a year later, in 2005. Her sister, Ava MacKenzie, followed in 2008. Other duty stations for the Ruhles: Fort Rucker, AL (where he attended flight school and became a Chinook helicopter pilot, as well as Warrant Officer School and is currently a CW3); Katterbach, Germany; Fort Riley, KS - and presently, back to AL (where he will be instructing helicopter pilots!). Flying is his **FOURTH** love ... the "girls" come in at **ONE, TWO and THREE!!** Of course, it goes without saying that Sarah is #1, am I right?! Sarah is the rock, the glue of her beautiful family. During the course of their marriage she has held a few different jobs. A big accomplishment has been earning her certification as a spin instructor (as in stationary bicycle) - that is her true passion! In 2002 Marty retired from the military, holding the rank of Colonel. He went back to teaching music, accepting a part-time position. He retired once again in June 2007. I "called it a day" in June 2008. Upon my retirement we began snow birding to Sarasota, FL. We continued to do so through 2019, at which time we threw facts and figures up on the wall and reassessed our living situation. We decided to sell the house in NY to become full-time FL residents. We are very pleased with our decision - smart to do it while we are still "young enough" to have made the move and, subsequently, enjoy the move. Yep, it's gonna be H-O-T in the summer, but that's what AC is for ... And in the winter no one has to shovel that "white stuff"!! So many wonderful (and, if I'm being honest, a couple not-so-wonderful) adventures in the past **FIFTY YEARS**. This just barely skims the surface ... but I would bore you to tears if I filled in all the blanks, so I'll end here ... however, not before letting you all know how blessed I consider myself to have grown up with you and called you my friends. I am truly sorry that I will not be in attendance at this milestone gathering. Be assured, I will be there with everyone "in spirit!" Here's to us: CCRS Class of 1970!!! My very best regards and warmest wishes to you and yours - be well, be safe, be happy!!"

Gary Rabideau

"Time sure flies. Looking back, CCRS set a great foundation for my future. Thank you to the administration, faculty, staff and my

classmates - well done. I received an AA degree from MVCC and a BS from Cornell University. I met Joanne my lovely wife of 45 years at MVCC. We have 2 beautiful daughters 2 great sons-in-law and 4 wonderful grandchildren all living within 30 minutes of us in Nashville TN. My careers included: HS teacher - Salesman/manager/director of a large industrial chemical corporation - Bookstore and cafe owners - Real estate VP and principle broker which I plan to continue working through age 75. We have lived in Ithaca NY, Schuylerville NY, Galesburg IL, Des Moines IA, Pequannock NJ, Memphis TN and Nashville TN (Mt. Juliet). My biggest achievements are my family of course, making a living for the family and my hobbies. Singing has always been a big part of my life - 250+ weddings, 5 different bands - currently The Jazz Alliance Big Band and Nashville Vocal Jazz Company, community ensembles, Nashville Symphony Chorus along with being church cantor/youth choir director/choir member for over 50 years. I was also blessed to sing for Sunday Mass at the Vatican - St. Peters Cathedral, Rome - now that was amazing. Add to that gardening, skiing, camping, boating, travel, wine, food and time with friends & family. It was and still is a great life that has more chapters to be written. If you are ever in the Nashville area ... let's get together. Go Chazy Eagles!"

Adriana Jean Rovers

"Happily retired in the Finger Lakes region of New York, I'm the proud "Oma" of two very engaging four-year-old grandsons, and the mother of four daughters, the oldest just celebrated her 45th birthday. I'm sure we are all wondering where did the time go, and how could fifty years have passed so quickly! I moved to Ithaca in 1995 to work full time at Cornell University, shortly after graduating from Ithaca College. I was hired as an official university photographer, the first female in the role at Cornell. Several years later, I made a career change when a position opened in the Nutrition and Food Sciences department working on a research project to design a vegan diet for the NASA Mars mission. Developing healthy, satisfying food for astronauts in a scenario where crops would be produced in a hydroponic station on Mars, was an easy transition because of the unique experiences I had in my twenties. Soon after completing my associate degree and marrying in 1974, my then-husband and I opened "Nature's Storehouse," a natural food store, bakery and cafe in Auburn, NY. I created and experimented with vegetarian recipes and taught cooking classes at the local community

college and the YMCA. Many of the recipes I developed in those early years were incorporated into the space food project, which culminated in a widely publicized 30-day space-diet taste study. The fascination with space food at the time meant the project attracted lots of media attention abroad and in the US, including the New York Times. When the research project ended, I moved into a new position at Cornell's International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO). This was to become my most rewarding job, no doubt because of my own family history. My parents were also brave risk takers leaving behind family in Holland and taking on the challenges of "newcomers." During my sixteen years at the ISSO, I received several promotions and eventually became associate director for programming services and managed all the orientation and cultural adjustment programs while continuing my role as an immigration advisor. Assisting students and academic staff from all over the world fueled my interest in exploring new places, cultures, and ideas. As several of my daughters studied and worked abroad during those years, I had the opportunity to visit them in places like South Korea, Paraguay, Spain and later India. I retired from Cornell in 2018. What I appreciate most these days is the opportunity to just slow down time and fully live in the moment. Now there is more time for fun activities like organizing our annual Fall Creek Neighborhood Garden Tour, and volunteering as a docent at the local history museum. Ice skating, biking, and swing dancing keep me physically active, and I continue to do some traveling. Most recently, I visited relatives in Holland and then took a short side trip to Portugal. As much as I enjoy traveling, it's always great to be home digging in the dirt in my flower gardens or hanging out in the kitchen baking my mom's famously delicious raisin buns with the help of my little grandson."

Christine Bradley Spink

"At SUNY Oswego, I acquired a BA in Art (heavy on Ceramics) 1974. I have since made a LOT of pottery, taught art classes all ages, sold at many craft shows, and often gifted friends/family with my fired mud. Accepted Jesus 1975, becoming a Christian. Still am. I worked mid-1970s teaching ceramics/pottery/crafts on Plattsburgh AFB. Met my Air Force husband Barry Spink there. Wed in 1977. Moved to Sacramento, CA (McClellan AFB); then Lompoc CA (Vandenberg AFB); then Fairford RAF, England. Had our one child, Timothy, in England, 1982. Traveled to Paris, Scotland, and all over England. We 3 moved back to Lompoc, CA. Then to Alexandria, VA (near Bolling AFB), where Tim

completed K thru 3rd Grade, while I was art teacher, teacher's aide, lunch aide, etc. at his school. Then moved to Maxwell AFB. Since 1991 we have lived in Millbrook AL, which this year placed 42nd of the Top 50 Best Places to Live, says a '247 wallst.com' study! We like it. Tim graduated 2000 as Valedictorian and gave the graduation speech for his high school Millbrook class, as I had done for mine at CCRS exactly 30 years earlier. 2004, Tim graduated Boston U, married, got his MA, and he and wife Brenda live in OK, doing very well. Barry earned his History MA, retired USAF '96, and now works the same job as a civilian on MAFB. We will be wed 43 years Dec 2020, living in the same nifty house since 1991. I have collected matryoshkas and vintage tin dollhouses; sewn many clothes, costumes and quilts; and painted much stage scenery/murals. We are active at church; I teach kids Bible and crafts. I have taken acting classes/workshops, and we two often act in local town and college theaters. I've also been a paid non-union Extra (seldom seen!) in over a dozen films and TV shows. Fav film I've been in: "The Three Stooges." Also did five 'Industrial films' (e.g. 'The Rosa Parks Museum'), plus local radio and TV commercials. My fav TV one: Early 1990s, Barry, 10-yr-old Tim, and I, in Star Trek uniforms at a Sci-Fi convention, loudly proclaiming, "WCOV is our Sci-Fi Station!!!" We've traveled most US states, took a 7-day Caribbean Disney Cruise, returned twice to England, and I've been twice to Alaska, to visit cousin Agnes (CCRS Class of '72). It's been a good half-century, mighty blessed!"

Janice Terry St. John

"After graduation, I attended Clinton Community College for two years in the Secretarial Sciences program. During my second year, Bob and I were married in October 1971 before he left for a one-year tour of duty to Thailand serving in the Air Force. Throughout attending college and the summer after, I had the opportunity to work with a local realtor and lawyer. Upon Bob's return, we were stationed at Loring AFB in Maine from December 1972 through October 1974. Our first daughter Jenn was born during a cold winter in December 1973. We returned to Rouses Point following Bob's discharge from service. I re-entered the workforce in 1976 in an insurance office and then a car-hauling business. Our second daughter Amber was born in May 1981. I started working at Ayerst-Wyeth-Pfizer in February 1983 in the Packaging Department completing just under 25 years before retiring in December 2008, ending my career as the Sr. Administrative Specialist in the Technical Services

Department. In August 1995, our grandtwins Nicholas and Maritza lit up our lives. Following retirement (and I use that term loosely), I became the principle caregiver and patient advocate to Bob's mother until her passing in 2014. I was also caring for my mother and elderly aunt until they passed respectively at 95 years and 92 years old in 2018. I am still involved with the elderly, working at the Rouses Point Senior Nutrition Site since September 2015. I have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 912 of Rouses Point since 2009, serving as 1st Vice/Membership Chairman as well as the County Treasurer. On behalf of the Legion Family, Bob, myself and Amber have worked and supported the North Country Honor Flight since its inaugural flight in May 2013. After Bob's mother passed away, we spent a year renovating the house before moving to the Fro Farm in Champlain. I could spend all day in my kitchen and Bob keeps busy with the constant lawn maintenance, upkeeping the path along the river and through the woods. And during the summer we really enjoy those firepit nights at the dam."

Robert Trombly "After graduation, I attended Delhi College and then went to work at Miner Institute. While at Miner's, I met my wife Joann Sheehan Trombly who worked at Ayerst Pharmaceutical in Chazy. We have 2 children, Emily Fenner and Nathan. Emily, an elementary math teacher, lives in Warrenton, VA with her husband (Sean Fenner) and they have a daughter Keira. Nathan, a critical care nurse, lives in Los Angeles, CA. My family and I have lived in the homestead in Chazy and our children were 4th generation to reside in the house. I worked at Miner Institute for 10 years after which I worked at Chazy-Westport Telephone Co. for 25 years. Currently Joann and I tend several gardens at our home and do volunteer work."

THE CCRS DIGITAL ARCHIVE

CCRS yearbooks from 1962 to 2018 are now viewable online!

Go to our website, www.ccrsk12.org, and click on Community > Alumni > Yearbooks. Please let me know if you have questions about navigating the page: spatnode@chazy.org, or call 518-846-7135. Enjoy!

Greetings CCRS Alumna from the CCRS Education Foundation!

We want to start our annual note to you all, by expressing our gratitude for your help this past year – your donations and enthusiasm have helped the CCRSEF continue to fund projects that our teachers have needed for their classrooms and students.

During the 2019-2020 school year, we were able to fund the following items:

- Various classroom enhancements in the amount of \$2,442.72
- New tumbling mats for the gym (replacing the 40+ year old mats) in the amount of \$2,650.97
- A tenor saxophone (replacing a 35+ year old instrument) in the amount of \$1,864
- Harvard Model United Nations conference registration (5 of 7 attendees won awards, with 2 Best Delegate awards!!) in the amount of \$945
- A document camera for ELA in the amount of \$849

As the school year comes to a close without the many traditions that make CCRS so special due to the coronavirus pandemic – it is NOW that we must stand together as a community to help our special school through this difficult time.

Looking to the 2020-21 school year – budgets will be strapped, money will be tight, teachers and students will need the help of the CCRSEF more than ever before. If you have ever considered making a donation to the CCRSEF – we promise to put your contribution to good use. Everything we raise goes back to the students at CCRS.

Currently, we are planning the following events to support the CCRSEF –

- June through August – Annual Alumni Class Challenge – winner to be announced at Old Home Day
- August 5 – 2nd Annual CCRSEF Trivia Night @ Vesco Ridge Vineyards
- November – Facebook Giving Day

Please note: Due to the uncertain nature of public events during this pandemic, schedules may be altered and events postponed, we will keep you all informed!

We also would like to take a special moment to thank the CCRS staff and administration for leading during such a tough time. Making our students their number one priority, and helping them to continue their studies under these trying circumstances. We also want to recognize our newest alumni – the Class of 2020 – we know that this year did not turn out as planned, but your perseverance and Chazy pride will always see you through any obstacle. We are proud of you Class of 2020!!!

Sincerely,
The CCRSEF Board of Directors
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Madeline Hay Ricketts 1938

Alwin Jennette 1946

Gordon Dragoon 1949

Gordon C. Dragoon, 88, passed away on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at his home in Sarasota, Florida.

Gordon was born on December 25, 1931 in Chazy, NY, son of Ralph and Audrey Dragoon. He graduated from Chazy Central Rural School in 1949, attended SUNY Plattsburgh, NY where he received his Master's degree. He served in the US Army from 1954-55. He started his teaching career as a science teacher in Glens Falls, NY. A few years later he moved back to Chazy, where he served as elementary and middle school principal at Chazy Central Rural School for over 25 years.

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REVENUE

Dues	\$1,640.00
Dinner	2,025.00
Scholarship	<u>1,195.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$4,860.00

EXPENSES

Sandy's Deli 90 plates @ \$23.35 + tax	\$2,075.22
Cleaning	50.00
Yearbook & advertisement	61.50
Loreman's	236.00
Scholarship (1)	1,000.00
After-Prom Party	100.00
HomeTown Cable 2 meals +	50.00
Border Press	203.31
Thank-you gifts	226.94
Miner Farm (paper)	44.66
Stamps	<u>110.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$4,157.63

NBT Certificate	\$4,744.88
Checking Account	\$38,379.88

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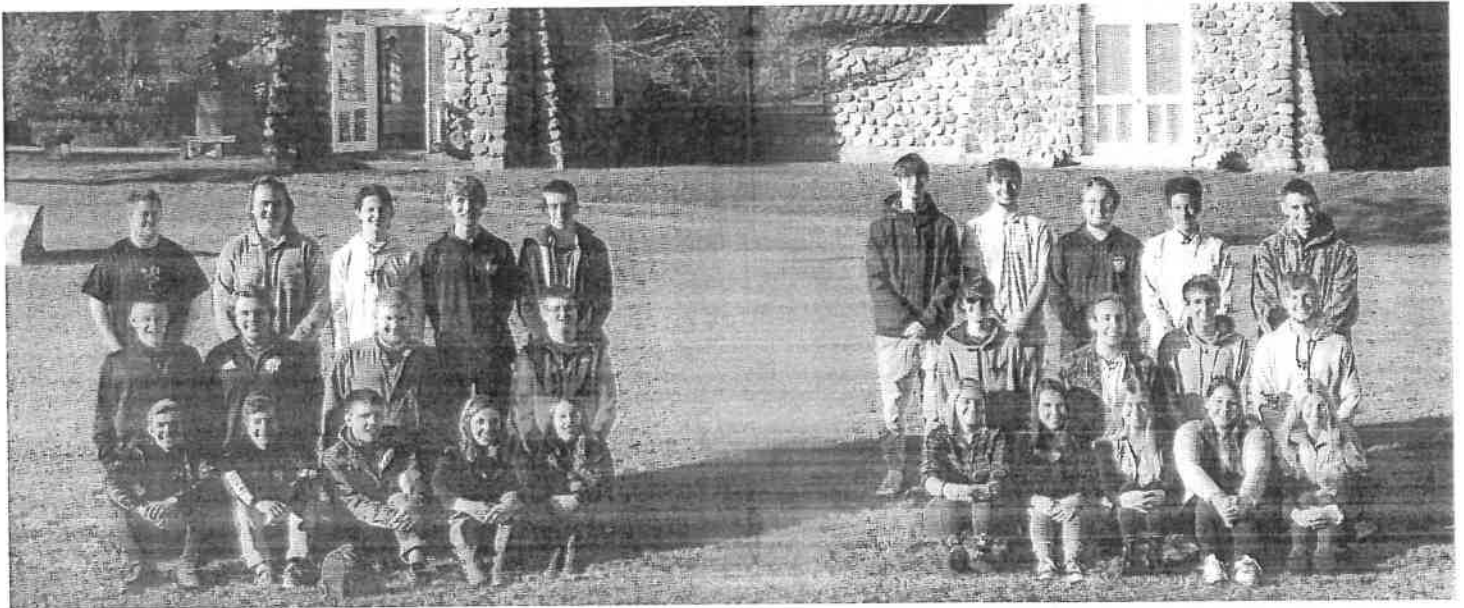
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