

Alfred Almond Central School Alumni Newsletter

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT – LEE A RYAN, '55

Greetings, Fellow Alumni!

As your Alumni Association President, I want you to know how very proud I am of this organization and what we have accomplished together!

Here are our results for 2008:

- A record number of AACS alumni 674 -- paid their dues, helping to support the publication and mailing of annual newsletters to approximately 2500 alumni
- We gave eleven AACS graduates \$21,000 in scholarships = \$110,000 given since 2000
- We gave \$1759 to help ten AACS students attend sports camps
- Our 48th annual alumni banquet was a great success, attended by around 300 alumni and guests
- During our reunion weekend, July 19-20, 2008, our 2008 honored classes held their individual class reunions, attended by more than 170 alumni plus their guests

This was all possible because of the tremendous support from you, the AACS alumni, and our hard-working board of directors and class chairmen. I want to thank our officers for all that they do. They are: Don Jefferds, '60, vice president; Donna Burdett Ryan, '58, secretary/newsletter editor; Kathy Curran Snyder, '68, treasurer; and board members Carl F. Leathersich, 60'; Bob Baker, '53; Kate Crandall Palmer, '96; Lucinda Snyder, '85; Butch Lorow, '61; Kay Snyder Chapman, '57; Katri Ormsby,' 92; Cathy Dobson Lorow, '62; and Hilarie Lloyd; '98. Special thanks also goes to Teresa Stuart Johnson, who diligently maintains our database.

I also want to extend my thanks to **Becky Schwartz Comer**, '81, and Alfred State College who helped us send out a reminder notice in October to alumni who had not responded to our May newsletter mailing.

In attempting to improve our results, we met with Hornell High School Alumni President Cathy Potter Kimball to "pick her brains" to see what we could borrow from their very successful experience in raising funds for scholarships and newsletter production. After talking with Cathy for some time, we were impressed with what they have accomplished: over \$100,000 **annually** given in scholarships! Even though they are approximately three times the size of our membership, we knew that we could learn from them. They are well organized and very successful in getting alumni to respond to giving to help HHS students. It was a profitable time spent and we were able to pick up some ideas that we could incorporate in our AA Alumni Association. Thanks, Cathy!

We are anticipating another great year in raising funds for scholarships and camps! In this newsletter you will find a form to pay your dues and make your banquet reservation and your donations to various alumni funds. We really count on your support! LET'S MAKE IT A BANNER YEAR – 1000 AACS ALUMNI WHO PAY THEIR DUES!!

We hope that you will join with us on July 18 at Ade Hall where we will celebrate our 49th annual banquet! See you there! 49th Annual Banquet July 18, 2009 Ade Hall Alfred University Campus

PLEASE MARK YOUR

CALENDAR

PLEASE RESPOND WITH YOUR DUES AND INFORMATION ON THE ENCLOSED FORM

Lee A. Ryan, '55, AACS Alumni President

GREETINGS FROM THE AACS SUPERINTENDENT

I would like to thank the Alumni Association for all they have done in providing scholarships to graduating seniors from Alfred-Almond. The students are well aware of these awards and consider them in their planning for the costs of college. At graduation last year the Association awarded \$21,000 in scholarships to 11 students. Thank you for all of your donations to the scholarship fund and the sports camp fund

You have much to be proud of about your school. As alumni, I think you want only the highest academic success by the students of this school district. Here are several ways to evaluate this

- In 2008, our elementary school was recognized by the United States Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School signifying that we are one of the top performing schools academically in New York State and across the United States.
- Newsweek magazine ranked Alfred-Almond as one of the top high schools in the nation based upon our Advanced Placement program.
- Business First, a business oriented newspaper from Buffalo, ranked Alfred-Almond as the 6th best school district in the Western New York region
- 96% of the Class of 2008 received Regents Diplomas (successfully completing 5 NYS required exams)
- 60% received Advanced Regents Diplomas (successfully completing 8 NYS Regents exams)
- AND over 25% of this class received Advanced Regents Diplomas with Honor (successfully completing 8 Regents examinations with all scores over 90)
- Almost 85% of this class went on to attend 2- or 4-year colleges.

As alumni, you are always welcome to visit the school to see the changes that have taken place over the years. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors in this area. Have a very enjoyable time together.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Nicol, AACS Superintendent

\$21,000 IN AA AA SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN IN 2008

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Because of the generosity of AACS alumni, eleven AACS seniors received a total of \$21,000 in AA Alumni Association scholarships at the June 2008 commencement exercises.

Recipients were Nicholas McMichael, Avery Maracek, Heather Barniak, Faith Bain-Lucey, Robert Comer, Zachary Edwards, Isaac Klingensmith, Brendan McDonough, Matthew Owlett, Hannah Porter, and Kalee Reynolds.

All winners were guests of honor at the 48th annual AA Alumni Association annual banquet, where they received the first half of their award and were recognized by the alumni. The check for the second half of the award is given after they have successfully completed one semester of college, have sent us their transcript, and requested the additional funds.

Nicholas McMichael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott McMichael, was the recipient of a special \$1,000 award given in memory of the late **Dale Lorow, '50**, co-founder of the AACS Alumni Association, who passed away in 2007. Nick's thank you reads: "I'm writing to thank you for the generous \$1000 scholarship in memory of Dale Lorow. I feel so honored and humbled to receive this in memory of such a great man. The money will be used to pursue a business degree at Alfred State. Thank you."

Avery Maracek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken (Carol Wood, '74) Maracek, was the third recipient of the annual Juanita Whitaker Pulos Fine Arts Scholarship in the amount of \$2000, established in 2006 by her sons, **Bill**, '73, and **Robert**, '75, and funded by alumni. A freshman at SUNY New Paltz, he wrote: "My first semester at college was a lot of fun and I had plenty of time to complete my work because of this support which I used for books and other class materials. I am looking forward to next semester. Thank you again for the scholarship."

The remaining nine A-A Alumni Scholarships were originally known as the Jean Hanks Palmiter Memorial Scholarship, set up decades ago to honor the memory of the 1944 graduate who was instrumental in establishing and sustaining the AACS Alumni Association nearly 50 years ago. This gift started out as a \$25 award and has grown to \$18,000 for 2008. Lee A. Ryan, AA Alumni Association president, proudly presented the awards at the graduation, recognizing the many alumni in the audience whose kindness makes the assistance possible.

The recipients were liberal in their thanks and praise to the Alumni Association. We would like to share some of their comments here: **Heather Barniak**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barniak, is in the business/accounting program at Alfred State. She writes: "Just a little note to say 'thank you' for choosing me as one of your scholarship winners. It is truly appreciated and will help me with expenses as I enter college this August." Later

\$21,000 IN AA AA SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN IN 2008 (continued)

she wrote: "I greatly appreciate the scholarship. . . and I would like to thank you once again . . . The first half of my scholarship went towards books and tuition expenses for my first semester of college at Alfred State."

Faith Bain-Lucey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lucey, is attending Daemen College with a major in physical therapy. She commented: "I truly appreciate your decision to award me the A-A Alumni Scholarship. I am proud to be one of the recipients, especially when looking at those who received the award in the past. I owe thanks to and appreciate the generosity of all Alfred-Almond alumni who have contributed to the scholarshipThank you again for your generosity and rewards!!"

Robert Comer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Becky Schwartz Comer, '81) Comer, is attending Alfred State until 2011, and then hopes to transfer to New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls. His note reads: "I would like to take the time to express my thanks for the generous scholarship given to me. This award has helped me enter the college of my choice, and allowed me to do so without the stress of a tough financial situation . . . and will assist me on my journey to reach my goal. I appreciate everything this association has done for me and will plan to contribute to the fund to provide awards to future A-A graduates."

Zachary Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Edwards, calls his first term as a freshman at Cornell University "an adventure, to say the least." He goes on: "I would like to extend my sincerest thanks for the generous scholarship you have provided me with. College can be difficult, and being relieved of some of the financial burden makes focusing on studies much easier."

Isaac Klingensmith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Klingensmith, '75, is majoring in biology at Alfred University, and sent this thank you: "I would like to thank the Alfred-Almond Alumni Association and its members for awarding me this generous scholarship. The scholarship has been immensely helpful in paying for

the expenses that come with college."

Brendan McDonough, son of Sean McDonough and Ms. Mary Beth McDonough, stated: "I was honored to be chosen by your organization for such a generous contribution. It is greatly appreciated. I will be attending Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA, majoring in heavy equipment. Thank you again for the award. It has been a tremendous help."

Matthew Owlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Owlett, is attending Alfred State and expressed his thanks this way: "Thank you for the excellent scholarship. Undoubtedly the association's generosity is going to go a long way. I know I have a responsibility to make it all count. I hope to make you all proud. I am very pleased to announce that I have had a successful first semester. Thank you so much for helping make this possible."

Hannah Porter, daughter of Gary Porter, '79, and Lisa Patrick Porter, '78, is also in the physical therapy program at Daemen College. She writes: "I would like to thank you for allowing me the honor of receiving one of the Alfred-Almond Alumni Association scholarships. It was a great privilege to receive this scholarship at graduation. Your support and generosity will assist me in my college career. Alfred-Almond Central School will always be a special place with many special people and memories. Thanks again!"

Kalee Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Reynolds, '70, wrote this note: "I wanted to say thank you to all the Alfred-Almond alumni for the honor of receiving the alumni scholarship. It is going to greatly help with my college expenses. I am proud to have been a part of the AACS Class of 2008. I will be attending St. Bonaventure University in the fall to study liberal arts. Thank you again for your generous contributions to my education, along with many others. It means a lot to me and the Alfred-Almond Class of 2008 as a whole."







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Hannah Porter



Robert Comer



Kalee Revnolds



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Rheubena Potter Knapp, '35, Canisteo, NY: I would like to say again – the AACS is the best organized and the most active of any alumni association I have ever heard of! Others don't realize what they are missing out on. William B. (Bill) Crandall, '38, Port Charlotte, FL: In Feb '09 we will travel (by ship) from Valpariso, Chile around the tip of South America – Cape Horn - Patagonia – ending up at Buenos Aires, Argentina – with quite a few stops along the way...

Mildred Vars Dudley, '40, Orange City, FL: Retiree Xerox Corp, ex-sec'y for 17 years, three children: two boys, one girl, 10 grandkids and six greats – all girls. Hobbies: Bocce, golfing (hole in one award) swimming, bingo, shuffleboard, Red Hatters, and bunco. Favorite memories: winning softball games against University sororities! Great musicals, band and chorus. Donald Carnes, '43, Ridge Spring, SC: Now 83 years old, disabled since 1983 – tractor accident. Now living near my sisters, Lois (Carnes) Cory and husband Dick and Ruth (Carnes) Allen and her husband, Harold Allen. Janice Pierce Crocker, '43, Kirkwood, NY: I enjoy receiving and reading the newsletter and am sorry to see so few left named in the Class of '43. Gene Jacox Roy, '43, Cleveland Hts, OH: I am retired from teaching at the Cleveland Institute of Music and from singing in the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. My new interest is mentoring in the Cleveland Public Schools. It is a fascinating project to work with kindergarteners after teaching college students.

Charles Robinson, '44, Gulf Breeze, FL: I look forward every June to receiving the AACS newsletter. Although I have yet to make it to the yearly get together, it is great to know where everyone went in life and finally settled down. I would have been in the Class of '44, but elected to leave in my junior year and enlisted in the Navy. I eventually settled down in Gulf Breeze, FL, and retired from the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

Ken Wirt, '45, Nokomis, FL: We received your great news letter a week ago and was pleasantly surprised to see letters from the four Wirt brothers in print. We always enjoy the local news even though I didn't get to know a lot of people in my only year at AA. However, I made the most of that year with the many friends that I enjoyed time with and still have contact with. Keep up the good work and I wish you well in obtaining more volunteers to lighten the load.

Geraldine Davis Goss, '46, Wayland, NY: Favorite memories: Mr. Willard's 7th grade prom going by horse and wagon because of gas rationing. My father provided our team. Acrobatics with Mr. Mooney – the class trip to Roseland in Leo Johnson's truck – graduation day at last.

Doris Reynolds Cuccia, '47, Houston, TX: My husband passed away in October, 2007, with cancer. He was a very special person in my life. I have four girls and two boys living in upstate NY, Wisconsin, Florida and Texas. Traveling to see them keeps me busy. To date I have 18 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren – a blessing, indeed!

Eileen Pendleton Anderson, '48, Hope Mills, NC: You folks are doing a wonderful job on this newsletter. It's very interesting to see where a lot of these people are and what they are doing. The information is priceless!! **Charles E. Packard, II, '49, Frederick, MD**: I am still active as a square dance caller. Three years ago, while on a trip to Oslo, Norway, with my son, I had the opportunity to dance with and call for the Square Dance Club of Oslo. All international square dancing is done in English so there was no problem in communicating the calls to the dancers.

Victor Wirt, '49, Nokomis, FL: Again, great job with alumni bulletin – much appreciated – all-out effort still will be made to attend the banquet next year – our 60^{th} .

Judith Burdick Downey, '40, Camp Hill, PA: I will not be able to attend

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the AACS reunion, but do wish to send a big "hello" to the group. I am experiencing health challenges for the past several months. Do thank those who sent thoughts and prayers when my sister died this April.

Irene Wheaton George, '50, Almond, NY: Live on a dairy farm, lost my husband two years ago, have 5 children. Enjoy my family and like to do needlework and cooking. I remember all the good friends I had and still have at A-A. Enjoy the newsletter – what memories I find in it.

Wilmer Merritt, '50, Sierra Vista, AZ: Retired since July 1990 and enjoying the good life in the sunny high desert of SE Arizona. Near perfect weather. Enjoy bird watching and volunteer at the Ramsey Canyon Preserve, the Hummingbird Capitol of America.

Harold and Bev Snyder, '50, '51, Alfred, NY: I was born, married Bev and have resided at Edgewood Farm in Alfred since. I now am semi-retired, raising dairy replacements and selling hay. We are parents of four daughters, Sandy, Penny, Kelly, and Jill and 19 grandchildren and 5 great-grands. Re the newsletter: wonderful and heartfelt coverage and memories of the past. Current news and stories of interest are great.

James Harris, '51, Cranston, RI: Retired jewelry store manager, certified gemologist, American Gem Society. Favorite memories: Senior year lettering in basketball, baseball, soccer, track, and representing the school in badminton and pingpong. Setting a new state record for the low hurdles following Don Biehl and Don Martin -- did it years prior and we didn't have one hurdle in the school. Enjoyed class day, too.

Corinne MacIntosh Kober, '51, Rochester, NY: Have been retired from nursing for 15 years. Enjoy my four grandchildren, keep active in different groups. Meet with Ann Mower and Roberta Kukuvka for lunch every month – we always bring up memories of AACS.

Joan Burdick Goff, '52, Harbour Hts, FL: Spent summer of 2008 camping at Lake Lodge, Alfred.

Anne McIntosh Hardy-Holley, '52, San Antonio, TX: Favorite memories: "Teach" Crusen in homemaking class. I still think I have to sweep the kitchen floor every day as she insisted we do. She truly loved us all, especially the boys in "Bachelor Class." Their antics tried her patience! The newsletter is one of the best I have seen! The dedication of its staff is amazing. Thank you for keeping us up on alumni events and members.

Elaine Schnautz Eggleston, '53, Stockton, CA: Kudos to all who partake in producing this superb newsletter. Always enjoy reading about former friends, classmates and neighbors.

Meredith Drake Hurst, '53, Weatogue, CT: Great job on the newsletter! I look forward to reading the news and events. . .so sorry to have to miss seeing everyone at our 55th celebration!

Jacquelyn Paine Walker, '53, Hornell, NY: Some of my favorite memories were singing in a trio with Patty Spaine and Rosemarie Emerson. I also went to Fredonia with Rosemarie and realized at that time how truly talented she was. I can still remember her rendition of "Danny Boy." We shared a birthday as well as a love of music.

Carroll Witter, '53, Des Moines, IA: We sold our home in Cardiff by the Sea, CA. We have a small condo in Lake San Marcos, CA and are looking for a home in DesMoines.

Marjorie Dunn Area: '54, Tonkawa, OK: Living close to center USA – we live in our RV house on wheels, exploring SW during winter; NW in early spring, mow lawns during the summer in OK, reconnecting with family along the way. Favorite memory: Wearing jeans to school to plant pine trees behind the school!

Betsey Burdett Stout, '54, Canandaigua, NY: In April, 2008, we moved to a new home in Canandaigua from Hallsport (near Wellsville) where we had lived more than 50 years. Favorite memories: Music: band, chorus and library.

Merrillyn (Pinky) Campbell Barney, '55, Frederick, MD: A big event in our family this year: Daughter Jennifer is marrying and moving to Ireland. Memories: This year, I'll be thinking a lot about "Genie" Phillips, '57 – my neighbor and friend throughout our school years at AA. We had so many good times together. Her warm, generous spirit lives on.

Audrey Hurd Burrow, '55, Vancouver, WA: Enjoying retirement, have nine grandchildren and two great-grandsons, needlework and painting watercolors and acrylics. Looking back, I realize that A-A had an advantage over large city schools. We were all friends and teachers gave us individual help. Brian Rogers, '55, Mystic, CT: We see a lot of Ev and Barb Harris, also Phil Baker, friendships dating back more than 50 years to the AACS grades. Speaking of the past, I'm busy re-creating several Erie RR trains in the basement in HO gauge. Great fun. Our outstanding newsletter is what brings us back together year after year between class reunions. That hard work is deeply appreciated!

Sally McLane Swoyer, '55, Lake Bluff, IL: Retired social worker, mother/ wife, married 48 years, living in Chicago area, gardening, golf, reading, travel, 10-year service award with Arden Shore Child and Family Services as a volunteer. The leadership of the Alumni Association is outstanding and so dedicated – thank you for all your time.

Donna MacIntosh, '56, Rochester, NY: Favorite memories: All the great teachers and coaches, extracurricular activities, field days, bus trips to away basketball games, good friends...

Bob Myers, '56, Chittenango, NY: Still doing wetland consulting and running a horse boarding farm. Went to a Wyoming working cattle guest ranch to help gather cows. Competing on my horse in cutting and working cow horse classes even though it's getting harder to "climb" onto my horse.

James Burdett, '57, Geneseo, NY: Great newsletter. The article Donna wrote about Dale Lorow was excellent. It shows how one person can have such a positive effect on our world.

Jeanette Burdick Retorick, '57, Harpers Ferry, WV: (During high school) I worked at the Campus Union in Alfred both before and after school, weekends and summers. Babysat six children for \$1.00 whether for one hour or for all day. Where was minimum wage?? College was out of the question, so thanks to my training by Mrs. Crusen (homemaking) and Mr. Phelan (art) I was able to earn a full scholarship to Doyle Beauty School and spent the next 20 years as a self-employed beautician in Alfred and Hornell. Mrs. Hildebrand, Mrs. Ells, and Mrs. Pulos all became clients of my salon. Our class was fortunate to have Mrs. Ells as both our 2nd and 4th grade teacher. She probably instilled my first love of reading through her reading of the Bobbsey Twins books. Later on, Miss Crooker (English), kept that interest alive with her rendition of Julius Caesar. Shakespeare was not my cup of tea, but she made it come alive. The AA Alumni committee does a fine job. Some members of my husband's Senior Bowling League gave some very positive feedback on the newsletter. its content and information - the likes of which none of them had ever seen. Kudos to all of you. Your efforts are very much appreciated, especially by those of us that are too far away to be of much on-the-spot help. Thank you very much for your efforts to keep us informed.

Jane Thacher Schulitz, '57, Rochester, NY: Retired reading teacher (Churchville-Chili). Since our 50th reunion, classmates have gotten together for dinner. The reunion was great and it's been fun socializing with former classmates after so many years.

Beth Jacox Slack, '57, Wellsville, NY: We thoroughly enjoyed our 50th activities last year. Thanks to all who care enough to make it happen each year.

Edythe Allen Monahan, '58, Leroy, NY: Retired from 34 years with SUNY at Alfred and Brockport. Blended family – four children, seven grandchildren and

one great-grandson. Love gardening and baking, most of all love spending time with grandchildren who are growing up way too fast! I liked school and all of the great friends I made while there.

Shirley Watson Morey, '58, Hornell, NY: Raised five children, have eight grandchildren. Lost my oldest son '02, lost my husband '03. We loved camping and traveling to Florida. Have wallpapered for years, that got me into selling real estate, work for Real, Inc., in Hornell. The years at AACS were the best, loved gym class and homemaking class.

Bonnie Allen, '59, Cushing, TX: Looking forward to next year -- 50th anniversary of Class of 1959. I hope to make it. Favorite memories: Playing all sports, cheerleader, Coach Paul Powers, Linn Phelan (art), all of our teachers and coaches were good leaders.

George Moraitis, '59, Fort Lauderdale, FL: Went to A-A from 1946-51 and moved to FL when I was 11 so did not graduate from A-A. I do have many fond memories and had some great friends. I have been married for 42 years after graduation from the Univ of Florida law school and have two kids and four grandkids.

Vivian Dickinson Splain, '59, Allegany, NY: Since I retired from teaching in 2003, my life has been full. I love being a "grandma" and so enjoy my family, friends and church. I'm still doing Christian drama with "Alive Ministry" presenting monologues at churches, Bible studies, and senior citizens groups. I'm blessed with good health, a loving family and friends. I'm planning to come to the 2009 AACS Alumni banquet. I hope everyone from the Class of 1959 will try to come and celebrate memories and old friendships. See you there!

Marilyn D. Cimino, '60, Lakeland, FL: I'm thankful for the years spent at AACS – the teachers – Mr. Linderman's favorite saying: "A place for everything and everything in its place" -- the friendships formed that continue today. Terry Marshall Griffiths, '60, Portland, OR: I have now lived in Portland, OR, for 30 years! It is a nice place to live. After some years as an art teacher (middle school and substitute teaching), I took an "early retirement" and now occupy myself with neighborhood, organizing activities of one sort and another. I also have a "revived" hobby of making pottery - shades of Linn Phelan and AU. I have fond memories of all of you and the hills of Allegany. Jim Habern, '60, Rochelle, VA: For those who may have met Peggy, my wife, she passed away October 10, '07 (cancer) . She fought the good fight and she was strong in her faith to the last minute. Favorite memories: I think the roller skating parties in the gymnasium were my favorite time. Way to go (on the newsletter)! You all sure do a lot of work on this document and it shows. I know we were a small school with few of us. . . fewer now, but the energy level is terrific – great job – I so look forward to this every year.

Helen McMahon Klausner, '61, Hilton Head, SC: Worked in radiology 40 years, admissions counselor at Cornell University 11 years, paramedic 10 years. Favorite memories: The air raid practices, the close-knit group from K-12, the fair booth, and the DC trip.

Martha (Martie) Clair Mickle, '61, Zephyrhills, FL: Retired to Zephyrhills and Gulf Breeze, FL, love working in the yard, flowers, etc. Favorite memories: Miss Mullen, Miss Sanford, Mrs. Ells, field trips, Corning Glass Works, etc, classmates, good friends, senior year.

Linda Davis Turri. '61, Sodus Point, NY: Reported that her husband, William H. Turri, is retiring from his position as Deputy Public Printer in Washington, DC. Turri held the second-highest position within the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) and served as Chief Operating Officer of the GPO, responsible for overseeing the GPO's day-to-day printing, printing procurement, and information dissemination operations serving Congress, Federal agencies, and the American public. He is a 1962 graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology's (RIT) School of Graphic Arts and Photography, and was the 2002

recipient of RIT's Outstanding Alumni Award.

Jim Bey, '62, Ft Mill, SC: Semi-retired from my importing and marketing company; wife,Melanie, and I go between homes south of Charlotte, NC and Venice, FL, play a lot of golf, still do a few big game hunting trips each year; we also travel quite a lot. My favorite memories are the many sports endeavors. It is so enjoyable to take a few minutes out of our busy lives to reflect on a relatively carefree time of our lives. This newsletter keeps us all in touch – good job.

Nick Obuhanich, '62, Grandville, MI: Our 45th reunion was great fun. I hope I'll be around for our 50th. It was great to see everyone at our 45th. Phyllis Miller Rusak, '62, Bath, NY: We grew up at a very "special" time attending AACS – it was truly "Happy Days"! I have wonderful memories as well as respect and love for all those who made my young life so happy!! Linda Brownell Walker, '62, Mabank, TX: I have been unable to attend the last two reunions due to grandchildren graduating in Albany, NY in late June! My husband, Leon, and I enjoy traveling and keep busy with numerous social and church activities. Also enjoy many family times. Favorite memories: Band, chorus and all things musical, teachers like June VanHall and Leonard VanKeuren, the fair booth, life-long friends. This newsletter helps all of us to keep in touch. I continue to be amazed by the alumni participating indicated in the ever-larger newsletter. I know some folks are putting in a lot of effort, but with so many giving as we can this is an association to be proud of. What a blessing. Thank you, thank you!

Audrey Hardy Lamprey, '63, LaVerne, CA: We have lived in Southern California for over thirty years now. Almost feel like a native! Bill, a graduate of the (AU) Ceramic Engineering School, is retired and busier than ever. I am still a "freeway flier", driving from one university to another. Currently working at CSU Pomona,UC Riverside as well as playing in three orchestras and teaching privately. Our three kids are all grown up and we have four grandchildren. Best memories: Mr. Meagher's "war games" on Field Day, Mr. Phelan's ability to cut through the baloney and see the talent in anybody, even me! Love the newsletter – great job. Glad to see so many scholarships! Martha Parish Kackley, '64, Fairfax, VA: Since graduation from SUNY, Geneseo, in 1968, I have worked for many years in libraries. Now I enjoy part time work as a receptionist for a group of physical therapists. Bob and I have enjoyed hosting exchange students (for the school year) from Finland and Germany. Does anyone else remember watching World Series baseball on a black and white TV in the gymnasium – now the auditorium?

Susan Thomas Shaffer, '64, Rochester, NY: I took an early retirement in 1995 from Eastman Kodak. I now keep busy with volunteer work for Rochester General Hospital where I am on the RGH Association board and work in the gift shop. I also do some volunteering at the National Kidney Foundation as my husband was a dialysis patient prior to his death in 2003. My hobby is stamping to make greeting cards and golf in summer, bowling in winter. The Alumni Association does a great job with the newsletter and the banquet. The Class of '64 will celebrate 45 years in 2009 – let's have a great turnout, and please join the Alumni Association!

Stephen Patton, '65, Houston, TX: Great news letter! I love to get it and read it over and over. It brings back many memories of the once kids and even the older kids that we went to school with. Thanks for sending it.

Andy Stevens, '65, Gary, TX: USN 1966-1969 served 3 years, 10 months, never on a ship. Married Carol Lewis, moved to Houston June, '77. Country radio DJ 10 years, Christian Radio KSWP.org 1985-1995 as a volunteer DJ. USPS city carrier in Center, TX 1998-2008. Now retired. Favorite memories: Field Day, eating leeks in school, Mr. Clicquennoi catching me squirting Dale Baker through men's room door. Mr. McAlee catching me smoking. Love hearing all the class news. Several of us from our 40th anniversary stay in

touch by email.

Marianne Cameron, **'66, Wooster, OH**: Celebrating 10 years as a software engineer working for the PrentkeRomich Company in Wooster, OH, <u>www.</u> <u>prentrom.com</u>, serving people with severe disabilities.

Faith Tucker Bolds, '68, Seabrook, TX: Work in wareroom of grocery store, enjoy camping and gardening. In TX we enjoy homegrown veggies all year. I have two sons that live in CA and will be a first time grandmother in Nov, 2008. Favorite memories: I always looked forward to Field Days and the fact that we could have pop and hot dogs and the three-legged race and do pretty much whatever we wanted to. My favorite teachers were Mr. Torrey and Mrs. Burdett. This is only the second newsletter I have received and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I haven't made it to any reunions but I hope to someday.

Priscilla Hurne Button, '68, Galeton, PA: I got married and had four boys. Three are married, have 20 grandchildren. Oldest grandson just graduated high school, youngest (twins) are going to pre-school in the fall. Favorite memories: After school sports and swimming. One memory I have is at lunch people didn't like tapioca pudding but I did – so they gave it to me – yum yum good! You are doing a very good job with the newsletter. I sure enjoy getting news on different people I knew.

George Clare, '68, Richland, WA: Favorite memories: Larry Shinebarger's English class – where we learned how to think for ourselves, and Helene Phelan's drama club where we learned that "culture" was something we could provide for ourselves without the glitter of a big city.

Anne Mills Fewster, '68, Caledon, ON, Canada: Two sons, three grandsons, great job as a personal trainer and fitness coordinator. My husband and I love to travel and hike. Favorite memories: Field Day, homeroom, study hall and some truly gifted teachers. Re Alumni Association: An amazing network and effort! I appreciate what an enormous task this must be – great work. Anna Hurne Hamrick, '68, St Cloud, FL: I am a Florida Turnpike toll collector,

have been there since 6/4/02 and still love my work. I have one daughter, Dawn, she is 38 years old.

Ann Leathersich Lugo, '68, Orlando, FL: I work as a healthcare specialist (LPN) at Lincare, Inc, in Winter Park, FL. Husband, Ruben, and I have two daughters, Rebecca, 17, and Emily, 21. Favorite memories: Involvement in the school plays, fun at Field Days. Love getting the newsletter – it keeps me connected to home.

Mary Lindeman Daniels, '69, Comer, GA: Married 25 years, two boys, Josh, 18 and Joey 14. Certified addictions counselor, live on a farm with goats, chickens, dogs and cats. Lived south of Mason Dixon Line longer than north of it! 40-year graduation next year!

Terry Fraser, '69, Westerlo, NY: An RN in my 25th year at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Margaret Rulon Bowers, 70, Kemmeser, WY: Son, Fred, was married June 7, daughter, Mary, graduated valedictorian from high school. Son, Joseph, is serving as a 1st lieutenant in the Air Force and recently became engaged. You guys do a fantastic job!

Steve Crandall, '72, Alfred, NY: Just got recognized for working 30 years at Alfred University. Favorite memories: In the early 1970s, a bunch of guys signed up for cooking classes with Mrs. Morgenfeld. She had a wonderful way with a class and to this day, Pat and I think about her when we cook our dinner. Too many whites, not enough color . . . "Mrs Morgenfeld would not approve" . . some green, some other color to brighten it up (and usually make it more healthy) . . . "Mrs. Morgenfeld would be pleased."

Karen Palmiter Fassel, '72, Scottsville, VA: Manager of Utilization Management at UVA Medical Center, three stepchildren, three grandchildren. Favorite memories: Field Day, Moving Up Day.

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Steve Lorow, '72, Winter Park, FL: I think the committee does a wonderful job keeping A-A alumni informed on what's going on.

Gerald Snyder, **'72**, **Alfred Station**, **NY**: With the help of our seven children, Dotty and I operate Sunny Cove Farm which produces certified organic milk, maple syrup, apples, grass-fed beef and sells all these products at our farm store. Raw milk is sold at the farm under permit of NYS Ag & Mkts, and currently Sen. Cathy Young is sponsoring a bill S6827 to allow retail sale of raw milk.

Elizabeth Galle Cole, '73, Coxsackie, NY: I'm still employed full time in community health, director of patient services for a public home care provider in the Capital District just south of Albany. President of our fire company ladies auxiliary and secretary for professional group of nurses. This newsletter is so well done. I enjoy reading about the activities of friends. It's difficult to stay in touch – the newsletter provides an opportunity to connect with alumni. If we'd all take just a minute to write down a few thoughts, it would expand the dimension of the newsletter. For anyone who hasn't attended an alumni banquet, you should. Getting together at the banquet is an excellent opportunity to renew old friendships and start new ones. I have a new niece thanks to an alumni banquet. There's great food and good times that shouldn't be missed.

Kim Lowrey Gayhart, '73, Alfred, NY: I have worked at Allegany Co. Dept. of Social Services for 27 years, now as senior case manager. My husband, JR, is retired from Vesuvius Hi-Tech after 24 years. My son, Adam, '01, graduated from Empire State in 2006 with BA in communications. My daughter, Lindsay, '05, graduated from Herkimer CC in 2007 with associates in photographic technology and is working on her BA in art (photography) Favorite memories: Roman banquets, playing sports, Field Day, goofing around with friends. Great job – always enjoy the newsletter and appreciate all the hard work.

Deidre Delahunty Clarke, '75, Littleton CO: Our family sends congratulations to 2008 scholarship recipient Ann Rossington. Ann's father, Andrew Rossington, was a good friend to us during high school and later. He is missed. AACS is a special place to go to school and we will continue to support the scholarship funds.

Steve Lindeman, '75, Saltville, VA: I am back in southwest VA continuing my career in conservation with The Nature Conservancy. Favorite memories: Field Day was always exciting because it meant the end of the school year and summer freedom were in sight. Getting to run around and eat hot dogs was great.

Robert Pulos, '75, Cuba, NY: Married to Sharon (1995), share four children. 2008-2009 will make 30 years of teaching at Belfast CS. Favorite memories: So many to choose from: water polo (with Jeff Calkins and Chris Geidlin on the wings . . .Jim Coughlin on defense and Dick Mueller in the goal) – we were hard to beat. I, too, would like to say thank you to all those who have contributed to the Juanita Pulos Fine Arts Scholarship. Her passion for music lives on in you and in us.

John Rulon, '75, Houston, TX: Opened new company in Houston -Worldwide Energy Logistic Ltd (WELL) moving drill equipment worldwide. Daughter, Melody, a freshman at Texas A&M.

David Bernreuther, '76, Oxford, PA: I've worked as an engineer for the Army for 25 years. Am currently working for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defense Organization (<u>www.JIEDDO.dod.mil</u>). JIEDDO is a mouthful, but in layman's terms it is the Defense Department's effort to detect-and-defeat or defend-against the road side bombs that have killed so many soldiers and civilians in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. Among other things we provide equipment and training to help the troops detect and defuse the devices before they go off. We also help design better armor - although people need to understand that no amount of armor can protect against some of the

bombs being used - hence better to detect and defuse them before they can go off. Like most of assignments in my DoD career this project is an evil necessity, but hopefully one that will directly save some lives - those of our troops and those of the Iraqi/Afghan civilians we are trying to help. The task is a particularly poignant one for me as one of my sons will be attending the Naval Academy at Annapolis with the intention of becoming a Marine. So in 4.5 years he will be one of those troops in harm's way.

Lost a dear friend and great AA alumni in Jimmie Comes earlier this year. Can still hear him say, "Bernie!" My thanks to you and the others that keep the Association "humming"... great job.

Maureen Costello VanCura, **'76, Webster, NY**: Family nurse practitioner and nursing professor at St. John Fisher College in Rochester. Married 28 years with three grown children, Kate, 26, Joey, 24, Tyler, 22. Favorite memories: Fort building in woods behind playground, playing spades (cards) during lunch, Mrs. Wheeler gave me a tongue-lashing for saying a four-letter word in gym. (Where are the Mrs. Wheelers today?) Sleepovers with the girls in Rossman's barn (I continue to talk in my sleep) Great newsletter – love catching up on everyone!

Laurie Snyder Pazdernik, '79, Savage, MN: 1'm a gate agent coordinator with Mesaba Airlines (NW regional) Son, Tommy, attends Hawaii Pacific University – yes, we've visited! Daughter, Presley, attends XinXing Academy, a Chinese immersion school in Hopkins, MN. Favorite memories: French club trips, senior trip to NYC. Looking forward to 2009 alumni banquet – will be our 30th! Wow!

Laurie Mullen Polasik, '79, Bainbridge, NY: Assistant branch manager for NBT Bank for 12 years in Afton, NY. Three daughters, Elizabeth, Julia, Amanda, married 28 years. Avid gardener, enjoy reading and interior decorating. Becky Schwartz Comer, '81, Almond, NY: Our first child graduated from AACS this year. It is still a great school! We are most appreciative of the Alumni Association and the amount of scholarships that can be given to AA grads only through the generosity of AA alumni. Our son, Robert, was one of the recipients of this award and we are very grateful. We just wanted to thank every A-A alum that thinks enough of this great school to keep giving! Robert Struble, '83, Pineville, NC: I own A Landscape Legacy, Inc. Married to Carrie M. Cassidy of Canisteo, NY, have three boys, Andrew, 19, Steven, 17, and Cullen, 6. Love travel/hunting. Wife also owner of The Flower Diva, Inc, special event-wedding designer. Favorite memories: Ernie Moore, David Pease, Paul Gabriel, Mike Brace, Jim Comes for helping me guide myself into a positive atmosphere to help change my life. A special thanks to A-A Alumni Association for looking me up after 25 years and updating myself to the times at hand.

John Woughter, '83, APO: Favorite memories: Going to morning swim practice, hoping for a snow day. Denny O'Brien would open the gym and we'd goof around with the scooters or shoot baskets.

Diane Mulligan Chamberlain, '84, Belmont, NY : Teaching assistant at AACS, two children that attend A-A, coach girls' jv basketball.

Patty Hollister Nichols, '86, Loveland, CO: Married to Tim, one son, Lawrence, 3, work as a clinical records specialist for Hospice of Larimer County. Favorite memories: Great friends. Great newsletter – keep up the great work.

Patricia MacDonald Eshelman, '90, Scio, NY: Married since 2002 to Glen Eshelman, biology teacher since 1999, first child due Fall 2008. Pat also wanted to tell us that her brother, Daniel, '81, is involved in competing with machines – truck pulling – and won Puller of the Year in 2007 for both the Empire State Pullers a New York State Tractor Pullers Association – both huge honors, she said.

The Blue and Gold

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AA AA SPORTS HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT THREE AT ANNUAL BANQUET By Jill Snyder Grigg, '86

This year's inductees to the Alfred-Almond Sports Hall of Fame are two outstanding female athletes, Brittany Curran and Andrea Crandall, and Dennis O'Brien, retired coach and AACS Athletic Director.



Brittany Curran, '02, a graduate of the Class of 2002, participated and excelled in three sports; skiing, softball and soccer. Brittany's career achievements in skiing include such awards as MVP for Section V Class B four consecutive years ('99-2002), NYS Ski Team alternate, Team 1 League for five years running; team captain for several years and the Class B slalom and giant slalom champion.

Brittany was also the first female skier to win a sectional title, win individual races, and place first overall in the league.

Brittany's most illustrious career, though, came about on the softball field. Several local papers heralded her as "by far the most dominant pitcher in Steuben County." As pitcher for the 2000 team at AA, she led them to an overall record of 19-1. They were undefeated Division 1 champs, undefeated league champs, undefeated Section V Class DD champs with an impressive record of 18-0, and State quarterfinalist with Brittany being named Section V Class DD M.V.P.. Her career continued upward in 2001 being named again League M.V.P. She was Division 1 2nd All State team and a Corning All Leader All State team member. The traveling team known as the Rochester Thunder took advantage of Brittany's pitching skills, qualifying for the Pony Nationals during her participation.

Brittany also participated in soccer on the modified team in '97, JV in '98, and the varsity team from '99-2000 where she was a consistent solid player. In addition to Brittany's sports lineup, she also was very active within her class as fire warden for four consecutive years and class president her junior and senior year.



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Our second inductee, **Andrea Crandall, '01**, was also a three-sport leader, participating and excelling in soccer, softball and basketball. Her career record in softball includes Team M.V.P 2000 and 2001, team captain 2001, All State Honor 3rd team and All State Div 1 Steuben County 1st Team 2000 and 2001. She led the team with her batting average of .507 in 2000 and .544 in 2001. The team as a whole had impressive seasons in 2000 and 2001, culminating with a Steu-

ben County Championship, Section V Class DD Championship, State qualifiers as well as Division II Steuben County Champions. Andrea is quoted as a "solid all around player" by coaches and players alike and was a pivotal component to the team's overall four-year success.

Andrea was also considered a force on the soccer field, racking up an impressive number of awards during her career. She was voted Team M.V.P in 2000, scoring 17 goals along with 7 assists. Voted into the All Star County Division 1 League 2nd Team, M.V.P offensive player for Steuben County Division 1 League in 2000, also chosen Section V Steuben County Player of the Year. Andrea also participated on the girls' basketball team as a consistent standout from 7th grade through her senior year, serving as captain as well as player. Along with several other awards and scholarships, it is clear why Andrea Crandall has

been chosen as one of our new inductees.



This year's Hall of Fame contributor is **Dennis O'Brien**, better known as "Denny". Denny's career started out at Hornell High School where he was a standout in the pool. To this day, the records he set are still holding in the 50, 100, 200, 400 free, 100 fly, 200 IM, 200 medley relay and the 400 free relay. He was a Section V Class B Champion in two events in the 1965 season as well as the following two seasons in the 200 IM, 100fly and 400 freestyle. Obviously after such an illus-

trious career, the writing was on the wall for a future in coaching and athletic involvement – which rings true for our third inductee.

In 1972 Denny began teaching at Alfred-Almond and continued on through 2004. While at AA, Denny got down to business building a powerhouse swim team. This team won Section V championships for the year '79, '80, and '84. Some of Alfred-Almond's best swimmers were coached by Denny. In 1987 he took over as head of the girls track team for seven years and the ski team in 1989 until 2000. He also spent from 1994 to 2004 as head of the soccer team. 1990 brought on yet another task as he took over the helm as Athletic Director at AACS, a post he held until 2004. Denny has shown over the years through his interest and involvement within the Alfred-Almond athletic arena that he is an excellent candidate for our 2009 Hall of Fame contributor category.

Denny continues to be involved in athletics through Section V as the swim/ski coordinator, NYS ski coordinator, Section V Athletic Council member, as well as several other posts.

AACS SPORTS TEAMS EXCEL By Doug Lorow, '70

While it was 60 years between visits for the boys' basketball program to the sectional finals, various Alfred-Almond sports teams in the past five years have achieved success with league titles and Section Five trophies abound. The Eagles basketball squad came up just short versus Genesee Valley at the Rochester Blue Cross Arena this past March, 2009, but eleven of the classy Section Five awards are now in the school trophy cases.

The boys swim team is on a three-year run in the sectionals as they grabbed top honors in 2007-08-09. They also have won the county championship five years running, 2005-09. Probably the best stretch of sectional achievements since the boys track team was rattling off victories under the tutelage of Jim McEvoy in the late 70s, early 80's.

Tennis is moving to the forefront as a solid program at A-A as the boys won sectional crowns in 2007 and '08 while the girls claimed top honors in 2005 and '08 as well. Toss in a 2006 boys soccer sectional championship, boys track in '08 and boys skiing also in '08 and it has been a banner run for A-A athletes.

In addition, all the above mentioned teams and the 2008 baseball squad have combined to win 18-county trophies for a first place finish. Time for more cases in the halls of Alfred-Almond?

JIM BAKER SPORTS CAMP AWARDS GO TO TEN ATHLETES



One of the options available to AACS alumni who want to assist in funding scholarships and awards is the **Jim Baker Sports Camp Fund**. This past spring, ten AACS undergraduates were given a total of \$1759. to assist them in attending the sports camp of their choice. (Alumni have an opportunity to specify donations to this fund on their dues/donation form enclosed in this newsletter)

2008 recipients were: **Tyler Baker**, Houghton College Basketball Camp;

Tony Ordway, Syracuse Soccer Camp; Hannah Holmok, University of Rochester Soccer Camp; Gina Surita and Keri Surita, AU Tennis Skills Camp; Patrick Chamberlain, and Stephen Johnson, Mark Schmidt BB Camp/St Bonaventure; Caroline McDowell, Vassar College Soccer Academy; Patrick Greaney, Hartwick College Swim Camp; Travis Harvey, Oklahoma Gold Wrestling camp/Brockport.

The Jim Baker Sports Camp Fund was set up in 1987 as a memorial to the 1961 AACS graduate who was a three-year letter athlete during his high school years. A Viet Nam vet who served aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jim later pursued a career in law enforcement, serving as a police officer for the Village of Alfred and finally as a New York State Trooper. After declining health caused his retirement as a NYS Trooper, he worked with the Allegany County Associaton for Retarded Children (ARC) program in Alfred, passing away in 1987.

His late mother, Mildred Baker, and his brother, **D. Phillip Baker**, **'54**, were instrumental in setting up the fund to honor Jim's love of sports and competition. Phil shared Jim's belief "that life is just one turn around the track and in sports, as with life, the goal is to compete fairly and honorably and always at the highest level of performance."

The recipients' comments, written in personal thank you notes, should serve as an encouragement to alumni to continue to give generously to this fund:

The very first thank you the AA AA received was from **Hannah Holmok** – the day after the AACS sports night when the awards were given: "I wanted to thank you for all the money you gave me to go to my soccer camp. I was just thinking about it last night and got really excited. I can't wait to go!"

Tyler Baker wrote: "Thank you very much for the money you gave me to go to Houghton College Basketball Camp. I enjoyed my time. I improved on my game of basketball, and I hope to improve the A-A basketball team." His mom, **Jenny Baker**, **'81**, also wrote: "We are so thankful for the AA AA's generous contribution to Tyler this year. Without the scholarship I am not sure he would have been able to attend. Thanks so much!"

Tom McDowell, writing on behalf of his daughter, Caroline

McDowell, wrote: "I would like to thank the AACS Alumni Association for presenting a grant to Caroline McDowell. Caroline is excited about going to Vassar College and participating in their Elite Girls Residential Soccer Academy. (We appreciate your) help with these finances."

Patrick D. Greaney describes the Hartwick Swim Camp he attended as "one of the most memorable experiences of my life", and comments: "This camp was one of the most exciting camps I have gone to. While I was there, I worked on technique, racing strategies, and mental preparation for races. Our camp also went to a minor league baseball game and we went to a nearby lake for half a day. Thank you for helping make it possible for me to go." **Kert Decker, AACS athletic director**, reported that Patrick was a member of a 200 Medley Relay team that broke a school record this season.

Two sisters attended the AU Tennis Camp: **Gina Surita** called it "an excellent experience for me. I worked on many aspects of my tennis game and was able to compete against a variety of other high school students. Because I attended camp, I feel I am better prepared to represent Alfred-Almond's varsity tennis team. Thank you again for the opportunity that was given to me by the many caring individuals of the Alumni Association." **Keri Surita** wrote: "Thank you for giving me the Jim Baker Sports Camp Award. (AU) Tennis camp was very fun and I also learned a lot from it. I feel like I am now a better tennis player than I was before, which is good because this year I will be on the modified tennis team. I improved my forehand, backhand, and I can even serve better now. I also feel that my footwork has improved."

The two who went to the St. Bonaventure Basketball Camp reported: **Stephen Johnson** said that it "helped me improve my skills a lot. I learned a lot about defense and shooting, and it was lots of fun. I think the practice will help me next year when I play JV. Thank you!" **Patrick Chamberlain** wrote: "Thank you for the donation . . . I learned some new things about basketball and I also met some people who have now become friends. I would really appreciate it if you could donate (to the JB Sports Camp Fund) again next year."

Tony Ordway attended Dean Foti's Soccer Camp at Syracuse University, and comments: "Thank you so much for selecting me for one of the Jim Baker Memorial Sports Camp Awards. I had a great time, learned many new skills, and met some awesome soccer players and coaches."

Oklahoma Gold Wrestling Camp held at SUNY Brockport was where **Travis Harvey** learned "many new wrestling techniques," he wrote. "I had a fun time and enjoyed the athletic facilities a great deal. I had the opportunity to learn from Olympic, national and state champion level instructors. I also was able to wrestle against some state champion wrestlers in my weight class. I appreciate the support from the Alumni Association and I hope that I will be able to put the investment to good use during my future years of wrestling at Alfred-Almond." Your investment paid off for Travis – who placed fourth in sectionals this year!



48TH ANNUAL AACS ALUMNI WEEKEND A GREAT TIME! By Arlene Champlin Roberts, '50 and Donna B. Ryan, '58

Unselfish teamwork by a strong AACS alumni board, together with much planning and organization by enthusiastic class chairmen and representatives, resulted in a very successful 2008 alumni weekend, culminating in the 48th annual AACS Alumni Association banquet on July 19, 2008.



Attractive individual table and podium arrangements of fresh blue hydrangeas, yellow lilies and complementing flora, carrying out the 48th annual AACS Alumni Banquet theme, "Blue and Gold," greeted the nearly 300 alumni, spouses, friends, past and

present AACS faculty and staff when they entered Alfred University's spacious Ade Hall dining room. **Bob Struble**, '83, and his wife, **Carrie Cassidy-Struble**, formerly of Canisteo, owners of A. Landscape Legacy, Inc., and an upscale shop, The Flower Diva, in Pineville, NC, generously furnished the lavish flowers for the banquet.

Lee A. Ryan, '55, AA AA president, welcomed the attendees, followed by the invocation given by **Dick Cott**, '58. Karl Grantier, '55, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and recognition of the veterans in attendance.

Following a buffet dinner, \$21,000 in AACS Alumni Scholarship Awards (originally known as the Jean Hanks Palmiter Award) were presented to Class of 2008 graduates **Heather Barniak, Faith Bain-Lucey, Robert Comer, Zachary Edwards, Isaac Klingensmith, Brendan McDonough, Matthew Owlett, Hannah Porter**, and **Kalee Reynolds**. The Dale Lorow Memorial Award went to **Nicholas McMichael**, and **Avery Maracek** received the Juanita Whitaker Pulos Fine Arts Scholarship. (see story elsewhere in this issue)



LEFT TO RIGHT: Amanda Stevens Snyder, '60, right, makes HHOF presentation to the family of Dale Lorow: Steve Lorow, '72, Robin Lorow Fischer, '75, Doug Lorow, '70, and Dale's wife, Ann Lorow.

Powerpoint presentations created by **Tyler Mills**, **'2009**, preceded the Hall of Fame inductions. **Floyd Farley**, **'56**, recognized the 2008 Sports Hall of Fame inductees, **Andy Allgrim**, **'97**, and **Cassie Olds Kinnaird**, **'93**. In an emotional ceremony, the Humanitarian Hall of Fame honoree, **Dale Lorow**, **'50**, who passed away in 2007, was represented by his wife, Anne, and children **Steve**, **'72**, **Doug**, **'70**, and **Robin**, **'75**. **Bob Baker**, **'50**, assisted by **Amanda Snyder**, **'60**, made the presentation. Dale was one of the co-founders of the AACS Alumni Association, and was recognized for his diligence and enthusiasm, keeping the Association alive and well throughout the years. **Doug**, commenting later, said: "THANK YOU for everything at the 2008 banquet with regards to my dad, Big Dale. From the Blue & Gold edition to the powerpoint presentation to remarks by **Bob Baker** - well done!"

In honor of her retirement as AA AA secretary after twenty-four years of service, **Arlene Champlin Roberts**, **'50**, was recognized with a bouquet of flowers and a plaque. Due to her illness, **Janice Leathersich**, **'62**, accepted the gifts on her behalf. Arlene wrote later, expressing her thanks: "It has been many enjoyable years that I have served the Association. In appreciation to everyone. Sincerely, Arlene"

Ollene Kenyon Smith, 37, was introduced as the oldest alumna present, having graduated from Alfred High School in 1937.

During a brief business meeting, the following expiring offices were filled: Lee A. Ryan, '55, president; Don Jefferds, '60, vice president; and board members Katri Adams-Ormsby, '92, Hillary Lloyd, '98, and Cathy Dobson Lorow, '62.

The entire weekend was filled with activities and reunions for the honored classes, as reported by the various class chairmen:

Eight members of the **Class of 1948 (60 years)** attended the banquet Saturday night: **Betty Nye Allen, Ralph Allen, Elizabeth Amberg Lawrence, Daniel Beckhorn, Walter Brooks, Johanna Gach Beckhorn, Patricia Johnson Reichert,** and **Robert Snyder**. **Dan and Jo (Gach) Beckhorn, '48**, came from Bloomingdale, NY : "We attended the 60th class reunion because we thought it was an opportunity to connect and share with our former classmates --- where we've been and what we've been doing. We thought the tribute to Dale Lorow was especially uplifting – the pictures of his life and the music put together by Tyler Mills brought a tear to our eyes. The flowers were very beautiful – all and all it was a very memorable night for us. We want to thank all the home-front people who put this event together. We know they work all year long in the background, and we appreciate it very much!"

Class of 1953 (55 years) members who met Saturday afternoon at the Terra Cotta Coffee House in Alfred and attended the banquet included **Bob Baker, Carolyn Bird Powers, Doris Bird Martin, Jacquelyn Paine Walker, Robert Schwartz, Nelson Snyder, Patricia Harvey Curran** and **Joyce Tucker Hance**. **Bob Baker**, of Alfred, commented: "We had a chance to reminisce, look at some old photos, etc. No question, the highlight is always seeing some we haven't seen in years, and yet picking right up where we left off. Having been together (for most of us) all the way thru school (K-12), there's a bond that is tremendously special." **Bob Schwartz**, attending from Hanover, PA, with wife, **Louise (New-**

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48TH ANNUAL AACS ALUMNI WEEKEND A GREAT TIME! (continued)

man Schwartz), '60, said: What we enjoyed about the weekend was that we were able to spend some time at the coffee shop in Alfred on Saturday afternoon and just chat and catch up. The evening banquet was really nice this year without loud music, which enabled people to really enjoy talking. We enjoyed hearing the different class speakers and seeing people who've finally showed up at the banquet, even from other classes. It is worth the effort to come. Since Bob's class was small to begin with, the attendance has dwindled. We appreciate all the work that **Patty Harvey Curran** and **Bob Baker** put into making it successful for the class of '53.



Members of the Class of 1958 perform at the banquet.

Twenty-two classmates from the Class of 1958 attended one or more of the many events celebrating their 50-year reunion. The Almond Rod and Gun Club was the setting for a picnic on Friday night, and also for lunch on Saturday noon, with the group then going to AACS to tour the school. They attended the banquet on Saturday night, singing their "Senior Citizen" rendition of "My Favorite Things" with Edie Allen Monahan as spokesperson. On Sunday, Alise Ogden Irwin and Gladysanne ("Chicki") Langer Carmin hosted the group at the Irwin home on Keuka Lake. Attending one or more of the events were Beverly Allen Schmidt, Edythe Allen Monahan, Charles Baker, Donna Burdett Ryan, Richard Cott, Raymond Dunn, Gladysanne Langer Carmin, Joseph Doorley, Jack Glover, Joanne McMichael Kame, Alise Ogden Irwin, Fred Olin, Frances Phillips Gottschall, Mildred Pierce Amato, Benjamin Reynolds, Mary Spaine Cott, Roxanne VanOrman Waight, Shirley Watson Morey, Clifton Woodworth, Harold Williams, Phillip Brown, and Richard Tucker. Alise Irwin, commenting via email, wrote: I was struck by the sweet way in which each classmate and each spouse was greeted by all the others. People seemed very attentive to each other - really wanting to know how life has been during the past 50 years. The spouses seemed very comfortable. I think the fact that there was so much sharing made the events especially important. People shared food, funds, concern, hugs, photos, memories... that was lovely. I have a suggestion for the all-alumni banquet - unless I just missed it, I did not see a list of those (from all AACS classes) who hoped to attend! It would have helped me if I'd been able to see the guest list - I might have 'mixed' more, if I'd known just who I should look for." Clif Woodworth wrote: Dodie and I would like to express our appreciation for all the work you guys did getting things ready and completing a wonderful 50th Reunion. We realize it was a very difficult and tiring job but your work paid off and we all

had a fantastic time. I did realize (after seeing the pictures from Ben) that we all have changed (ever so slightly) in age and physical appearance----but inside we are the same ole class of 58. THANK YOU ALL FOR SUCH WONDERFUL MEMORIES. Dick and Mary Cott: We enjoyed everything about the Class Reunion. The one thing that stands out to me (during the tour of AACS) was being able to find my "old locker". It was still there. I had many memories about people coming up to me and sharing things at my locker, keeping hidden secrets in my locker, and just being a place that seemed to be the only thing that was 'mine.' Weird wasn't I. We both enjoyed the tour of AACS. Also the Party at AU was great. I'm so glad that whoever put our part together decided to do something funny and fun as everything else was serious. That made the evening perfect. We enjoyed all of it. Edie Allen Monahan, Class of '58 president, wrote: The 50th year class reunion for the Class of 1958 was VERY VERY nice and so rewarding....we had so much fun meeting on Fri. night at the Almond Rod & Gun Club with a meal featuring pulled pork/rolls from BBQ Bandits and the rest supplied by dishes to pass...how much food..oh my gosh !! Much much camaraderie and pictures bringing back so many memories of our years at AACS. During the AACS tour on Saturday afternoon, many of the rooms brought back many memories....for me I got tears in my eyes with the many memories in the home ec. room with the many things that Mrs. Crusen taught us. I couldn't believe how much the front entrance of the school had started to deteriorate and hopefully with the monies our class collected we can help to sparkle this back up. The social hour and banquet brought in a few more classmates that weren't able to make our Fri. and Sat events so again...more excitement in seeing others. Then to Alise's home on Keuka Lake, where she and Chicki hosted a Sun. AM Brunch which was, as you know marvelous to say the least and so much fun.... Believing how much 50 years has changed us from teenagers graduating to the majority of us being grandparents and some great-grandparents....many with medical conditions, but overcome trying to make it to our 50th year class reunion....time goes so fast..... I highly recommend that those in more recent years graduations get back to AACS and enjoy your former classmates, even if they weren't in your "click", because you never know ... time sure goes fast. Our class is at the point where we want to get together every year 'cause for sure we won't make it another '50 years'....at least I don't think. Many many memories that can't be replaced !!! Get there !!"

Class of 1963 (45 years) met at the **Michael Stuart** home for a picnic, and then attended the banquet. In town for these events were **Karl Barron, Donald Cook, James Evans, Michael Leach, Michael McMahon, Sharon Post Hageman, Michael Stuart, Loretta Webster Conderman, Roberta Webster Drake** and **Derck Frechette** (honorary member). After the get-together, Mike commented: "The class of '63 had a great 45th reunion picnic and a blast at the alumni banquet. There is already talk among the classmates of organizing our 50th reunion in 2013 and having a goal of getting 100% participation."



48TH ANNUAL AACS ALUMNI WEEKEND A GREAT TIME! (continued)

Thirty-one members of the Class of 1968 (40 years) participated in an event-filled weekend, beginning with dinner at Sonora's Mexican Restaurant on Friday evening, organized by Carol Clarke. Twenty classmates attended the banquet along with many spouses, then were invited to a bonfire at Carl Hilsdorf's house afterwards. On Sunday, they gathered at Curran's Pond for a picnic organized by Kathy Curran Snyder. Classmates returning to re-aquaint, have fun and reminisce over the wonderful display of memorabilia put together by Carol were: Larry Allen, Alice Sick Allen, Tom Benson, Jim Brutsman, Priscilla Hurne Button, Dennis Butts, Carol Clarke, Bob Davison, Mike Drumm, Charlie and Linda Gardner Emerson, Debbie Soule Esposito, Anne Mills Fewster, Anne Hurne Hamrick, Don Hardy, Carl Hilsdorf, Norm Jefferds, Dave Lockwood, Sally Thomas Mayes, Chris Hanks McCabe, Joyce Benjamins Mills, Scott Reid, Allen Rough, Don Schwartz, Mary Liz Gorton Schwartz, Jay Simpson, Ron and Kathy Curran Snyder, Debby Thompson, Patty Palmer Woodman and Jim Woodruff. Also joining the festivities as special friends were Gary Ormsby, Jay Evans, Mike Obuhanich, Kathy Clarke Baumgarten, Pat Ormsby Brutsman, and a special treat, Jay's 103-year old mom, Mrs. Edith Simpson. At the picnic, classmates generously emptied their pockets and \$200 was able to be donated to the AA AA Scholarship Fund in the name of the Class of '68. Debbie Soule Esposito, attended from Seminole, FL: "Wow, our 40th! While we've been apart much longer than we were together, it was incredibly easy to reconnect. The banquet gave us a chance to see a broad spectrum of AACS; Class picnics were wonderful and just about US! Catching up, wondering about all those who were missing, wondering about our next gathering. A truly wonderful experience." Chris Hanks McCabe, from Fulton, NY, wrote: "Just wanted to say that I had a wonderful time this past weekend (Better than I ever had in high school) and it was especially great to see everyone. I, however, like others, don't want to wait another 5 years to do this. So, how about setting up a time every year when we can have just a picnic. I just wanted to thank you again for all your hard work involved so that we have a successful and wonderful class reunion every five years."

The 35-year Class of 1973 enjoyed a get together Friday evening at Terra Cotta Coffee House in Alfred, and attended the banquet on Saturday. Attending were Kimber Lee Beckhorn Hall, Ann Bernreuther Lewis, Tom Dobson, Elizabeth Galle Cole, John Hall, Jennie Hanks Wright, Dean Hurd, Kim Lowrey Gayhart, John Ninos, Kevin Palmiter, William Pulos, Susan Savey Stevens, Thomas Sharrett, Terah Soule, and Nancy Wakefield Chapman. Kevin Palmiter commented: "We met early at the Terra Cotta Coffee house, just the class. We had some special time together, shared about our lives and a few drinks and then on to the Alfred Almond Alumni Reunion. It was fantastic. Lots of people. We joked, we laughed, and we caught up on days gone by....It was like...like...like Facebook LIVE! only with food and hugs. I am going to do it again this year...see you there."

About 17 members of the Class of 1978 (30 years) joined to-

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gether Friday night for a slide show and good food, then joined together at Lions' Park in Almond for a Saturday afternoon picnic, followed by the banquet in the evening. Everyone had a great time, they reported. Attending the activities were **Susan Beasley Mojcik**, **Bradley Burdick, Connie Clark Stocum, Debbie Clark Tomm, Larry Fraser, Jacque Friend Young, James Gaisser, Randy Gillette, Charles Bowser, Mark Lawrence, Theresa Lindeman Meehan, Craig Mix, Scott Moritz, Lisa Patrick Porter, Steve Reitnauer, Kelly Snyder Lawrence, and Pamela Washburn**.



In this photo: Allyson Haymes, Kier Dirlam, Tim Lloyd, Lonnie Herrick, EllenBoldt, Michele Klemaszewski, Lynn Schon Elston, Steve Galle, Bob Mullen, Debora Nye Pearson, Neva Marie Johnson- Galle, Lee Link, Doug Hitchcock, Rebecca Bergren, Deborah Yelle Walach, Brian Smith, Heather Potter Mattos, Barbara Bernstein, Mary Ellen Westlake

The celebration for the 25-year Class of 1983 started with breakfast Friday morning at the Collegiate in Alfred, with a get together at Cafe Za and afterglow at Terra Cotta Coffee House that evening. Saturday at noon a picnic was held at Kanakadea Park with spouses, children and former teachers attending. In the afternoon, they took a tour of AACS, followed by the banquet Saturday evening and a post-banquet gathering at Alex's. Robert Struble, who, along with his wife provided the blue and yellow flower arrangements for the tables and podium, was the speaker for the class. Teachers attending were Mrs. Barbara Bernstein, Mrs. Ginny Schon, Mrs. Mary Ellen Westlake, and Mr. Ernie Moore. Classmates in attendance were Jill Aldrich Giese, Rebecca Bergren, Ellen Cartledge Boldt, Kier Dirlam, Stephen Galle, Neva Johnson Galle, Lonnie Herrick, Douglas Hitchcock, Michele Klemaszewski, Coral Lee Link, Timothy Lloyd, Robert Mullen, Debora Nye Pearson, Mark Ordway, Heather Potter Mattos, Lynn Schon Elston, Deborah Schwartz Kenney, Robert Struble II, Lisa Woodworth Mallaber, Deborah Yelle Wallach, Jeff Grantier, Allyson Haymes, and Brian Smith. Kier Dirlam sent this email: "The Class of '83 had an excellent weekend for reunion number

48TH ANNUAL AACS ALUMNI WEEKEND A GREAT TIME! (continued)

25. At Cafe Za's, folks who hadn't seen each other in 25 years got their first glimpse and chance to catch up on this steamy night. We all enjoyed Saturday's picnic with our families, then a tour of the grand old school building, and then we joined all the other Alumni at the Banquet in Alfred. We had about twenty five class members attend one or more of these events and it was a wonderful time of camaraderie after so many years. Hope to see you all and more at the 30th!"

The reunion for the Class of 1988 (20 years) began Friday evening with members going to the home of Sandra Law Washburn. After the banquet on Saturday, a get together was held at Bob Woughter's home. Classmates attending activities were Trina Allen, Kimberly Bostwick, Cindy Conderman Gonska, Julie Ellington Davis, Eric Fischer, Jeffrey Forrester, Jacquelyn Kenyon, Sandra Law Washburn, Cynthia Luger Fullone, Sharon Mitchell, Renee Raner Johnson, John Schmidt, Andrew Zaruba, and Bob Woughter. Renee Raner Johnson sent this email: "To me our class reunion is a wonderful weekend; it's about sharing a little bit of time with each other and learning how each person has been able to make a difference in someone else's life - big or small. It's funny how 20 years ago my thoughts were so different. There were individuals I graduated with that I felt I had nothing in common with -- but now I am very interested in hearing what they have accomplished in their lives and being proud of the people they have become. It's about reconnecting even for a moment with your home town and the people in it, the kids you grew up with who are now adults (but you still remember as kids). I always enjoy walking around and seeing my Mother's classmates as well. I think this year was especially touching since so many of them realized we had lost Robin (Raner Ptak, '81) last year as well. So many tender hearts from that community, still after this many years. It's very touching. For myself, I wouldn't miss it. Of course that's probably due to my nosiness as well!!! :o)"

The **Class of 1993 (15 years)** was represented at the banquet by Sports Hall of Fame inductee Cassie Olds Kinnaird and her family.

A get-together was held Friday evening for the **10-year Class** of **1998** at the Hornell Bowl, with several attending the banquet Saturday. Class members coming back for the weekend were **Ryan Bale, Tammy Burnside Woods, Nicole Freeland Bordeaux, Rob**ert Freeland, Lisa Herrick, Catherine Hurd Wightman, Karen Lichtman, Hilarie Lloyd, Fion MacCrea, Brian Marlatt, Joseph Mc Mahon, Jill Ninos, Brock Reynolds, Katherine Smith Winters, Jeffrey Sootheran, Jacob Stuart, Kajal Varshneya, and Kristina Winters Whelpley. Karen Lichtman, returning from Urbana, IL, said "It was great to see everyone at the bowling alley!" She said that only three from her class attended the banquet – but suggested that it would help if the banquet information were sent out via email since many did not read the newsletter.

Bill Pulos, '73, sent this note to the AA alumni board: "On behalf of a grateful alumni, thank you very much for all your efforts this past year that benefit us all. It is because of you that the AA AA is on the map. Our family continues to be grateful for the nurturing of the Juanita Whitaker Pulos Fine Arts Scholarship program and for the donor recognition which is so important. Congratulations on another fine reunion dinner. Everything went very smoothly and apparently seamlessly. Mr. Struble was very generous. The presentations were nice. The powerpoint was real good, really brought some additional meaning for those that didn't know the honorees."

LOOKING BACK AT THE HONORED CLASS YEARBOOKS Compiled by Donna B. Ryan, '58

One of the highlights of any class reunion weekend seems to be a "group look" at old yearbooks, which brings back a flood of memories – and is a catalyst for conversation – and laughs!

The 1959 and 1984 Alcens will be no exception when the 50year and 25-year class reunions take place July 18 weekend. Take a walk down memory lane with us as we look at some of the highlights of these two yearbooks:



The 1959 Alcen's staff included Editor Luan Sutton, assisted by Charles Thacher, literary editor; Bonnie Allen, circulation manager; Richard Dickens, sports; Sandra Lemen, advertisements; William Nevins, business manager; Roger Washburn, art; and Richard Goodwin. The dedication page reads: "This Alcen of 1959 is dedicated to a man who has given a great deal of his time and his efforts in behalf of our class. He has advised and instructed us whenever he was needed. For the tremendous amount of inspiration he has given us, we the class of 1959, dedicate this Alcen to **Leonard Van Keuren**." Mr. Van Keuren, now deceased, was a graduate of Mansfield State and taught high school science.

Familiar AACS Administration names included the only administrator, Principal Kenneth Clicquennoi, along with his staff of two: Virginia Wheeler and Marilyn Lockwood. Also shown were William Churchill, guidance counselor, and his secretary, Jean Schlick; A. Prentice Stillman, who served as part-time coordinator of student activities (and disciplinarian) and industrial arts teacher; Thelma Post, nurse; "Kitty" Norton, dental hygienist; and Dr. Ellen Sutton, school physician.

Thirty-seven handsome seniors are pictured, each with individual "mini" histories. Sadly, it is believed that at least seven of these members of the Class of 1959 are now deceased. The class history mentions such annual events as the fifth grade picnic



LOOKING BACK AT THE HONORED CLASS YEARBOOKS (continued)

at **Mrs. Paine's** house, ordering class rings, and the junior class project -- the Allegany County Fair (food) Booth. Co-chaired by **Terry Coleman** and **Charles Thacher**, assisted by Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Thacher, and Mrs. Dickens, the week-long event resulted in a profit of \$850 – a big amount in those days!

Charles Thacher was president of the Class of 1959, National Honor Society president, and the Sr High Association Council president. Projects which the council sponsored included the senior play, skating parties, square dances, and the senior ball. It was noted that the National Honor Society helped start a "new project in our school this year": the Honor Roll. "This was very successful in promoting better attitude and more spirit among students," the Alcen reads.

Mrs. Crusen's "Bachelors Club", made up of more than a dozen junior and senior boys "became very adept at cooking and sewing. They made their own aprons and also made cookies which the girls sold." Unheard of in today's schools was the Rifle Club, pictured with 10 boys, holding the three new rifles purchased by the club that year. Mr. Torrey and Mr. Gerace were advisors and Don Jefferds was president. Mr. Schmidt directed three large bands: elementary, junior high, and senior high, totaling more than 150 students. Miss Moran is pictured with a large junior high chorus and girls triple trio (formed after "hopes of having a senior high chorus were defeated because of scheduling conflict"), and the Jan-Do-Lin trio comprised of Jan Burdett, Linda Brownell and Dottie Snyder.

The sports section features boys' soccer, cross country, basketball, wrestling, baseball, track and tennis with coaches **Paul Powers, Ernie Moore** and **Harold Hackett**. Special mention was made of the track team's first place in the County B-C meet, and **Jack Glover's** new B-C county mile record at 4:52.8. The tennis team boasted **Charles Smith** as County champion. "**Coach Hackett's** Hustlers could have hustled more briskly if they had had a tennis court for practices," the text states.

Girls sports were not given the same advantage as boys in 1959 – this was the pre-Title IX era. Under the direction of **Miss Pat Shiner**, girls had teams in bowling, hockey, basketball, volleyball, badminton, softball and tumbling, but the teams were limited to intramurals and playdays.

In viewing the final eleven pages of the 1959 Alcen, one could spend hours talking about the various merchants and businesses that once played a big role in the community's life. Favorite places like Tech Lanes, Kellogg's Country Store, Glover's and Baker's grocery stores, Crandall's Jewelry, Tuttle and Rockwell and Cameo Shop, Elmhurst Dairy, Ken's Sinclair, Alsworth's and



Helge's Texaco are gone – and today, only 15 out of more than 100 advertisers remain.

The 1984 Alcen, featuring a movie theme, was dedicated to **Coach Jim McEvoy** with these words: "For twenty-five years, the youth of Alfred-Almond have been graced with this person's warmth, smile, and sense of humor. Behind that rough exterior lies a caring, sensitive and generous man never too busy to help others. Because of his service, leadership and dedication to the sports teams and students of A-A, we present this token of our appreciation. The Class of 1984 is proud to dedicate this Alcen to **Mr. Jim McEvoy**."

Twenty five years made a big difference in administration personnel, as the Alcen shows **Mr. Minns, Mr. Nicol** and **Mrs. Luellen**, assisted by four secretaries: **Mrs. Goodridge, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Lockwood**, and **Mrs. Mullen**. **Mr. Luellen** and **Mrs. Roberts** manned the guidance office.

Fashion had also changed: In the 1959 book, most of the girls consistently were shown in skirts and blouses, with "bobby sox" and saddle shoes or loafers. By 1984, the vast majority of girls were photographed wearing jeans or pants. In 1959, all male faculty members except for coaches wore shirts and ties – but by 1984, many were moving toward more casual attire.

Quotes and poems underscore the fifty-three senior pictures, followed by pages of senior paragraphs, seniors voted most likely to , baby photos, and the senior last will and testament. A new addition not found in the 50-year Alcen were the AM, PM and All Day BOCES students. More clubs, including Reading and Writing Club, French Club, J.C.L., A.V. and Computer Clubs, International Thespian Society and Stage Crew offered more activities – including trips to the Stratford Shakespearean Festival and France. The Fire Wardens were termed "the most important club in our school. . . .when the fire bell rings, the wardens quickly and thoroughly search every part of the building, making sure everyone is safe."

Nearly 30 pages of the 1984 volume are devoted to A-A's greatly expanded sports program, including an 18-member co-ed swim team and ten girls varsity and jv sports teams – non-existent 25 years before. Some of the highlights in the text bring back memories: "An explosive Eagle (boys' varsity soccer) squad produced exciting soccer action for another fine year. . . . in a game dedicated to **Mr. Mike Brace**, the Eagles showed their fierce determination and completely destroyed a strong Wellsville team 6-1." **Rolo Robinson** was credited with setting a single season record with 28 goals.

The girls' varsity soccer under **Coach McEvoy** "made it to sectionals where they defeated Fillmore in the first round and then lost to Naples in the second round." "First year coach **Keith Holmok** has the young Eagle (basketball team) . .. Sophomore **Greg Norton** leads the team in scoring and rebounding . ." **Coach Moore's** girls track team "once again had a successful season with a 20-0 record and won their third consecutive sectional title. . ." "For the second straight year, the boys (track team) claimed the Section V title defeating Arkport and Dundee. The 1600 m. relay team of **Cary Schaeberle, Tim MacDonald, Rob McKnight** and **Phil Gabriel** set a school and sectional record with a time of 3:34.5. **Phil Gabriel** also broke the AA existing record in the 110 high hurdles in the Intersectional Qualifying meet. Many candid photos of sports events in the old gym (now the auditorium) are pictured.

Editor of the 1984 Alcen was Phil Rossington, assisted by

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THE ALFRED-ALMOND ALUMNI SPIRIT

By Bill Pulos, '73

I enjoyed my time at Alfred-Almond with the great Class of 1973. Let's face it, 13 years in one place anywhere gives you an opportunity to learn a lot. It happened at Alfred-Almond for me.

The sports, student government, the clubs, social activities and oh yes, the teachers. Now, please understand, both my parents were teachers, my dad at Alfred University and my mom at Alfred-Almond for 10 years. They were both closely connected with the school. At the time, I didn't like that part too much. My dad would have many soon-to-be Alfred-Almond teachers as college students. So, there were always teachers at Alfred-Almond that were friendly with my dad and would "report back to him" about me. He never told me that, I was able to figure that out on my own, but only years later.

In those times, Alfred-Almond school discipline was a little different than today and in my view, generally (but not always) better. If my mom "disciplined" a student (and she wasn't bashful about doing it if need be), once in a while it seemed like everyone in that student's family wanted to find me and balance the equation, sooner or later.

I thought that between my two parents and their various relationships that my "social progress was inhibited." Nevertheless, I was friendly with a good cross-section of people of all ages through the various grades.

I always thought we had good teachers at Alfred-Almond. I learned a lot from them including practical lessons that I still use today. I found that if you tried to learn the subjects, the teachers would be more than happy to help you and that the teachers cared about you as a student and person. I still think that today. The teachers gave us all they had. You could be as good as you wanted to be.

Every year I appreciate the opportunity to visit with my classmates and other friends from Alfred-Almond. It seems the longer we are out of school, the more we find we have in common. We all share a common bond across the years. A lot of us were together for 13 years at A-A; that's a long time. We discover we learned more (and remember) about each other during that time than we thought and we re-discover how fortunate we were to attend A-A.

I went to my first reunion while I was still in graduate school. I think Dale Lorow was the MC. After I finished my schooling, I came back to live here. I went to my 10 year reunion in 1983 in the famous "oven night" down at the old "Beacon Inn" (at the time I think it was the Eagles club – aptly named for us, of course).

I enjoyed those two reunions even though most of my classmates did not attend. For the next 10 years, I attended a couple more. Both our 20 and 25 year reunions were held at the K of C in Hornell (I think). It was during those reunions that the light bulb was starting to come on for me and the significance of the events started to hit home. Once you start re-connecting with people you haven't seen for awhile, it awakens you to the fact we all share similar experiences and share common perceptions about many things.

So it was that after 25 years I realized how important and how significant the Alumni Association is and how significant the Reunion experience can be. After 25 years, people start dropping off the chart, some pass on. I began to realize how special it was to get together with people with whom I shared my formative years, have some laughs, and share some stories.

Our 30 year reunion was a watershed event. All the emotions seemed to have come to the surface and some of us really got closer. Maybe it's because we were starting to crowd 50, a few of us were grandparents! Something special happened and I realized how much I care about the well-being of the people I went to school with.

The time before the banquet is pretty special as well. We have the opportunity to get together, see the faces, have some laughs and learn that all of us share common experiences, the highs and the lows. It seems the older we get, "the better we were" and the longer we talk (some talk more than others!).

I owe a great deal of this awakening to the Alfred-Almond Alumni Association. There are a handful of people that have tirelessly worked in the past and that are currently working tirelessly and selflessly so that people like me can experience the joy of connection. This is why I support the Alumni Association to the best of my ability. We can all support the Association, whether by volunteering (it's easy, you can do as much as you'd like, all comers) or by financial contributions. Either way, you'll be happy you did. Everyone benefits, you, the Association and the school. It's a "winwin-win."

For those of us that live in the area, it's easy for us to take the reunion and banquet for granted. Actually, it's a very special thing, there's no judgment, just living and being. By attending, you are giving all you see a very special gift, yourself. Each year I find myself wondering how many more times that I will see at least some of the people with whom I visit. It's hard to describe and I find it hard to leave, sometimes more than others.

All you have to do is show up; your friends (and the hard-working committee people behind the scenes) will do the rest. It's clean, the food is good and yes, there is a great social hour beforehand. Hard to go wrong. I believe life gets better with a stronger Alfred-Almond connection. See you at the reunion, if not sooner.

Closing with the sign-off from morning announcements 1972-1973: "Hoping a good day comes your way"

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Please fill out any of the form below at your option. We would love to receive your input!

PERSONAL NEWS: Please feel free to provide us with any personal news you would like to share for the Alumni Newsletter

Name:

Class of:

Work, Family History, Hobbies and Awards:

Favorite memories of AACS:

Your comments on the Alumni Association activities and newsletter:

HELP THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: The Alumni Association would love to have your help!

Would you be willing to help the Alumni Association with any of the following (check if interested)?

Assist with the Alumni Banquet

Help with updated Alumni Contact/Address Information

____ Serve on the Alumni Newsletter Team ____ Serve on an Alumni Committee

Other:

I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THESE PEOPLE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

NOMINATION FOR HUMANITARIAN HALL OF FAME: Do you know of an AA Alumni that should be considered?

NAME:

CLASS OF:

Please provide some background that would describe why you think they would be a good nominee (special awards, activities, honors):

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CLASS OF:

Please provide some background that would describe why you think they would be a good nominee (special awards, activities, honors):

MAY WE CONTACT YOU FOR FURTHER DETAILS?

Your Phone: - -

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LOOKING BACK AT THE HONORED CLASS YEARBOOKS (continued)

Karen Heineman, literary editor; Diane Mulligan and Rachel Amato, typists; Jenny Jones and Tim MacDonald, sports editors; Scot Conde, business editor; Sue Moritz, sales editor; and Monte Trimble and Roy Doane, photographers. Advisors were Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Ellis and Mr. Gilbert.

The philosophy of the Class of 1984 may have been summed up

with this quote from the Class History page: "All in all, it comes down to one thing – GRADUATION. Yes, the end of our stay . . We will be on our own to meet new friends, but we will never forget the old. This class and this school will always be remembered. The stories will be passed on, but, best of all, we will continue to grow. Alfred-Almond, thank you."

AACS HONORED CLASSES PRESENT GIFTS By Donna B. Ryan, '58

The AA AA board is grateful when an honored class decides to make a memorial donation during their reunion weekends.

Following their activities celebrating their 40th anniversary, the **Class of 1968** presented a check to the AACS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. According to **Kathy Curran Snyder**, at their picnic, classmates generously emptied their pockets and \$200 was able to be donated to the AA AA Scholarship Fund in the name of the Class of '68. The Class of 1968 is also ISSUING A CHALLENGE: TO BE THE CLASS WITH THE BIGGEST PERCENTAGE OF DUES-PAYERS. So get involved, and PASS THE WORD, they say!

When the AACS **Class of 1958** had their 50th reunion last summer, they wanted to do something again to honor and recognize their classmates who are deceased. At their 40th reunion, they took up a collection and purchased a KitchenAid mixer and other items for the AACS home economics room.

While touring the school on Saturday afternoon prior to the alumni banquet, they became concerned with the somewhat worn look of the AACS front doors – and decided to approach the AA superintendent to see if they could help in restoring the doors. **Alise Irwin Ogden** served as chairman of the project, and met with Mr. Nicol, who agreed to receive the funds as well as a suitable plaque noting the memorial gift.

On March 3, 2009, several representatives of the Class of 1958 were welcomed by the AACS Board of Education, and the presentation was made. Alise, spokeswoman for the group, gave the check for \$350 to AACS Board of Education President Earl Pierce, along with a plaque which will be placed near the doors. The plaque reads: "Restoration of these doors made possible in part by the AACS Class of 1958 in memory of classmates gone before."

In her presentation, Alise explained: "The Class of 1958, meeting for their 50th reunion last July, toured the school as part of their weekend activities. We came to the school, and we were pleased with the changes. We were struck by the feelings that we had when we arrived at the school (as little children) and walked through those beautiful doors. We were grateful that we could be together again and still love one another, and we wanted to do something to remember those who have passed on before us," she said. She then read the names of those deceased from the Class of '58: **Ann Pearcy, Anna Marie Champlin, Joyce Lewis Raner, Kenneth McIntosh, Michael Zwiebel, John Tucker, David Buchanan**, and **David Wright**. She closed her presentation with an ancient Toltec fragment found in the ruins of an ancient pyramid in Mexico:

"Our life is shorter than flowers. Then shall we mourn? No, we shall dance. . . plant gardens. . . dress in colors. . and teach our children to make the world more beautiful. Because our life is shorter than flowers".

Attending the ceremony from the Class of 1958 in addition to Alise were Shirley Watson Morey, Edythe Allen Monahan, Roxanne VanOrman Waight, Ray Dunn, Joe Doorley, and Donna Burdett Ryan.

ANNUAL BANQUET RAFFLES PROVIDE FUNDS By Donna B. Ryan, '58

For several years, more than thirty local merchants have donated new items for our annual raffle held during the Alumni banquet. This is a very successful event, netting the AA AA \$1000 last year.

In 2008, more than half of the raffle donors were AACS alumni who own and operate successful businesses in our area. Many gave generous gift certificates and others took valuable items from their inventory and freely provided them for the raffle. Several beautiful items, handcrafted by AA alumni, were also included: Pottery from former AACS art teacher **Bruce Greene**; jewelry from Trina Allen/TLA Designs '88; maple syrup from Charlie and Linda Emerson, '68; a quilted wall hanging from Mary Ellen Westlake, '49; a leaded glass eagle by Gary "Gummer" and Audrey Ordway, '71; Celtic woodcraft by Alec MacCrae, 2001; and Honey Pot candy by Connie McGraw '76.

Other alumni donating were John, '73, and Chelly Ninos, Collegiate/Terra Cotta Coffee House; Peter Stull, '74, The Bicycle Man; Phil Curran, '71, Alfred Sports Center; Kathy Curran Snyder, '68, manager, West Side Wine and Spirits; Marc Rawady, '64, Kampus Kave; Jenny Baker, '81, Pampered Chef;

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ANNUAL BANQUET RAFFLES PROVIDE FUNDS (continued)

Bob and Sherry Butts Volk, '62, Tinkertown Hardware; Debi Kenney, '83, Creative Memories; Eric Cushing, '78, Café Za's; Mark Shardlow and Dick Stuart, '70, BBQ Bandits; Carl, '60, and Jan Burdett Leathersich, '62, Leathersich Antiques; and Craig '78, and Diane Mix, The Big Dipper.

These items were solicited by AA AA board members, and were then assembled into gift baskets by **Kathy Curran Snyder**, '68. Raffle tickets were sold during the social hour and winning numbers were drawn during dinner. All donors were recognized in the alumni banquet program.

Probably the oldest business represented by the raffle items was Alfred's Honey Pot. In 2006, **Connie McGraw**, '76, took over the nearly century-old honey candy business from her aunt, **Virginia Bassett**, who was ready to retire at the age of 89 years! The Honey Pot was started by bee expert and researcher Dr. Lloyd Watson and his wife, Olive, in their Alfred home in 1910. "Olive worked for years developing her nougat recipes. . . with no intention of making it a business. In 1922 she bought a commercial mixer (that we still have) and started making larger batches . . . selling her candy to the community," Connie said in a recent talk. As the business flourished, they began shipping it to "former students and former Alfred residents. Honey Pot candy was once exhibited at the American Embassy in London, England, in the early 1930s.

Before WW II, Honey Pot candy was sold in several exclusive shops in NJ, PA, and New York City. In 1953, Olive hired my aunt to package the candy in boxes, and from there 'Auntie' learned how to hand dip the candy and became an apprentice in the art of boiling honey. My mother, Francelia McGraw, joined her sister in the candy making enterprise as the hand dipper," Connie said, noting that each piece is cut with a knife or a pair of scissors, and hand dipped in milk, dark or white chocolate.

Honey Pot chocolates are sweetened only by nature's confectioner, the bee. As a tribute to the honeybees, the candy's characteristic packaging paper features a hand drawn map of Alfred by the late Grace Nease, which is then rolled through a vintage honeycomb embosser, leaving behind a distinct pattern. On the back of the map, it states: "The honey is gathered by millions of bees from Alfred's hillsides, a treasure from gardens and meadows, each flower yielding its own nectar. Several honey flavors are used in these candies, from delicate clover of early summer to the spicy autumn goldenrod. The only cane sugar used is that already present in the commercial products used for coating and flavor." The Honey Pot candy is sometimes called the area's "best kept secret," Connie said. "It is truly an honor to carry on an Alfred tradition in Mrs. Watson's memory as well as in my mother's memory."

CRAIG BRAACK, '67, AA HUMANITARIAN HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE FOR 2009 Compiled by Donna B. Ryan, '58

Steve and Becky Metzger, '61, nominated our 2009 HHOF inductee, Craig R. Braack, '67. Their comments included this description:

In simplest terms, people just plain feel uplifted and leave smarter after spending time with Craig. His wonderful mix of interests - postcards, photography, music, birding, traveling, writing, etc. - his keen intellect, his extremely friendly personality, his off-the-charts high level of enthusiasm for life and learning, and his engaging, highly informative speaking skills, collectively make him a very special person. His amazing knowledge of history - local and beyond - is legendary. His ability to weave history into storytelling is the stuff that defines entertaining and teaching at the genius level. We have attended countless of his lectures and accompanied him on assorted field trips. The Q&A sessions dreaded by many speakers are simply another opportunity for Craig to shine. He has a unique ability to inspire people to learn and appreciate not only subjects, but the life and drama existing within. Craig exemplifies a superior ability to harness audience energy and multiply it many fold for a common good. He consistently and unselfishly contributes at an extremely high level. The line where he gets paid for his job and his immense service to society at large is greatly blurred. The multitudes benefiting from Craig's service, spirituality and play, keenly know of his deep sense of caring and sharing, coupled with his genuine passion for people, places, and things. His decades of entertaining us and enlightening us, in written and spoken form, places him way over the top as a proven humanitarian to past, present, and future generations.



This year's HHOF inductee, **Craig R. Braack, '67**, wears many hats: Allegany County Historian/author/lecturer/ nature photographer/singer/civic board member – and he has devoted these talents, gifts and interests to a life of community involvement and volunteerism. Craig speaks fondly of two of his AACS teachers who impacted the direction of his life: the late **Bob Torrey and He**- **lene Phelan**: Of Mr. Torrey, Craig said: "I loved history because of him. Thankfully I had a great history professor at Geneseo as well. Arriving back in Almond in 1975 (after a four-year stint in the US Navy and graduating from SUNY Geneseo in 1975) and deciding to stay, I joined our fledging historical society, and, as they say- 'The rest is history.' Helene Phelan was the Town of Almond Historian after John Reynolds and she gave it up to pursue her writing interests. I took over about 1979-80 era and of course had to give it up in 1985 when I came here."

"Here" is the Allegany County Historian's office - in Belmont,

HUMANITARIAN HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE (continued)

NY - where he is approaching 25 years of service. Craig is probably best known for his gift of extemporaneous speech, coupled with his wit and remarkable recall of facts, dates, and human interest stories, making him a popular public speaker. His repertoire consists of over 110 different illustrated program choices ranging from local, state and national historical topics to National Parks, nature programs, and pictorial reviews of local places and current events. Whether it is an intriguing program title such as "Arlington: I Could Stay Here Forever" or an inimitable photographic journey to view the architectural peculiarities of old barns and outhouses, Craig's programs always please his audience. With a speaking schedule that averages around 100 presentations a year for various civic organizations, historical societies, nursing homes, clubs and community groups, he travels throughout Northern Pennsylvania and at least fifteen counties in New York State. Betsey Burdett Stout, '54, a member of the AA AA HHOF committee, commented: "I have really enjoyed Craig's presentations on various topics. He is an enthusiastic, exciting speaker who seems to enjoy educating his audiences. I support his nomination to the HHOF this year and send my congratulations."

An accomplished nature photographer, Craig's love of travel and photography has taken him all over the United States, with his photographs published in various magazine and travel guides. His recent work with the Allegany County Office of Tourism resulted in many of his photos appearing in the annual Discover Allegany County travel guides. (www.discoveralleganycounty.com). In commenting on their association with Craig, **John and Sue Babbitt** of Canisteo, fellow travelers/photographers/lecturers, wrote: "Craig's passion for photography has been clear to us for the over 20 years we've been friends. As we've traveled together, his unique eye for color and composition, his patience to wait for that

COMMENTS FROM OUR NEW TREASURER Kathy Curran Snyder, '68

My first "season" as treasurer has been an eye-opening experience. I had never realized just how much is involved in making such a successful organization. Countless hours are invested in everything from fund-raising to planning, and it is a year-long process, every year.

We are blessed to have a great team of board members willing to devote their time and expertise and in particular, I know that without the commitment of **Lee and Donna Ryan**, the association would not have grown as much as it has in the last few years. Lee's leadership and Donna's energy have been the driving force behind the association's ability to reach the \$100,000 mark in funds given to help our students.

However effective the Alumni Board is, it is the generosity of those lucky enough to have spent their first years at Alfred-Almond that has brought success. We can't do it without your support! superb nature shot are very evident. He works tirelessly to study and then to perfect his art. But even more than his desire to take that 'perfect photo,' is his enthusiasm and joy in communicating the passion he feels for people, their history, the land and nature. Through the art of photography, plus his enthusiastic personality, he has become a great communicator in his numerous presentations to area groups." On Sunday, December 7, 2008, they were with Craig at Pearl Harbor – the last time "Pearl Harbor Day" will be on a Sunday for a long time. His wide "audience" can hardly wait to see/hear about that trip!

One of Craig's most recent contributions has been as principal author and editor of "<u>Allegany County In The 20th Century</u>: <u>Stories of Change</u>", which commemorates the county's bicentennial celebration, 1806-2006. Published in 2005, this 200-page hardcover coffee table book was the first countywide history publication covering the twentieth century, and is delightfully written and generously illustrated with memory-evoking photographs.

In his "spare time", Craig sings bass in his church choir (45 years), the Genesee Valley Chorus (29 years), and the Alfred State College alumni choir. He is a life member of the Almond Volunteer Fire Company, serving for 20 years as an EMT and officer. Other community service also includes 20 years in local Lions Clubs, ten years on the Almond Library Board where he is currently vice president, ten years on the United Way board, and Charter President and Founder of the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies. He is also an avid postcard collector.

The name and talents of **Craig Braack** are well-known and respected in a vast area of NYS and PA – and as **Mary Ellen West-lake**, '49, commented: "Through Craig and his camera, we can go places and admire nature we only dream of..."

2009 ALUMNI BANQUET

Our 49th annual A-A Alumni Banquet is set for Saturday night, July 18, 2009, at Ade Hall, Alfred University campus. A social hour will be held starting at 4:30, and a buffet meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. There will be plenty of time for visiting and renewing friendships with A-A Alumni. The 25- and 50-year classes will have very short messages, and the Sports and Humanitarian Hall of Fame inductions will be held.

During the social hour, alumni will be given the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for items donated by local merchants, with proceeds going toward the newsletter fund. Mary Ellen (Tucker) Westlake, '49, has created a beautiful quilted wall hanging which will be part of the drawing, and various other alumni and local merchants will be furnishing items for the raffle.

Further details can be found on the back of this newsletter, and a reservation form is inside. If you need directions, contact Lee A. Ryan, (607) 276 6760 or email: lee_donna@frontiernet.net. We hope you will plan to come and have a great time!

A-A ALUMS LEADING PIONEERS TO HIGHER GROUND

By Paul Welker, Alfred State College Sports Information Director

A trio of Alfred Almond High School graduates has established themselves and their athletic programs at Alfred State College into national programs of excellence. Gary Moore '74, Gene Doorley '85, and Anne Gaisser Holmok '86 proudly nurture athletes just down the street from where their academic and athletic careers began.

Coach Moore is the longest tenured coach at Alfred State College. In 27 years of coaching, Moore has helped athletes win national championships, regional titles, and move on to four-year colleges. Moore has coached cross country, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, and swimming during his career.

Moore's career highlights include:

- 2007 NJCAA Division III Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championship Team
- 2003 NJCAA Division III Women's Cross Country Championship Team
- 2000 NJCAA Division III Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championship Team
- 2001 & 2002 NJCAA Division III Men's Outdoor Track and Field Runner-Up
- Twelve Region III Men's Cross Country Championships
- Ten Region III Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships
- Seven Region III Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- Seven Region III Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships
- Four Region III Women's Cross Country Championships
- Four Region III Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- Countless athletes earning All-American and All-Region honors
- Multiple time Coach of the Year awards

Moore also serves as the college's director of intramurals and is very active in the NJCAA, Region III, and the local running community.

Coach Doorley has been at the helm of the Lady Pioneers volleyball program for the past six years. He has brought the team from the bottom of the Region to the top of Division III of the NJ-CAA. During his tenure, ASC has a 144-59 record. This comes after turning the Alfred University program in five years into a national contender.

Doorley's career highlights include:

- Two straight Region III Division III Championships, first since 1977.
- Back to Back appearances at the NJCAA Division III National Championships
- 4th place National finish in 2008, T-6th place National finish in 2007
- Ranked in the NJCAA top ten for most of the past three sea-

sons

- WNYAC Champions in 2008, first since the early 1980's
- Three time AVCA Northeast Region Coach of the Year
- Two time NJCAA Division III District A Coach of the Year
- Named Region III Division II Coach of the Year in 2006
- Five players named All-American during his tenure

On top of his coaching duties, Doorley teaches in the physical education department and is the director of the campus fitness center.

Coach Holmok began her second stint on the Alfred State coaching staff in 2007 when she accepted a full time position as head women's soccer coach and assistant track and field coach. Holmok has quickly established the Lady Pioneers soccer program into a regional championship contender.

Holmok's accomplishments include:

- Led the ASC to back-to-back Region III Division III tournaments
- Team has an 18-13-2 mark during her two years
- 2008 team was ranked as high as #6 and advanced to the Region III B Championship game just two wins away from a National Championship berth.
- 2008 team claimed WNYAC Division III Championship
- Assisted Coach Moore on back-to-back Region III Men's Indoor Track and Field Championship teams.

On top of her coaching duties, Holmok assists the athletic trainer and teaches classes in the physical education department.

Athletic Director Kathy Feldman feels very fortunate to have Moore, Doorley, and Holmok on her staff. "They are all very dedicated to their sport, to their athletes, and to the college. As students at AACS they must have had positive role models (coaches and mentors) as they display great work ethic and have developed the ability to work extremely well with students. It is these characteristics through which coaches are able to develop good programs."

Moore, Doorley, and Holmok use their programs to allow athletes to not only compete at the highest level but to earn a degree that will lead to future success.



Left to right: Gary More, '74; Gene Doorley, '85; Anne Gaisser Holmok, '86

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OUR CONDOLENCES FOR FRIENDS LOST March 2008-March 2009

Compiled by Arlene Champlin Roberts, '50 (List current March 2009 - please notify us of corrections or additions)

Class of 1930	Duane Hardy	Class of 1961	Patti Stevens
Class of 1931	Ruth Norwood Moulton		Carol Sephton Larsen
Class of 1934	Laurella J. Luce Healy	Class of 1962	Richard "Dick" Washburn
Class of 1935	Jane Crandall West	Class of 1964	Dorothy Harris Jardin
Class of 1936	Ogareta ("Greta") Ehret Potter (also secretary	Class of 1966	Lawrence Young
	to Harold "Mac" McGraw, Alfred HS	Class of 1967	Randy Harwood
	principal, who became AACs principal after	Class of 1971	Robert "Bobby" Davis
	the 1940 merger)		Abigail Sloan Cole
Class of 1937	Verda Freeland Davis	Class of 1973	Andrea Odle McConnell
	Lila Quant Boyd	Class of 2001	Sean Jefferds
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Class of 1943	Frances "Fran" Burke Nash		Clinton Palmiter
Class of 1944	Laura Ferry Ormsby		Norm Olso
Class of 1945	Carol "CB" Burdick		Don Heers – bus driver and mechanic
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SCHOOLS AND OUR CHANGING TIMES

Submitted by David Crump, '45, Montara, CA, Priest of the Episcopal Church, licensed family therapist, designer/conduct of The Essential Experience Workshop (1980-2008 nationally) www.ee.org/workshop.htm

I walked into the brand new hallways of AACS in the fall of 1940, an eighth grader. From the east windows, one could see the doubleengined Erie express racing down the tracks from Chicago to Hornell and New York City. Lots of changes since those days.

In earlier times, we depended on the family to provide a base on which children learned things essential to their lives. Or at least families did their best, so that a child grew with a sense of belonging, for example. And parental love translated into being valued. And being honest led into the need to be responsible. I am not being critical of the family, but there is a growing awareness that a big change is sweeping over us in these modern times.

In California (my home since 1961) we spend more on prisons than on higher education; the papers daily report on scandal in high places; one in three men cheat on their wives; school drop-out figures are soaring. I am suggesting that this kind of cloud moving over the nation is telling us that people are struggling to have a good view of themselves. Questions: Do I really count, where do I belong, do I care about me/love me/how am I creating my life day-by-day, do I respect me? Many do not know these questions and cannot ask them – toward working on the answers. Is it that families have lessened in their preparation of their children for living enjoyable, productive lives? What is the cause of people having so many distractions and problems that get in the way of living a happy life? How I see me and how I live my life is surely my business, but it informs how I see you and how I treat you.

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What to do – where to turn? Would you not agree that taking a look would be a good way to begin? That is what I have done in my work, where I supported people in groups to ask those questions, and to listen and share. I found that big discoveries and changes got made.

Here is where our schools come in: setting aside a period, perhaps Friday afternoon, where students may gather in small groups in order to take a look, ask questions, listen and share. Volunteers from the community can be standing by as support. Questions can be made available – perhaps the first one might be – "How am I doing in my life?" The groups will quickly generate a life of their own, and I am confident will produce very valuable results.

Our parents gave us our life, but they depend on us to create them. That takes work. There is a real challenge to that in our times. But there are also tools to use.

Good wishes to US ALL on the way.



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Once again, **Don Jefferds, '60**, will be at AACS from 2 to 4 on July 18, 2009, prior to the annual Alumni Banquet to give tours of AACS for returning alumni. Don't miss this chance to see all the changes – and reminisce about the good times spent there! **Karl Grantier, '55**, chairman of the AA Alumni Assn Veterans' Project, reports that there are more than 400 names on the eight plaques that hang in the corridor between the new gym/swimming pool annex and the main building. Be sure to look for our Veterans' Wall of Fame during your tour – and find your classmates' and families' names! A special thank you to Karl for all the work he has done to make this Veterans' Wall of Fame a reality – and to Don Jefferds, who does the alumni weekend tours annually.

HUMANITARIAN HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE ASKS FOR NOMINATIONS

PLEASE HELP US. THE BOARD AND ITS HHOF COMMITTEE DOES NOT GENERATE HHOF NOMINA-TIONS AND THEIR SUPPORTING JUSTIFICATION! YOU DO!! WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR HUMANI-TARIAN CANDIDATES (see eligibility details below) IN SUPPORT OF YOUR HHOF!!

The AACS Alumni Humanitarian Hall of Fame was established in 2001 as a complement to the highly successful AACS Alumni Sports Hall of Fame which was inaugurated in 1990. We know there are hundreds of eligible candidates for entry into one or both of these Halls. Each Hall of Fame has two categories: alumni and contributor. The latter covers an individual other than an alumnus/alumna who contributed in a major way.

Over the past eight years, outstanding achievers and contributors have been inducted into the Alfred Almond Alumni Association Humanitarian Hall of Fame (HHOF). Those inductees were:

- 2001 **Carol Fenner, '48** alumna, author of several children's books, Newbery Award winner
- 2003 James Burdick, MD, '60 alumnus, kidney transplant physician and UNOS (United Network for Organ Sharing) past president, volunteer
- 2004 Ellen Shultz, AA faculty/retired drama teacher, community theater volunteer for children, youth and adults
- 2005 **Helene Phelan**, AA faculty/deceased English teacher, author of seven books on local history , community volunteer
- 2006 Marjorie Dunn Area, '54 alumna, international goodwill ambassador, life story writer, community volunteer leader Juanita Whitaker Pulos – AA faculty/deceased – music teacher, community and church musician, volunteer
- 2007 USAF Lt. Col. (Ret) Mark D. Lewis, '72 alumnus, volunteer, military honors, heroism

- 2008 **Dale Lorow, '50** alumnus, co-founder and 20+-year president of AACS Alumni Association, community volunteer
- 2009 Craig Braack, '67 alumnus, historian, lecturer, author, community volunteer (see story elsewhere in this edition)

The HHOF Committee must receive nominations for this award by January 15, 2010. Using the criteria listed below, nominations must be accompanied with the individual's basic biographical information and the detailed justification for inducting the proposed nominee. Further consideration is based on outstanding achievements and/or notable service; extraordinary contributions involving the arts or humanitarian causes; or, in special acts of valor, heroism, and patriotism where self-interest was courageously subordinated in the face of adversity.

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It is the hope of the AA AA board that alumni would nominate their peers as well as AACS faculty/staff for the Humanitarian Hall of Fame to consider.

Sincerely,

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Deborah C. Thompson		1968
Linda Lawrence Walters		1968



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SUPPORTER \$15-29

Elyn Lewis		1969
Sharon Drake Orcutt		1970
Mary Mullen Schuster		1970
Rebecca Calkins Kelleher		1971
Karen Palmiter Fassel		1972
Wendy Smith Kopal		1972
Stephen Lorow		1972
Kim Lowrey Gayhart		1973
Linda Housen Gillette		1974
Amy Thompson Davis		1975
David Hardy		1976
Deborah Huntington		1976
Virginia Sands		1977
Dale Watson		1977
Bradley Burdick	Jan '70	1978
Lisa Patrick Porter		1978
Lorie Pye Angeline		1979
Greg Fairchild		1979
Jon Meacham		1979
Laurie Mullen Polasik		1979
Jill Gignac Hanson		1980
Michelle Klemaszewski		1983
Debora Nye Pearson		1983
Debbie Yelle Walach		1983
Lisa Goodridge Blake		1986
Ann Droppers		1986
Patty Hollister Nichols		1986
Kyle Kull Hosmer		1987
Jeffrey Forrester		1988
Cynthia Luger Fullone		1988
Lisa Canfield Preston		1989
Kristina Snyder Gardner		1990
Hollie Cornell Wagner		1994
Carol Schneider Carpenter		Faculty
Robert Codispoti	Pat Fac	Faculty
Sharon Hoover	1 at 1 ac	Faculty
Mary Jane Lloyd		Faculty
Joanne Wietgrefe		Faculty
Bonita Healy		Misc
Anne Lorow		
Anne Lolow		Spouse

AMBASSADOR \$30-49

William B. Crandall		1938
Phillip Colegrove		1939
Mildred Vars Dudley		1940
Cynthia Foster Clements		1945
Elaine Gardiner Decker		1945
Doris Reynolds Cuccia		1947
Geraldine Dickinson Johnso	n	1947
Fred Schwartz	Jeanne '47	1947
E. Ward Phillips		1948
Elizabeth Shaw Malling		1950
Eloise Phillips Draggett		1952
Joyce Ann Tucker Hance		1953
Doris Bird Martin		1953
Donald Brundage		1954
Ronald Brundage		1954
Donald Lewis		1954
Lois Heers Stephens		1954
Donna MacIntosh		1956
Keith Doty	Sally '57	1957
Beth Jacox Slack		1957
Richard Cott	Mary '58	1958

AMBASSADOR \$30-49

Jack Glover		1958
Joanne McMichael Kame		1958
Richard Tucker		1958
Sharon Smith Quintos		1959
Arthur L. Roberts Georgia	Ann '62	1959
Everett L. Brooks	Elaine '61	1960
James Habern		1960
Sylvia Griffin Whitesell		1960
Megan Greene Shook		1961
Earl Briggs	Virginia '62	
Arlene Barron McMahon	Daniel '60	1962
Michael Minnick	Damer 00	1962
Martha Parish Kackley	Tentes (CA	1964
David Porter	Janice '64	1964
Philip Lockwood		1965
Cynthia Ordway	C1 (75	1965
Ronald Tucker	Sherry '65	1965
John Wakefield	Mary Jo	1966
Deborah Morgenfeld Schmid	eding	1967
Larry Allen		1968
James Brutsman	Patricia '66	
Robert Davison		1968
Sue Stockweather Graves		1968
Joyce Benjamins Mills		1968
Ray Carter		1969
Michael Obuhanich		1969
Michael Knudsen		1970
Douglas Lorow		1970
Kenneth Ordway	Bonnie '71	1971
Scot Huntington		1972
Benjamin Palmer		1972
Gerald Snyder		1972
	Kim '72	1973
Peter Gradoni		1973
Kevin Palmiter	Patricia '74	
Jennie Hanks Wright	i uniona / i	1973
John Rulon		1975
Chris Boag		1979
Laurie Snyder Pazdernik		1979
Tammy Hurd Hurd-Harvey	Datrick '77	1980
Rebecca Schwartz Comer	I dutick //	1980
Jeffrey DeSain		1982
H. Kier Dirlam		1983
Lynn Schon Elston		1983
Deborah Schwartz Kenney		1983
Jennifer Jones		1984
Jill Snyder Grigg		1986
Kathy Schwartz Hughes		1986
Jay Amato		1987
Patricia MacDonald Eshelm	an	1990
Katherine Crandall Palmer		1996
Robert Chester		2006
Pat McEvoy		Faculty
Jan Sylvester		Faculty
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BLUE & GOLD \$59-99

D I D UTIL		10.40
Bernadine Davis Williams		1942
Paul S. Burdett		1945
Philip MacMichael		1945
Kenneth Wirt Jr.		1945
David Hildebrand		1946
Francis Schwartz	Elizabeth '45	1946

BLUE & GOLD \$59-99

Jerry Lu Davis		1947
Irena Maxine Henry Henry		1947
Robert Hitchcock		1947
Daniel Beckhorn	Johanna '48	1948
Walter H. Brooks		1948
Jean McGraw Riker		1948
Ronald Coleman		1949
Nancie Paine Kallin		1949
George Lewis		1949
Mary Ellen Tucker Westlake		1949
Victor Wirt		1949
Lola Sutton Webster		1950
Robert Lawrence		1951
Mary Jane Parish Phillips		1951
Louis Roberts		1951
Anne McIntosh Hardy-Holle	v	1952
Eugene Johnson	5	1952
Bob Baker	Barbara '55	1953
Jacqueline Paine Walker		1953
Gladys Pierce Payne	Norman '54	1954
Norman Payne	Gladys '54	1954
Merrillyn Campbell	Barney	1955
Shirley Bird Faisst	Burney	1955
Karl Grantier	Judith '61	1955
Nancy Warren Oliver	Juantin Of	1955
Floyd P. Farley		1956
Paul Johnson		1956
Lyle Barron	Sharon '57	1957
James Burdett	Sharon 57	1957
Francis Clancy		1957
Jeanette Burdick Retorick		1957
Raymond Dunn		1958
Edythe Allen Monahan		1958
Shirley Emerson Pickering		1958
Roxanne VanOrman Waight		1958
Stuart Weinland		1958
Sandra Lemen Dempewolf		1959
Donald McCrea		1959
Marilyn Zirkelbach Cimino		1960
Carolyn Vanderhoef Hommi	าตุล	1960
Donald Jefferds	Margaret '64	1960
John "Pat" Wasson	Wargaret 04	1960
Catherine Biehl Burgess		1961
Richard Lorow	Cathy '62	1961
Audrey Pierce Riesenberger	Cathy '62	1961
Peter Emerson		1961
William Frechette		1962 1962
Arthur Ormsby Phyllis J. Miller Rusak		1962
	Linda '63	1962
Bruce Cornell	Linua 05	1963
Nancy Palmer Brandston		1964
Jean Carpenter Brown		1964
Susan Thomas Shaffer		1964
Joan M. Davis		1965
Janice Mulliken Haynes		1965
Borden Mills		1966
Cathy Clarke Baumgarten		1967
Gary Kellogg	0 1: 111	1967
A.J. Neville	Cynthia '66	1967
Thomas Benson		1968
Faith Tucker Bolds		1968
Deborah Soule Esposito		1968
David Lockwood	D 11///0	1968
Kathleen Curran Snyder	Ronald '68	1968

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Terry Fraser		1969
Robert Love		1969
Charles Bloomquist		1970
Margaret Rulon Bowers		1970
Linell Soule		1970
Gary Ordway	Audrey '71	1971
Kim Costello	Kathleen '73	
Elizabeth Galle Cole		1973
John Ninos		1973
Terah Soule		1973
Deidre Delahunty Clarke		1975
Robin Lorow Fischer		1975
David Gillette	Marshelle '79	1975
Stephen Lindeman		1975
Robert Pulos		1975
David Bernreuther		1976
David Henry	Shaune '80	1976
Janis Allen Welkie		1976
Kristi Carpenter Amend		1978
Cynthia Royston Fraser		1978
Scott Moritz		1978
Ervilla Dungan Crandall		1979
Marshelle Doty Gillette	David '75	1979
Linda Lange Malecky		1980
James Stuart		1980
Mark Timmer		1980
Rhonda Vanderwood		1980
Timothy Lloyd		1983
Heather Potter Mattos		1983
Mark Ordway		1983
Karen Miller Dean		1984
Toby Basiliko		1987
Jeffery Williams		1987
Eric Fischer		1988
Jacqui Kenyon		1988
John Schmidt		1988
David Bordeaux	Maria '99	1997
John Mauro		1997
Aaron Washburn	Kasi '97	1997
Bruce & Susan Greene	Fa	aculty
Susie Mauro	Fa	aculty
Evelyn Moland Thomas		Staff

EAGLE \$100-149

Carolyn Davison Beard		1935
Keith Palmiter		1944
Allan Hitchcock		1947
Robert Decker		1948
Keith Reynolds		1950
Richard Wirt		1951
Alberta Ormsby Brown	Richard '52	1952
Patricia Spaine Curran		1953
Elaine Schnautz Eggleston		1953
Nelson Snyder	Amanda '60	1953
Marjorie Dunn Area		1954
D. Philip Baker		1954
Brian Rogers		1955
Lee A. Ryan	Donna '58	1955
Ruth Zimmerman Stolfer		1955
Donald Coleman		1956
Gary Metzger		1956
Patricia Mensinger Hurd		1957
Jane Thacher Schulitz		1957

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EAGLE \$100-149

Mig Pierce Amato		1958
Anne Langer Carmin		1958
Frances Phillips Gottschall		1958
Alise Ogden Irwin		1958
Benjamin Reynolds		1958
Gary McCarthy		1960
Amanda Stevens Snyder	Nelson '53	1960
Donald Goodwin	Judith '60	1961
George McIntosh		1961
Stephen W. Metzger	Rebecca '61	1961
Andrew Phelan		1961
James Bey		1962
Dorothy Snyder Goodridge		1962
Linda M. Brownell Walker		1962
Charles Cameron		1963
Audrey Hardy Lamprey		1963
Daniel Coleman		1966
Mary Neville Libby		1967
Brian Perry	Elizabeth '67	
Alice Sick Allen		1968
George Clare		1968
Class of 1968		1968
Anne Mills Fewster		1968
Patricia Palmer Woodman		1968
Dwight Gertz		1969
Marilyn Cameron Maritt		1969
Bruce Tuttle		1970
Robert Wakefield		1971
Stephen Crandall	Patricia '73	1972
William Hardy		1972
Mark Lewis	Ann '73	1972
Dean Hurd		1973
Ann Bernreuther Lewis	Mark '72	1973
Thomas Giles		1974
Michael Hardy		1974
Chris Giedlin		1975
Richard Mueller		1975
Robert Hitchcock Jr.		1976
Jay Lawrence		1976
Maureen Costello Van Cura		1976
James Gaisser		1978
Dr. Amy Hurd		1978
Susan Beasley Mojcik		1978
Scott Fosegan		1979
Catherine Lange Long		1979
Christine DeSain Peterson		1979
Jeffrey Ryan		1979
Joe Comes		1981
Joe Flynn		1983
John Woughter		1983
Michelle Winn Golden		1986
Mark Hurd		1986
Lucinda Snyder Snyder		1986
Kelly Winn		1989
Krista Barber Knowles		1991
Ernest Moore	Flossie Fa	aculty
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SILVER EAGLE \$250-499

1955
1959
1959
1983

GOLDEN EAGLE \$250-499

Harold Snyde	Beverley '51	
Virginia Buchanan VanderVeer		1955
Leon Clare		1971

DOUBLE EAGLE \$500+

William Pulos Darcy

1973

PULOS FINE ARTS

1			
	Marilyn Witter Burnside		1942
	Gene Jacox Roy		1943
	Cynthia Foster Clements		1945
	David Hildebrand		1946
	Doris Reynolds Cuccia		1947
	Ronald Coleman		1949
	Irene Wheaton George		1950
	Sara Jacob Vollmar		1951
	Patricia Spaine Curran		1953
	Elaine Schnautz Eggleston		1953
	Carolyn Bird Powers		1953
	Marjorie Dunn Area		1954
	Jean Erskine		1954
	Gladys Pierce Payne	Norman '54	1954
	Betsey Burdett Stout	i tormun 51	1954
	Merrillyn Campbell Barney		1955
	Joan Gilmore Barrie		1955
	Audrey Hurd Burrow		1955
	Lee A. Ryan	Donna '58	1955
	Virginia Buchanan VanderVe		1955
	Donald Coleman		1955
	Jeanette Burdick Retorick		1957
	Beth Jacox Slack		1957
			1957
	Anne Langer Carmin		1958
	Alise Ogden Irwin Edythe Allen Monahan		1958
	Shirley Watson Morey		
	Shirley Emerson Pickering		1958 1958
	Sharon Smith Quintos		1959 1959
	Keith Rogers		1959 1960
	Terry Sue Marshall Griffiths	Manage (A	
	Donald Jefferds Amanda Stevens Snyder	Margaret '64 Nelson '53	1960
		INCISOI 33	1960
	Helen McMahon Klausner		1961
	Megan Greene Shook		1961
	William Frechette		1962
	Phyllis J. Miller Rusak		1962
	Linda M. Brownell Walker		1962
	Nancy Palmer Brandston		1964
	Jean Carpenter Brown		1964
	Martha Parish Kackley	T . (CA	1964
	David Porter	Janice '64	1964
	Cynthia Rogers Rudolph		1964
	Janice Mullikin Haynes		1965
	Barbara Goodwin Helling		1965
	Christine Lobdell Morawski		1965
	Joanne Tinklepaugh Burdick		1966
	Borden Mills		1966
	Cathy Clarke Baumgarten	0 1: ///	1967
	A.J. Neville	Cynthia '66	1967
	James Brutsman	Patricia '66	1968
	Charles Bloomquist	D (1 1 (70	1970
	Stephen Crandall	Patricia '73	1972

PULOS FINE ARTS

William Hardy		1972
Scot Huntington		1972
Wendy Smith Kopal		1972
Elizabeth Galle Cole		1973
Kathleen Boyd Costello	Kim '72	1973
William Pulos		1973
Deidre Delahunty Clarke		1975
Chris Giedlin		1975
Richard Mueller		1975
Robert Pulos		1975
Deborah Huntington		1976
Jay Lawrence		1976
Maureen Costello Van Cura		1976
Virginia Sands		1977
Lorie Pye Angeline		1979
Christine DeSain Peterson		1979
Jeffrey Ryan		1979
Tammy Hurd Hurd-Harvey	Patrick '77	1980
James Stuart		1980
Jeffrey DeSain		1982
H. Kier Dirlam		1983
Deborah Schwartz Kenney		1983
Michelle Klemaszewski		1983
Timothy Lloyd		1983
Heather Potter Mattos		1983
Debbie Yelle Walach		1983
Jennifer Jones		1984
Toby Basiliko		1987
Jacqui Kenyon		1988
Ellen Hardy		Friend

DALE LOROW MEMORIALS

Gladys Preston Farley		1935
Fred Schwartz	Jeanne '47	1947
Betty Amberg Lawrence		1948
Charles E. Packard II		1949
Victor Wirt		1949
Elizabeth Shaw Malling		1950
Lola Sutton Webster		1950
Charles DeLavergne		1954
Floyd Farley P.		1956
Benjamin Reynolds		1958
Richard Lorow	Cathy '62	1961
Stephen W. Metzger	Rebecca '61	1961
Phyllis J. Miller Rusak		1962
Terry Fraser		1969
Bruce Tuttle		1970
Robin Lorow Fischer		1975
Robert Pulos		1975
Chris Boag		1979
Pat McEvoy	F	aculty

JIM BAKER SPORTS CAMPS

Carolyn Davison Beard		1935
David Hildebrand		1946
Francis Schwartz	Elizabeth '45	1946
Fred Schwartz		1947
Eugene Johnson		1952
Bob Baker	Barbara '55	1953

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JIM BAKER SPORTS CAMPS

L					
Patricia Spaine Curran		1953	Michael Obuhanich		1969
Carolyn Bird Powers		1953	Douglas Lorow		1970
Nelson Snyder	Amanda '60	1953	Kenneth Ordway	Bonnie '71	1971
D. Philip Baker		1954	Kim Costello	Kathleen '7.	3 1972
Audrey Hurd Burrow		1955	Chris Giedlin		1975
Paul Johnson		1956	Deborah Huntington		1976
David E. Mott		1957	Jay Lawrence		1976
Robert W. Post		1958	Greg Sylvester		1976
Bonnie Allen Allen		1959	Bradley Burdick		1978
Helen McMahon Klausner		1961	Catherine Lange Long		1979
George McIntosh		1961	Jeffrey Ryan		1979
Stephen W. Metzger	Rebecca '61	1961	James Stuart		1980
Megan Greene Shook		1961	Rebecca Schwartz Comer		1981
William Frechette		1962	Jeffrey DeSain		1982
Nicholas Obuhanich		1962	Deborah Schwartz Kenney		1983
Arthur Ormsby		1962	Timothy Lloyd		1983
Phyllis J. Miller Rusak		1962	Jeffery Williams		1987
Nancy Palmer Brandston		1964	John Schmidt		1988
VanDerck Frechette		1964	Katherine Crandall Palmer		1996
Susan Thomas Shaffer		1964	Kelly Snyder		2005
John Woodruff		1965	Patricia Codispoti	Robert	Faculty
Cathy Clarke Baumgarten		1967	Robert Codispoti	Patricia	Faculty
James Brutsman	Patricia '66	1968	Ernest Moore		Faculty
Sally Thomas Mayes		1968	Evelyn Moland	Thomas	Staff

TOGETHER THEN - TOGETHER NOW ... For Keeps

Class reunions are always fun and many times bring about the unexpected. Sometimes, they even create new beginnings for romantic relationships from the distant past!

Such was the case when childhood sweethearts Neva Johnson of North Carolina and Stephen Galle of Alfred Station met again at a Class of 1983 reunion: Neva had attended AACS from kindergarten through fifth grade, but the family had moved to North Carolina . . . Neva eventually married, had two daughters . . . but always kept in touch with her friend, Michelle Klemaszewski, '83. When the Class of '83 was looking for addresses for their 20th reunion, Neva's address, including her email address, was on a list given to classmates. Stephen had never married and he emailed Neva. Later they met at the reunion.

When the Class of 1983 celebrated their 25th reunion last summer, Neva and Steve came as Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Galle! Their wedding invitation included a delightful picture of them as little children on a school bus together, with the caption: "Together then . . . together now".



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ALFRED UNIVERSITY CAMPUS – ADE HALL

Buffet Dinner Menu

Chicken MarsalaHerbed Pork LoinGarlic Smashed PotatoesVegetarian Teriyaki Stir FrySauteed Mixed VegetablesSpring Greens Tossed SaladLemonade • Coffee • Tea • Iced TeaChocolate TorteLemon Chiffon CakeFresh Berries with Non-Dairy Whipped Topping

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