

Hadley-Luzerne Alumni Newsletter

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2006 Alumni Banquet The 2006 Banquet will be held at the Bend of the River Club House from 5-10 p.m., and catered by one of our own graduates, Colin Hagadorn (75). **The capacity is 200.** So if you are planning on coming -- we only have room for 200 people -- get your reservations in early!!! (Due to the smaller numbers attending the last several banquets we felt that the smaller facility would meet our needs.) The Class of 1956 will be celebrating their 50-year anniversary. Other classes to be recognized are those who graduated in years ending in "1" and "6". **The date is Saturday, October 7, 2006. Deadline for reservations is September 22, 2006.** The buffet dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m.

Writing a newsletter presents a challenge to find interesting and pertinent information to pass along to the reader. Since I am no longer "in the loop" it has become especially challenging. It was much easier when I was in the Superintendent's Office and had my finger on the pulse of what was happening. Now I only get dribs and drabs...but I wouldn't change retirement for anything!! Thus this issue of the newsletter will be a little different.

Over the past eleven years that the reestablished Alumni Association has been active, many things have changed -- both in our lives and in our communities. Yet in spite of these changes there are many things that have remained much the same. I have decided to take a quick stroll down memory lane with a 2006 update. Perhaps there are some of you who left the Luzerne area right after graduation and have never returned. I am sure that should you come back today you would recognize it. The drugstore still stands at the corner of Bridge and Main, although to get an ice cream soda you will have to travel to Papa's (owned by Fred Gardner, Class of 1946) up the street. Parker's Garage (now Cirillo's) is still in operation. However, the gas pumps are gone and you will have to get your gas down the road at either Stewarts or Cumberland Farms. The Waterhouse Restaurant remains a popular place to eat, passed down to yet another generation. "Frank's" IGA is still selling groceries, even including a new ATM machine, and Nick's Beach remains a good place to spend a hot summer's day. The long empty Hitching Post has new owners who have renovated it and are looking to reopen it shortly. The former Village Store, operated by Jack and Ruth Kramer, is now an antique shop owned by Bill and Rosalie (Winslow) Gill. So although some things are much the same there are signs of progress. Luzerne has a beautiful and functional library

downtown, while Hadley is excited about the proposed tourist train that is scheduled to begin carrying passengers through the area this summer. Local businesses are brainstorming to find ways to attract those tourist dollars to the area. Work on the restoration of the old Bow Bridge, which had been declared unsafe and closed for many years, is almost completed. Because it is one of only several remaining parabolic bridges in the US it will be another great tourist attraction. White water rafting on the Sacandaga down into the mouth of the Bay brings many vacationers into the area each summer, with one company operating next to the bank (on the site of the old high school) and a second using the former Niagara Mohawk "barn" just over the bridge in Hadley. There are some rather loud rumblings about a new housing development spilling over the hill from West Mountain into Lake Luzerne. As with all changes, people have various ideas about what will be good or bad for the communities. What is positive is that the area is alive and well and remains a good place to live and bring up a family. Our school district, like most others in the State, is presented with huge challenges to prepare our children for their future roles in society, but our teachers are dedicated and skilled and our communities are working together for the good of our children. So, if you have not been back in the area in a while why not plan to visit.

Last Year's Banquet On behalf of the Alumni Association I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make the banquet a success. It's not an easy task to put on a banquet for 100+ people, but Sally Gensel Deuel (68) and her crew did a great job! It was a wonderful opportunity for alumni to see the finished Hallowed Hall and just being back in the building brought back many memories -- good and bad, laughs, and sobs. The food was good and the time spent together was enjoyable and the atmosphere was relaxed and casual. For those of you who weren't there, you missed a good time.

Fund Raising As you know, it has been the Association's goal to have an annual banquet when former classmates can get together and I believe that we have been successful in meeting that goal. The Hallowed Hall was one of my "pet" projects and it is satisfying to see it completed. The Yearbook Club has agreed to update the pictures on a yearly basis so it will stay current. Now we need to turn our thoughts to other areas. As you know we gave out a scholarship to a graduating senior last year and we would like to continue to do so. As a group we have talked about fundraising, but because we are so small

it would, of necessity, have to be something relatively low key. A number of ideas were tossed about and ultimately it seemed that the creation of a cookbook fit our needs. It would be a way to get input from our alumni as well as a means to raise funds for the scholarships. We would encourage ALL of you, not just the women – men are good cooks too! – to send us several (the more the better) recipes. Be sure to put your full name (maiden), and date of graduation so that when they are incorporated into the cookbook, the sight of your name will “stir” up old memories! You can send them via snail mail or e-mail, either to our website www.HLCSAlumni.org or directly to Carol Nelson at nelson@thebiz.net or myself (Nancyann Rayder) at nbr501@yahoo.com Deadline to submit recipes is October 16, 2006. **REMEMER IF WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH RECIPES WE CAN'T DO THE COOKBOOK SO PLEASE HELP US OUT!**

Reminder: Hadley-Luzerne Central School Alumni Web Page/guest book site – Check us out at www.HLCSAlumni.org We are continuing to get “hits” on this site and it has served as a means to update some of our addresses.

ADDRESSES: We continue to seek addresses for alumni and would appreciate your help. PLEASE, if you move, let us know your new address. You can call (518) 696-3320 or (518) 696-3729, e-mail us on the Alumni site or drop a line to Carol Nelson, 4 Varney Street, Hadley, NY 12835 or Nancyann Rayder, 305 Hadley Road, Hadley, NY 12835. We are gathering e-mail addresses as well as this will save us postage when we do our mailings. We do not give out e-mail addresses, using a blind carbon copy when we do bulk mailings. The only exception is when a class reunion organizer is looking for addresses. If you do not want to share yours, please let us know. Many of our alumni are local and because of this we do not always have accurate and complete mailing addresses. Even small post offices can be VERY FUSSY and when we send out bulk mailings we do not get address corrections back. You can help us out here as well – be specific – it’s not good enough to say “he lives on Antone Mt. Road”. Corinth will not deliver just to Antone Mt. Road. We need a number!

Annual Meeting will be held at the Banquet! The election of one trustee is due at this meeting. Our secretary, Alex Towers Sanow has resigned and at present we have combined the offices of Secretary/Treasurer (held by Carol Sutliff Nelson). We will continue to do this until next year’s election at which time all the officers’ terms will be up.

Necrology of Hadley-Luzerne Central School Graduates/Faculty: Fay Paul, Gertrude O’Hare (44), Michael Johnson (92), Patricia Paul Sebald (56),

Linda Wilcox Ormsby (60), Michael Walder, Jr., Sue Mosher Husek (71), Marion “Manie” Tubbs Kester, Terry L. Dunn, Edward Bennett (85), Winona Bowen Boggs (27), Luman Bennett, Dorothy Ives Byard, Norman “Pete” Pulver (46), Mary Pensel (Business teacher), Gavin (Bud) Burgess (47)

Graduation Speakers Alumni have been chosen as the guest speaker at graduation the last two years. The District would like to continue that tradition and we have agreed to help. If you have someone who you think would be a good speaker at graduation let us know. PLEASE, check with them first! Name, year of graduation, present occupation, brief resume, etc. need to be included. They can be sent directly to the school at Hadley-Luzerne Central School, PO Box 200, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846-0200, c/o HS Principal or you can e-mail a candidate’s name and address to bakerb@hlcs.org There is a panel of several people on the selection committee. The speaker for 2005 was Gary Shumway and the speaker for 2006 was Renee Cartier.

SURVEY: At the end of this newsletter is a brief survey. Please take the time to fill it out and return it, either by snail mail or e-mail. Our goal is NOT to please everyone – IMPOSSIBLE! But to get a feeling for what you would like to see happen regarding our banquets. Be sure to put your name on the survey as we will pick a name from a hat (at this year’s banquet) and that lucky person will receive a free meal for the 2007 banquet. **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT AND RETURN TO US – EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE BANQUET! THANK YOU!**

HOW DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER??? If you wish to receive your newsletter via e-mail, please check the appropriate box on the survey form and include your e-mail address. This will help save the Association the cost of postage.

HOW TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BUGGING YOU ABOUT GETTING MARRIED: Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling, telling me, “You’re next.” They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

HAPPINESS: To be happy with a man, you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman, you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO COMPLETE AND RETURN TO US –
EVEN IF YOU AREN'T COMING TO THE BANQUET!**

SURVEY:

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| 1. Have you even attended an Alumni Banquet? | YES | NO |
| 2. If not, why not? _____ | | |
| 3. When was the last banquet you attended (year)? _____ | | |
| 4. What is the best month for the banquet? (Circle one) | June | July |
| | August | September |
| | October | |
| 5. What is the best time of day for the banquet? (Circle one) | Lunch | Dinner |
| 6. Are hors d'oeuvres important (they add to the cost of the dinner)? | YES | NO |
| 7. Is having a DJ important (it adds to the cost of the dinner)? | YES | NO |
| 8. Do you wish to receive your newsletter (and any other correspondence) via e-mail? | YES | NO |
- My e-mail address is: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Year of Graduation: _____
(Maiden name, as appropriate)

Address: _____

BANQUET RESERVATION FORM 2006

Hors d'oeuvres will precede dinner at 5:00 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.
Buffet includes soup, tossed salad, garlic bread sticks, chicken picatta, chantilly potatoes, baked zita, carrots, corn, vegetable rice, carved roast pork w/brown gravy and applesauce, coffee, tea, homemade apple crisp

COST - \$30.00 per dinner

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| # of dinners @ \$30 each | _____ |
| Annual Dues (optional) \$5 | _____ |
| TOTAL | _____ |

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS: SEPTEMBER 22, 2006. DEADLINE IS FINAL!

NAME: _____
(First) (Maiden) (Last) (Grad. Year)

ADDRESS: _____

GUEST(S) NAMES: _____
(If guest(s) is an HL alumnus, please give year of graduation)

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