



Hadley-Luzerne Alumni Newsletter



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2008 Alumni Banquet: The 2008 Banquet will be held at 1000 Acres Ranch Resort. The Class of 1958 will be celebrating their 50-year anniversary. Other classes to be recognized are those who graduated in years ending in "3" and "8". **The date is Saturday, June 14, 2008. Deadline for reservations is May 31, 2008. After that date please contact Carol Nelson (518) 696- 3729) for ticket availability.** The sit-down dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m. Again this year we are offering an all-day event for those who are interested. 1000 Acres has graciously opened its facilities for alumni use during the entire day Saturday, June 14. The \$35 per person cost includes the dinner as well as the following amenities: a heated outdoor pool, a heated indoor pool with Jacuzzi, tennis, hiking trails, playground, shuffleboard, bocci ball, badminton, table games, giant satellite color TV, entertainment following dinner in the Red Dog Saloon. Horseback riding is available for an additional \$25/person and golf at \$13 for 9 holes (\$15 for 18 holes) with an additional cart charge. *PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR RESERVATION IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOLFING.* Ed and Colleen (Wright) Pike will be in charge of the golf and will be at the Club House at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 14. 1000 Acres has also offered a special rate for those who wish to spend the night(s). The cost is \$99 per couple, per night. This price includes a full country breakfast. If you are interested please call 1-800-458-7311 or they can be reached on the Internet at www.1000acres.com . **PLEASE BE SURE TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE A HL ALUMNUS.**

ID: If you choose to arrive early at 1000 Acres Ranch, please go to the registration desk where there will be a sign-up sheet for HL Alumni. If you are going to the Golf Course first, just mention that you are with the HL Alumni group to receive your special golf rate. You will be able to pick up your envelope containing your dinner reservations and seating designation beginning at 4:00 p.m. (at the Ranch's main dining area).

50-50 Winner: Nanette Wright Postlethwait won the 50-50 raffle (\$224.00) at last year's banquet.

Other Winners: Awards were given out to the class with the most members present – the class of 1967, the class representing the most miles traveled – the class of 1959 (3,591 miles), and the family with the most members present – a tie between the Sutliff and Wright families with 5 members each. Most frequent attendee(s) – Alice Winslow- all 13 (Her *thank you* was to be elected a director for three years!!), Harriet Hall Benware – all 13, Arthur Brewer – all 13, Rosemary Stanton Waterhouse – all 13, Donna Butler Shiel - 10

Cookbook: We are still seeking recipes to incorporate into an Alumni cookbook. We received a number of recipes, but not enough to print a cookbook. For those of you who did send in recipes – thank you! For those who have not, please take a few minutes and do so. We would encourage ALL of you, not just the women – men are good cooks too! – to send us several (the more the better) recipes. We are striving to get all the recipes in time for next year's banquet. Be sure to put your full name (maiden), and date of graduation so that when they are printed in the cookbook, the sight of your name will "stir" up old memories! You can send them via snail mail to Nancyann Rayder, President, HL Alumni Association, 305 Hadley Road, Hadley, NY 12835 or via e-mail, either to our website www.HLCSAlumni.org or myself (Nancyann Rayder) at nbr501@yahoo.com . **REMEMBER 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. **Something new:** This year we have begun to put on past yearbooks – in their entirety. Look for the link on our website. It's a good way to "refresh" your memory by seeing some of those faces from the past. A big thank you goes to David Cranston for his hard work in enlarging and maintaining our website.

ADDRESSES: This is a continued plea. We need your help in finding addresses for alumni, 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:

It is necessary to elect one director for the expired term of Ed Pike – (2005-2008) This is a three year position.

Necrology of Hadley-Luzerne Central School

Graduates/Faculty : Frances Gilbert Ellis – 1933, Mildred Deuel Sherman, Alice Tubbs Harris – 1932, Winston Hayes – 2000, George Mosher – 1943, David E. Dean, Owen Peter Swanson, Michael Post, Martha Hughes Petrone – 1952, Betty Green Robinson – 1957, Don G. Deuel – 1965, Beatrice Tubbs Carrano, James (Butch) Chapman - 1976, Gary Gebo, Mark L. Shiel - 1974, Floyd (Pete) Smith – 1935, George Pidgeon Sr. - 1950, Barbara Bovee Barber – 1954, Myrtle Gilbert Aldrich – 1937, Richard Hurd – 1938, Kenneth (Butch) St. John, Carleton Wendell – 1948, George Scoville, Jr. - 1981

Graduation Speakers: Just a reminder that the District is seeking alumni who would be willing to speak at Graduation. For the past three years former graduates were the featured speakers at the ceremony. If you are interested or know 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.

Dear Classmates of 1968 – Remember our Prom theme? Only In A Dream! Well, it seems so fitting 40 years later. We all graduated and went our separate ways. I would love for you to come to the Alumni Banquet and celebrate. I was hoping we could have a "Big Weekend" to celebrate as we have in previous years, but as you know, our lives get so busy some things just don't happen. So come to the banquet this year and we'll start planning a BIG 41st You can reach me at kennyd3@frontiernet.net .

Love and God Bless – Sally Gensel Deuel

I wrote a poem I would like to share with you, entitled "Old Friends"

Wandering back through the rivers of time
As special memories flood my mind
People and places that once meant so much
Now we rarely keep in touch.

We went to your house, you came to our home
So long ago, before the children were grown.

We went out for dinner, even danced a few
Oh, the secrets we shared between me and you.

I recently walked through the old neighborhood
The houses now seemed just stucco and wood.

New families now making their own memories,
Raising their children and sowing their seeds.

Although we have parted and gone our own ways,
I sometimes journey back to those familiar days.

To you my friend I'll lift my glass

As long as there are memories, friendships will last!

Teacher Feature – Do you ever wonder what your former teachers are doing? Well, we sent letters out to 63 retired HL faculty members and here are the responses we received.

Marie Scofield Hearn 1944-1946

The request for this article reached me at Myakka State Park in Florida. My daughter Kathy and I are traveling and camping in a small Chinook camper designed, I believe, for one person but we are learning to do well with much less "stuff" than we usually think we need. At 86 years, I didn't know if these old bones would like this life again, but the extra movement seems to be what they need. We are enjoying the wild places, animals and birds, wild pigs, alligators, roseate spoonbills, owls, sandhill cranes, etc. and have been on the move most of the time .My memories of Hadley Luzerne Central are very pleasant ones. I knew that I would like a small town because I came from one in the Catskills. It's nice when we all know each other and share our lives. The people in Lake Luzerne and Hadley were very good to me for what was really a very short time teaching high school English and Social Studies although I lived there for about 10 years. World War II was winding down. Mr. Spancake was principal and Stuart Townsend returned from the Service. We collected paper as a class project and rode to Glens Falls on the truck to turn it in. I was advisor to that

class. My first senior class included Joyce Roider, Gertrude O'Hare, Wayne Perkins, and Beverly Eckert plus faces I can see but whose names I cannot remember as I write. I may remember them tomorrow! I come back to Luzerne in the summer to sit on the porch of Papa's place and enjoy the river below and also a word or two with him. Muffy Parker O'Hare keeps me up to date on Luzerne news as she lives in Guilderland which is not too far from me. Thank you for giving me a chance to remember a good time in my life and a place that still feels like a second home to me.

Helen Dejnozka 1947-1957

What a great idea! And thank you for inviting me to contribute. First, let me say it's been over 50 years since I taught in the H-L School System--I wonder who will remember? All things considered, I am quite well, with the customary lesser drawbacks of aging, and currently no major health concerns. My favorite saying is I'm doing the best I can with what I've got left! After H-L, I began teaching in Niskayuna, first in a classroom and eventually strings only, with a specialty of string bass. I've been retired almost 23 years and widowed almost 20 years. Currently, I'm Clerk of Session (since 1989) and Musician in the State Street Presbyterian Church in Schenectady. MEMORIES: These three always jump immediately into my mind. They all are from the old school that burned, where we were a closer knit group of teachers. (I commuted from Saratoga most of my teaching time, the last year from Round Lake, which was too much!) 1. Emerson Howe, working a sousaphone around huge heating pipes in the basement so he could have a lesson....As I remember it, it only happened once, in an emergency situation. 2. Stu Townsend coming in on a very rainy day that _____ (Can't remember who) was out standing under the eaves of the building eating his sandwich for lunch. His comment was something like this: What do you think would happen if I TOLD a student he had to stand out in the rain eating his lunch? 3. Grades were seldom required for classroom music, but I remember an 8th grade class, down in the basement, and I remember Joe Shiel, who did not sing in tune, but sat in the front row, paid attention and aced every test. In 40 years of teaching, he was the only person to get an A in Music without singing in tune! I remember seeing the burned school and smelling the smoke in our band uniforms. (They were cleaned!) I remember teaching across the road over the market, and around the corner over the fire station. I remember the Thursday afternoon trips to the Conklingville school where the art teacher, nurse and I alternated teaching classes. I have a photograph of one of those classes...Again, memory! I believe Mary Brannon was the teacher, and it was Christmas time. For many years, I kept Christmas-card contact at least, with many of the

teachers of the old school days. Only a few months ago, I had word from Paul Meadow's widow, who contacted my daughter at a concert in Oneonta. I have enjoyed rare brief contacts with students, mostly from band, including Victor Grant, Don Sebald and Patty May (Sebald) and Lawrence Bennett. The most recent of these, in September of 2005: a lovely young woman rushed up to me and said she was looking for me, hoping I'd be there. She told me her name, I recognized it, we hugged and she rushed off to her other duties. Now I wish I could remember her name....maybe she'll read this, and I can thank her for her thoughtfulness in greeting me that day. I send heartiest greetings to anyone from those years who may remember!

Don Racette 1964-1990

Saying to a speech teacher "there is no limit to the length...." is always dangerous! He or she may speak on forever. A quick look at where we are. I retired from HL in 1990. We are now living in South Carolina and loving it... nice home by a large body of water. I would love to hear from any of my former HL students. E-mail me at DonRacette1@aol.com. Believe it or not I still am teaching at age 71! I teach Speech part time at a technical college nearby and it keeps me young at heart. Well after all I am 71 but think I look 61. I certainly feel like I am 41 and as you can tell from this correspondence act like I am 21. Ages of my students by the way range from 17 to 60 ... most in their 20s and 30s looking to advance in careers via better communication skills. My wife Elaine who taught music at HL for awhile is still active with Kids Choir in a church she attends. I am active as a lector in the catholic church I am at. There are a zillion and one happy memories I have of HL but let me limit this correspondence to one. Speaking of music I am sure you recall Bob Davis who had Band. Bob and I always got along fantastically. One day we were walking down the hall from the principal's office (Leo Stengel) towards the auditorium and as we went up the steps by the cafeteria elementary kids were lined up for lunch. Bob you may recall was pretty much deprived of having much hair and as we walked by the group, one of the fourth graders spoke up loudly "Hi ya Baldy! " Bob stopped dead in his track, leaned down with his face inches from the kid and said angrily "What did you say!!" To which the kid now terrified spoke in a frightened voice "I said ... Hi Ya Baldy." Another fun remembrance ... my office was in a room to the right of the stage. When not in a class I was always there in case some class was going to use the auditorium and if a film was to be shown I would make sure the projector was all set up in the auditorium and the screen down etc.. If just the stage was going to be used for some exhibit I would be sure the stage was clear of any material etc. Ron Dickens class came down to view a movie one time. So indeed I set up

the projector, lowered the huge screen etc. Just before the film began Ron invited me to sit amidst his class. So I started the projector and indeed did .. sit right next to Ron in a row. Ron had one of his elementary students give me a back rub on one shoulder and a kid sitting next to him give me a back rub on the other ... meanwhile two other of his students were doing the same thing for Ron. After that I looked forward to Ron's class coming to the auditorium. Of course so many memories of HL ... all terrific ... because of so many good folks, staff and students. God bless. Take care.

Jim Healy – 1975-2002

Retirement has been bitter sweet for my wife and I. (She retired from teaching at Queensbury Middle School three years ago.) Last October my wife's oldest daughter-my step daughter- passed away after a 3 1/2 year battle with breast cancer. She left behind her two children, ages 7 and 5 and her husband Mark Mulholland. This was and is a very tragic situation and we sure do miss her. She is constantly in our thoughts and prayers and we continue to help her family in any way we can. On the up side my wife and I have had the good fortune of being able to travel extensively and we have taken trips to Europe-Ireland twice, England, Netherlands, Germany and the Czech Republic. Last year we went to Australia and New Zealand for a full month which was great fun. We have also traveled thruout North America and are formulating plans for a trip to South America. We've been able to do this long distance traveling as my step son is a pilot for Continental Airlines and we can fly standby wherever Continental flies for very little \$\$. It's always interesting, however, to travel and not know until the last minute whether or not you'll get a ride. We are thankful for good health we've enjoyed during our retirement and hope to continue our travels and lots of golf...Every day is Saturday when you're retired. Hope you are all doing well.

John Manley – 1967-2004

Hello to everyone! My best wishes go out to all the HL Alumni and hope that all is well with each of you. I retired from HL in June of 2004 after 37 years in the classroom. My experiences at HL hold wonderful memories of great students and an excellent staff. I recall the Spirit Weeks/Days, Crazy Auctions, Impersonations, Olympics, 100 Nights Dinners, Honor Society inductions and Quiz Bowl matches which were all great fun. After leaving the classroom, I became the coordinator of the Mentor Teacher Intern Program in September of 2004 and continued work on a part time basis at HL. This was a very rewarding experience working with teachers who were new to the district and with a very talented and dedicated group of veteran teachers serving as mentors. I “fully” retired in June of 2007 and am

enjoying the freedom of retirement. My wife and I have been traveling and have been bitten by the cruise bug. We've been to various ports in the Caribbean and also to Alaska. We've come to greatly appreciate these beautiful areas. We will be accompanying a group of college students to South Africa on an educational trip in May of 2009 and are anxiously looking forward to this venture. I am also able to spend time with our two grandsons who live in Ballston Spa. I particularly enjoy kayaking in the summer and fall. So that's a quick update on a retired math teacher from HL!! We still live in Saratoga Springs and I always enjoy running into former students and hearing about their families and lives. Again my best to all of you!

Marilyn Broome – 1985-2001

In retirement I ski Gore 2-3 times a week (weather and bones permitting), spoil my grandchildren (1, 2, and 4), and thoroughly enjoy living year round on *the lake* (George) hiking boating and kayaking. Last summer we took a one month trip to *Alaska* and the Pacific North West (kayaking of course), and this winter visited friends in *Idaho* to ski and take a winter trip into *Yellowstone*. Both were retirement dreams of ours for over 40 years. I haven't given up on education as I am still involved in the Adirondack Curriculum Project, running workshops for teachers encouraging them to involve the *Adirondacks* as their classroom and in their curriculum. I have many fond memories of HLCS - Riverwatch, Envirothon, student council, (spirit days and 100 nights dinners) and the many students who made me proud to be their teacher and gave me a lot of laughs and gray hairs (my beautician takes care of those) .Enjoy life!

Nancy (Brock) Countryman 1971-1995

Since retiring from HLCS in 1995, I have been busy doing volunteer work for the World Awareness Children's Museum, the Glens Falls Community Theatre, the Charles R. Wood Theater, and the Queensbury Senior Citizens. I have taken many courses at the Academy for Life-long Learning at Empire College in Saratoga as well as Adirondack Community College. My husband and I have traveled across the country several times. We have visited most states including Alaska and Hawaii. We have enjoyed traveling through Canada as well. Newfoundland is one of our favorite places. I am fortunate to be in excellent health and able to enjoy doing Tai Chi, entertaining at area nursing homes with the Senior Steppers, a performing line dancing group, and spending time with grandchildren, when they can fit me into their busy schedules!

Jim Corkland

I received a phone call from Jim. He and his wife Betty still live in Lake George. He recently turned 86 and after 35 years serving as a Town Justice he decided it was time to retire. He sent his regards to all his former students and said he wished he could attend the banquet, but he and his wife had another commitment on that day.

Darrell and Ellen Finlayson – 1967-1989 and 1971-2003

Greetings from Darrell and Ellen Finlayson to all our former students. We hope that you are all doing well. We are both retired and enjoying our time together. We just returned from a month in Florida and a week on a cruise. We still have our Christmas Tree Farm but we are phasing it out. We are no longer planting new trees each year. Darrell has been a captain at the Lake George Steamboat Company for 38 summers. He is only working two days a week now, Sunday and Monday on the Mohican. Darrell is also on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Moreau. We both deliver Meals on Wheels and help out at our Community Center. I have been volunteering at school in Kindergarten. I also started volunteering at Double H Camp in Lake Luzerne. It is a phenomenal experience and very rewarding. We would love to hear from any former students and learn what you're up to now. Our address is: 317 Gansevoort Rd. Fort Edward, N.Y. 12828 (even though we live in South Glens Falls) and our email is emfdmf@aol.com .

Patti Polunci – 1970-2003 (Class of 1966)

Hello All, It's been almost 42 years since I left H-L as a student and 5 since I retired after 33 years working here as a teacher in Special Education. So many great memories! I've lived in Luzerne since I finished college and my husband and I raised our family here. Retirement has afforded me the opportunity to do so many of the things I didn't have a great deal of time for when I was working. When we are in Lake Luzerne you can usually find me spending time with my granddaughters, sewing and reading. We "escape" from the northeast for a while each winter but are always happy to return and welcome spring. I hope this finds each of you happy and healthy.

How Smart Are You??? Here are some questions to test your thinking ability – the answers are on the last page – no cheating now!!!

1. Do they have a 4th of July in England?
2. How many birthdays does the average man have?
3. Some months have 31 days; how many have 28?
4. How many outs are there in an inning?

5. Is it legal for a man in California to marry his widow's sister?
6. Divide 30 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and add 10. What is the answer?
7. If there are 3 apples and you take away 2, how many do you have?
8. A doctor gives you three pills telling you to take one every half hour. How many minutes would the pills last?
9. A farmer has 17 sheep, and all but 9 die. How many are left?
10. How many animals of each sex did Moses take on the ark?
11. How many two cents stamps are there in a dozen?

Angels Explained by Children Ever wonder what an angel really is? Well, here is what these kids think an angel is.

- "I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold." Gregory, 5
- "Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it." Olive, 9
- "It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes." Matthew, 9
- "What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them." Sarah, 7
- "My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science." Henry, 8
- "Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows!!" Jack, 6
- "Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead." Daniel, 9
- "When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath, somewhere there's a tornado." Reagan, 10
- "Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go north for the winter." Sara, 6
- "Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter." Jared, 8
- "All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it." Antonio, 9

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