



# Hadley-Luzerne Alumni Newsletter

## Volume 20 – 2016



**2016 ALUMNI BANQUET** – The 2016 banquet will be held on June 18. Even though people want to know “what's for dinner”, most come just to have a great time, do some reminiscing, catch up with the latest news from classmates, and get reacquainted with long lost friends. Several alumni who have moved away return each year and tour the area on their own, with their spouses, or with other classmates. We hope you'll “come back home” for at least one day.

The Class of '66 will celebrate their 50 yr anniversary this year. All former HLCS students, alumni, and former HLCS faculty and employees are encouraged to attend the banquet.

The 2016 Alumni Banquet will be at the “Haven Tee Room” at Brookhaven Golf Course, 333 Alpine Meadows Road, in Porter Corners, NY. The date will be **Saturday, June 18, 2016**. The cost is \$39 per person. A pre-dinner Social with cheese, crackers, vegetables and dip will begin at 4:30. The buffet dinner will begin at 6pm. After dinner there will be raffles, music and more socializing. From 4:30 to 8:30, unlimited soda, wine and domestic beer will be available at the bar. Anything other than these, for example, mixed drinks, imported beer and liquor are not included (Please drink responsibly. We want you to come back next year). **We must receive your reservation before June 10, 2016**. After that date, please call Carol Sutliff Nelson at (518) 696 - 3729 for availability.

**GOLF ANYONE ??** – Brookhaven Golf Course (on the grounds of the “Haven Tee Room” - where the banquet will be held) is offering a reduced rate for 9 and 18 holes of golf including a cart. The reduced rate is only good on the day of our banquet. The price will be \$20 for 9 holes and \$35 for 18 holes. To receive this rate and reserve a tee time you must call the clubhouse (518-893-7458) and mention you are attending the HLCS Alumni banquet. You can not book on-line! Do not send your golf fee to the Alumni!

**ALUMNI WEBSITE** – Alumni are listed on our website who have made Banquet reservations. If you see a classmate listed, call or e-mail them and share travel expenses. On the reservation form, check the box if you do ***not*** want your name on our website as an attendee. Also listed is who was sent a newsletter. The website is [www.HLCSalumni.org](http://www.HLCSalumni.org).

**ADDRESSES** – We are always looking for new or updated addresses. If you know a classmate who has said, “I did not receive an Alumni newsletter”, please let us know their address (*with their permission*). We will make sure they receive the newsletter.

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### **HLCS CLASS OF 1966** (From the yearbook)

Ronald Raynor, Gayle Winslow,  
Annette Towers, Paula LeBarron,  
Andrew Kramer, Christine Angell,  
Gloria Bourdeau, Susan Goodness,  
Benjamin Harris, Doris Harrington,  
Patricia Benoit, Doreen Chamberlain,  
Lance Hull, Susie Smith, Ralph Finley,  
Sandra Howe, Reta Shuman, Cecil Maxam,  
James Aldrich, Michael Allen, Dennis LaPier,  
George Morey, Raymond Plummer, Jean Diehl,  
Adele Sanders, Brent Bourdeau, Barbara Cutler,  
Linda LaPier, Judith Crannell, Patricia Stearns,  
Grahame Champagne, Ellen York, James Fish,  
Kathryn Ross, Donald Mann, Charla Traver,  
Karl Wendell, Timothy Fisk, Thomas Berg,  
William Hall, Sharon Ovitt, Edward Pike,  
William Townsend, Kenneth Cleveland,  
Linda Lockwood, Elizabeth Wendell,  
Bruce Podwirny, Nelson Edwards,  
Shirley Lindsey, Vicki Washburn,  
Bonnie Stanton, Charles Brooks,  
Kenneth Deuel, Robert Maxam

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**NO CORSAGES, NO BOUTONNIÈRES** – For the last few years, the Alumni Officers decided not to offer corsages and boutonnieres to the attendees of the 50 year class. We will again be making a donation to a charity in the name of the Alumni and the 50 year class. If you are from the 50 year class, please include a suggested charity on the reservation form. During the banquet, the attendees from the 50 year class will make the final decision of which charity will receive the donation based on the suggestions submitted by their classmates.

Everyone is encouraged to include a donation on their reservation form. Please include a little something extra if you can. You do not need to attend the banquet to make a donation.

In the past, donations have been made to the Maxwell Community Food Pantry in Lake Luzerne and the Cancer Center at Glens Falls Hospital.

**2016 BANQUET DINNER** – This year's banquet will consist of a carving station (hosted by a chef to cut and serve top round), beef gravy, horseradish sauce, dark and white meat roasted chicken, maple glazed carrots, green beans, roasted potatoes, and penne pasta with both Alfredo and marinara sauce. Tossed salad, rolls and butter will be on the dinner table. For dessert there will be an assortment of items prepared locally or on-site. Coffee and tea is included. The “Haven Tee Room” prides itself on homemade recipes using only the freshest and finest ingredients available. Local vendors are used as much as possible.

If you are on a restricted diet, such as gluten free, please write this anywhere on your reservation form. The “Haven Tee Room” at Brookhaven was recently remodeled and is totally handicapped accessible.

**WHERE IS THE “HAVEN TEE ROOM”?** – The “Haven Tee Room” is at Brookhaven Golf Course, 333 Alpine Meadows Rd, Porter Corners, NY. Alpine Meadows Rd is off of Rt 9N between Corinth and Greenfield Center. **Going south on Rt 9N from Corinth**, watch for an “*H-L Alumni*” sign or “*The Haven*” sign about 1.7 miles past the **2nd** railroad crossing. **Going north on Rt 9N from Greenfield Center**, watch for the “*Brookhaven Golf Course*” sign about 1 mile past the blinking caution light on Rt 9N. The phone number of the Haven Tee Room is 518-893-2809; Brookhaven Golf Course is 518-893-7458.

**HELLO HLCS ALUMNI!!!!** – We need your help. If any classes have a reunion committee that has planned your individual class reunions, we need to borrow your list of seniors and their addresses to help us complete our master list. If you know someone that can help us, please let us know.

We have a list of 3140 seniors from old yearbooks, but we are missing the following years: 1944, 1945, 1948, 1999, 2000 thru 2005, 2010 thru 2015.

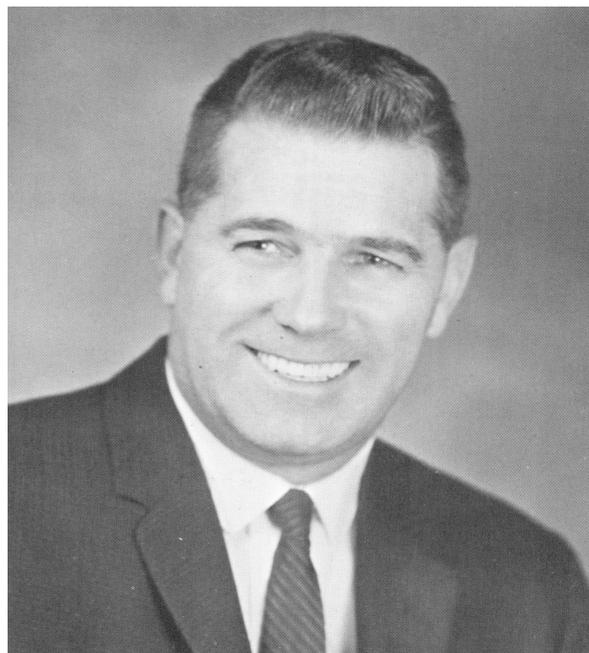
If you know anyone that has moved or is moving please let us know. Also, please let anyone who has not attended before know about the alumni banquet so they will know that is worth coming to.

The class of '68' has a reunion every five years and they really enjoy our get-togethers. We seem to be losing more class members each year and it really makes us realize how precious and fond memories can be. This is why it is so important to attend our alumni banquets.

Thanks for your help and please come and join us as we remember the old times and create some new memories.

Marlene Powers and Terry Fisk

Editor's note: You can submit names and addresses through our website ([www.HLCSAlumni.org](http://www.HLCSAlumni.org)), send them to us through the Postal mail, or bring a list to the banquet. As a courtesy, please be sure you have their permission to share their address with us.



**1966 YEARBOOK DEDICATION** – We, the Class of 1966, wish to dedicate our yearbook to you, Mr. James Corkland. This is an expression of our appreciation for not only guiding us through our English courses, but also for contributing much to our knowledge of everyday life. You, with your unusual approach and sense of humor, made it possible for us to persevere in the tough times.

Now that we have completed the first phase of our education, we are ready to enter the adult world. We know full well that our generation is full of hope and desire to meet life's trials and tribulations. We will endeavor to carry out the principles and ideals you have instilled in us. We will never forget all the things you have done for us.

Thank you.

**ANNUAL MEETING** – The annual meeting will be held at the Banquet. Terms expiring at the conclusion of the 2016 banquet are: David Cranston (President), Lawrence Bennett (Vice President), Susan Goodness Monica (Secretary), Carol Sutliff Nelson (Treasurer), and Terrence Fisk (Director).

Other Officers and their term expirations are: Marlene Powers, Director (2017) and Sally Gensel Deuel, Director (2018).

### **The awkward School Reunion**

Jack hadn't been to a school reunion in decades. When he walked in, Jack thought he recognized a woman over in the corner. He approached her, extended his arm to greet her and said, “You look like Helen Brown”.

“Well”, replied the angry woman, “You don't look so great in blue either!”

**2016 BANQUET RESERVATION FORM**

**DEADLINE: JUNE 10** – ( After June 10, please call Carol Nelson for availability. 518-696-3729 )

**BANQUET DATE: June 18, 2016**

Buffet Dinner	# _____	@ \$39.00	\$ _____
<b>Annual Dues</b> (Optional)	# _____	@ \$ 5.00	\$ _____
Charity Donation (See pg 1, "No Corsages...")			\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$ _____

**If possible, please seat me (us) with the class of \_\_\_\_\_**

**If you do NOT want your name on our website as an attendee, please "X" the box**

*If you are from the class of 1966, write a suggested charity on the line below (See pg 1, "No Corsages...")*

\_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Maiden) (Last) (Grad. Year)

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST(S) NAMES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
( If guest(s) is / are an HL alumnus, please include year of graduation )

**Your e-mail address (or phone #):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** Hadley-Luzerne Alumni Association

**Mail the above form and check to:** Carol Nelson, 4 Varney Street, Hadley, NY 12835

**50 YEARS AGO:**

- Avg income: \$6900 ■ VW: \$1500 ■ NY Times: 10¢ ■ Gallon of milk: 99¢ ■ Life magazine: 35¢ ■ Bed sheet: \$1.76
- Medicare began ■ Walt Disney passes away ■ Miranda rights ■ Uniform Time Act ■ Aerosol cheese in a can
- Popular films: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly; Born Free; A Man for All Seasons; The Russians are Coming
- Popular songs: Ballad of the Green Berets; 96 Tears; California Dreamin; Strangers in the Night; Hanky Panky
- Actors and Singers: Lee Marvin; Julie Christie; Bob Dylan; Simon and Garfunkel; The Kinks; The Beatles
- Popular TV shows: Lassie; Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea; I Dream of Jeannie; The Virginian; Dean Martin Show

**WHO PUT THE FROG IN THE GIRL'S BATHROOM ?** At the banquet we are going to give attendees a chance to "tell all", or you might say, "spill the beans". If you did something bad in school and it has been on your conscience, now is the time to let it out. We'll give you the opportunity to tell everyone. Don't worry; the emcee will be with you to help alleviate stage fright (Put it on paper first. You'll be less likely to slip up when you talk). If you don't want others to know it was you, give your written paper to the emcee to read anonymously. If you prefer, you can send it to us with your reservation. It will be read anonymously.

**FINAL PRODUCTION SET FOR HLCS DIRECTOR** (From The Journal newspaper, Nov 7, 1984) – The upcoming dramatic production at Hadley-Luzerne High School marks a milestone in the career of HLCS Dramatics Director, Don Racette. The play, "Our Miss Brooks", will be the last he intends to direct, as he has announced his retirement from this aspect of his career.

Racette notes he is "Going full tilt" in his instructional duties which include classes in Mass Media and General Math. In addition, he coordinates the audio-visual needs and programs of grades K-4 and 9-12.

For the past 16 years, Racette has been the Director of Drama at HLCS. He notes that it "always has been a labor of love". Labor is certainly an appropriate word, as Racette molds his thespians into shape, determining every stage motion (blocking) and working and reworking lines to polish the actors' characterizations. The fruits of his labour are evident however, as Don observes, "My pleasure comes from each actor or actress discovering their in born talents...as they experience that new 'bolt of confidence'-- which they'll retain for the rest of their lives.

This year's school play is set for Thursday and Friday, November 15 and 16. 'Our Miss Brooks' is a three-act comedy about life in high school in the 1950's. Appropriately, Racette is happy to end his directing career with this show, which was "The very first school play he saw as a 7th grader at St. Mary's Academy in Glens Falls in 1949." "I fell in love with theatre as a result of that first show," said Racette. – *Continued on back page* –

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## HLCS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

### ( HLCS NEWS – September 1967 )

**MRS. FYFE RETIRES FROM SCHOOL CAFETERIA** – Mrs. Marjorie Fyfe, cafeteria manager, is retiring on October 1, after 15 years of service in the Hadley-Luzerne Central School.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fyfe came to Hadley in 1935, when Mr. Fyfe was manager of the E.J. West Power Station of Niagara

Mohawk Power Co. After Mr. Fyfe died in 1942, Mrs. Fyfe moved to Buffalo where she lived for 6 years. During this time she worked in a candy kitchen where she first learned how to dip chocolates.

In 1948 she moved to Bellows Falls, Vt., where she worked in a convalescent home

as cook and dietitian for 3 years. Returning to Hadley in 1951, Mrs. Fyfe worked for Mr. Pabst in Danny's Luncheonette on Main Street, Lake Luzerne, and lived with Mrs. Grace Eckert on Second Avenue in Hadley. In Sept 1952 she became cafeteria manager for the Hadley-Luzerne Central School.



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Racette's first high school play was "The Mouse That Roared." The show was so successful that Racette repeated it with innovations in 1974. "Ask Any Girl" and "Everybody Loves Opal" were two shows he recalls with fondness. "The student who starred in *Everybody Loves Opal* created such a characterization, that for the rest of the year, everyone called her opal rather than her real name." "In *Birdie* the guy playing the Elvis Presley-style character was asked for autographs for two weeks after the show whenever elementary students saw him in the halls".

Reminiscing, Racette related anecdotes about his experiences over these 'sweet 16' years. For instance, when in Bolton Landing the cast had a tight schedule. As the curtain closed, a school bus and equipment truck were idling at the stage door. The set was taken down in record time; meanwhile, in front of the closed curtain, the Bolton Landing principal was speaking praises about the just-completed production, and he called for the curtain to open "one more time" in appreciation of the fine cast. The curtain opened and the stage was empty, except for two students sweeping the remains.

Editor's note: The above article and the article to the left, have been edited to fit the space. See the complete articles on the Alumni website.