

# Cohoes High School Alumni Association

Summer 2013

## Newsletter

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### ANNUAL SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT JUNE 24, 2013

#### NEW AWARDS IN 2013

**The Olga Sebalik Shevchik Award** is new this year. It is in memory of Michael Shevchik's '43, wife of 53 years. She was a career secretary to the Superintendent of Mechanicville Schools and legal secretary for her brothers firm in addition to being wife and home maker. She passed away in 2003.

**Jean Hebert Messier Award** Attended Keveny for her first two years of high school and transferred to CHS in her Junior year. She graduated in 1955. She was an animal lover, avid reader, philanthropist for many causes and an education enthusiast. Jean and her husband Bill both held careers in the business world.

**Phillip Frament Award** He was born and raised in Cohoes. His mother was widowed with five children when he was eight. Help from Social Services was unthought of. The family survived with everyone working and help from their extended family. Phillip left school to help support the family and proudly served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He returned home after the war and finished his education. He was a skilled machinist by trade and very talented at wood working, carpentry, drafting and electrical work. He was an inventor and innovator. Fran Frament Polito sponsors this award and also the Helen Omelin Frament Award in memory of her parents.



#### Valedictorian



Michael  
Muzio



Honorable Mention  
Jenna Colozza



Salutatorian  
Emily Daigneault



Jack  
Fitzgerald

Award	Presented by:	Amount	Winner
Francis St. Onge Memorial Award	Mr. & Mrs Vincent St. Onge	\$ 6000	Jack Fitzgerald
Madelon K. Hickey Memorial Scholarship Award	Mrs. Joyce Vellutino	\$ 1000	Michael Muzio
Dorothy Gilchrest Memorial Award	Mrs. Rosemary Zandri	\$ 1000	Kaylee Urban
Shirley Ashley Kirk Memorial Award	Mrs. Josie McDonald	\$ 1000	Clara Rossi
Marie Tessier Memorial French Language Award	Mrs. Carol Desnoyers	\$ 1000	Jenna Colozza



Clara  
Rossi



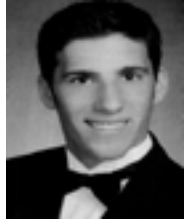
Kaylee  
Urban



Alexander  
Urban



Emily  
Daigneault



Matthew  
Carter



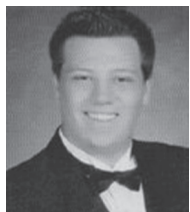
Stephanie  
Osterhout



Rachael  
Mossey



Samuel  
Morrett



Alexander  
LeBuis



Clara  
Rossi

<b>Award</b>	<b>Presented by</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Winner</b>
<b>Donald Duclos Memorial Theater Award</b>	Mrs. Catherine Duclos	\$ 500	Emily Daigneault
<b>Agnes Holleran English Memorial Award</b>	Mrs. Jude Pingelski	\$ 1000	Ryan Daigneault
<b>Leo Heslin Memorial Science Award</b>	Mr. Frank Colaruotolo	\$ 500	Abigail Kortz
<b>Helen Frament Memorial Scholarship Award</b>	Mrs. Frances Polito	\$ 500	Emily Daigneault
<b>Phillip R. Frament Memorial Award</b>	Mrs. Frances Polito	\$ 500	Stephanie Osterhout
<b>James T. Shea Memorial Scholarship Award</b>	Mr. John Shea Daly	\$ 300	Rachael Mossey
<b>James Bisnett Memorial Scholarship Award</b>	Mr. Tom Bisnett	\$ 300	Matthew Carter
<b>Frank X. Kennedy Memorial Civics Scholarship Award</b>	Hon. April Kennedy	\$ 300	Reid Kisselback
<b>James V. Marra Memorial Scholarship Award</b>	Mrs. Barbara McDonald	\$ 500	Connor Laughlin
<b>Mabel Gilman Memorial Scholarship Award</b>	Mrs. Joyce Vellutino	\$ 250	Connor Laughlin
<b>Sondra M. Heins School Spirit Memorial Award</b>	Mrs. Barbara McDonald	\$ 250	Reid Kisselback
<b>Beatrice Poinset Global Studies Memorial Scholarship</b>	Mrs. Mary Grimaldi	\$ 1000	Michael Muzio
<b>Cohoes High School Alumni in Memorium Award</b>	Mrs. Rose Zandri	\$ 1000	Emily Daigneault
<b>Mildred B. Donk Class of 1948 Memorial Math Award</b>	Mr. Frank Colaruotolo	\$ 1000	Michael Muzio
<b>Lillian Dibble Honorarium Award</b>	Mr. William Reu	\$ 300	Michael Jones
<b>Joan Andrejko Honorarium Award</b>	Mrs. Rose Zandri	\$ 500	Samuel Morrett
<b>Barbara Marra McDonald Community Service Award</b>	Mrs. Joan Andrejko	\$ 500	Rachael Mossey
<b>Olga Sebalik Shevchik Memorial Award</b>	Mr. William Reu	\$ 1000	Alysha Gagnon
<b>Sara Lees Memorial Award</b>	Mr. William Reu	\$ 250	Alex LeBuis
<b>Joseph J. Koval Jr. Memorial Award</b>	Mrs. Carolyn Koval	\$ 250	Kiera Clark



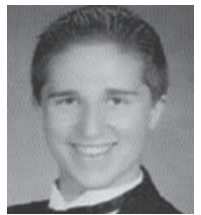
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Daigneault



Abigail  
Kortz



Connor  
Laughlin



Reid  
Kisselback



Michael  
Jones



Alysha  
Gagnon



Jessica  
Lewis

**Awards cont'd**      **Presented by:**      **Amount**      **Winner**



**Kiera  
Clark**

**Jean Hebert Messier Award**

Mrs. Frances Kellog

\$ 1000

Jessica Lewis

**William Shahan Memorial  
Computer Science Award**

Mrs. Barbara McDonald

\$ 1000

Jason Savaria

**Arianna & Gordon  
Hirschman Award**

Mrs. Arianna Hirschman

\$ 500

Kiera Clark

**Jeremy & Colleen McDonald  
Engineering Award**

Mrs. Colleen McDonald &  
Mr. Jeremy McDonald

\$1000

Alex Urban

**Edward & Julie Majewski  
Memorial Award**

Mrs. Arianna Hirschman

\$ 250

Abigail Kortz



**Alexander  
Urban**



**Anthony  
Batchelder**



**Gabrielle  
Rusia**

**Community Service  
Scholarship Award I  
Community Service  
Scholarship Award II**

Mrs. Joan Andrejko

\$100

Anthony Batchelder

Mrs. Barbara McDonald

\$100

Gabrielle Rusia

**Cohoes Middle School Awards**

**PRESIDENTS CORNER**

*by Barbara Marra McDonald*



We had another very successful Awards Night on June 20th. This year the alumni gave \$24,500 in awards to the high school and 2 -\$100 awards to students at the Middle school. Thank you for your continued support of these awards.

Cohoes is ever changing. I just received a letter stating that the renovation of the remainder of the Harmony Mills, Mills 1 and 4, is going along ahead of schedule. The 101 loft apartments are completely modern, and rented as soon as they are completed. The City Lofts on Saratoga Street also provide modern apartments with all amenities and easy walking to the downtown area.

Two established businesses have relocated to Cohoes, Vince Kendrick Jewelers, in The Cohoes Saving's Bank site and Dennis Holzman Antiques in the former Woolworth site. There is also a new business, Cohoes Mattress, in the Woolworth site. Cohoes Armory will be home to Ravenshead Brewery, a new type of business for our community.

Heritage Weekend was celebrated on the 7th, 8th and 9th of June this year. There was a spectacular Cohoes Artists Showcase on Friday and Saturday in the former St. Joseph's Church. Attendees not only enjoyed the marvelous art by local artists but were delighted by the renovation to the church by the current owners. The facility will be available for various events.

Saturday, you could start your tour at the Cohoes Falls and then go on to events at the Visitors center hosted by the Spindle City Historic Society, as well as a marvelous photo display of scenes of Cohoes by David Koschnick. Harmony House Market place hosted a very successful antique appraisal morning by Dennis Holzman and Mark Lawson. Jack Madden presented a guided walking tour of the Troy-Schenectady Railroad Assemble. Middle school students were located at various historic sites in the downtown to explain the history of the buildings. More Bread and Jam hosted a Mini Fiber Fest. Zephyr Preservation Studio 130 was open to explain what textile conservation was all about. The Foundry for Art & Design hosted an exhibit of Native American Art.

Representatives of the DAR were at the Cohoes Public Library and gave presentations on how to research your genealogy. In Silliman Memorial Park, Walt Lipka spoke at the dedication of the historic sign to honor Cohoes native George Stacey Davis who was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1998.

Holy Trinity Parish on Vliet street held its annual garage sale and The Senior Center held a flea market.

Sunday was devoted to the DAR and the Van Schaick Mansion. There were indoor tours of the mansion and presentations by Steve Khoury ,blacksmith and Greg Zoller, author of his new book, The Dark Eagle, about Benedict Arnold. This will be available to the alumni on Sept 15 at 10:00 AM , before our picnic.

The Cohoes Rotary Club Christmas Ornament for 2014 will be a view depicting the Old Cohoes High School and Approach on the corner of Bevan and Columbia Streets. Ornaments will be available after September 1, 2014, and on sale till Christmas. For additional information go to WWW.RotaryclubofCohoes.org

Hope to see you at our annual picnic at The Van Schaick Island Country Club. Remember "it is always good weather when good friends get together", so call your friends.

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**in memory or honor of:**

Barbara McDonald Award  
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 Deceased Classmates '61  
 Madelon K. Hickey Award  
 Mike Baysa  
 Carola & Ralph Falato  
 Donald Duclos Award  
  
 Mildred Donk Award  
 Rhea Etoll Genest '48 &  
 Ben Genest  
 Kathy Charbonneau &  
 Maureen Ausiello Curran  
 Dr. Metro Myresko  
 Classmates '48  
 Helen Magnano  
 Shirley Clark Tschumi '46  
 Agnes Holleran Award  
 Deceased Classmates '53  
 Classmates '41  
 Classmates '57  
 Deceased Classmates '49  
 Michael Cassella  
 Agnes Holleran Award  
 Dorothy Kondrat Susko '55  
 Tessie Guba Campana '54

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 McDonald  
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 McMillan '52  
 Mildred Jennings Mincher '44  
  
 Leona Wagner Murray '39  
 The Nadeau Family  
 Janet McMillan Nicolson '41  
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Deceased Classmates '54  
 The Del Ra Family  
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 Maureen Curran Ausiello '60  
 Classmates '60  
 Jim Lacy  
 Mildred Donk Award  
 Madelon K. Hickey Award  
 Phillip & Helen  
 Frament Award  
 Deceased Classmates '49  
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 Mildred Donk Award  
 Madelon K. Hickey Award  
 Classmates '57  
 Classmates '54  
 Tessie Guba '54  
 Jean Hebert Messier '55  
 Harry McDonald '34  
 Lois Santspre Rourke KMA  
 Deceased Alumni

***Please accept our sincere apologies if you have donated in memory of a loved one or a friend and your donation was not acknowledged. This newsletter is published in January and August of each year. Your donation may not be included because we have already gone to press. Look for your memorial in the following newsletter. Please let us know if it is not published. Thank you all.***

**Donations received cont'd****Donated by:**

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Olga Serbalik Shevchik

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Irene

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Peter &amp; Dorthea Shevchik

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Drummond '43

Louis &amp; Marion

Schermerhorn

James Shea Award

Kathleen Shea Pardus '61

Edith Benzel Friedel '22

Earl Friedel '45

Lois Niland

Classmates '51

Madeline Keefe Janis '52

Mildred Donk Award

Leo Heslin Award

Barbara McDonald Award

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Bob Ferris '44

Deceased Classmates '60

Alex Wakulenko '67

Classmates 1940

Terry Webb

Deceased Classmates '54

Patricia Valent Karch '51

Mari Valenti Primeau '58

Mary Ann Sbreba Houlton '62

Shirley Stay Einhorn '52

Jean Stay Wells '55

Joan Pratt Winkowski

Dick Zandri '52

Chuck Riley '54

Classmates '41

Alex Wakulenko '67

Classmates '40

Eleanor Rettinger

Joan Kopczka Adrejko Award

Barbara McDonald Award

**Cohoes High School from 1919 to 1968.**

It now serves as the Middle School and the District Offices. The two plaques are on either side of the facade.

Mildred Mincher, in a letter to Barbara Marra McDonald, our President, writes about how the late Cohoes High English teacher, Miss Agnes Halloran, used decorative plaques high on the walls of the former high school to illustrate ". . . we do not observe our surroundings."

Mincher wrote, "She (Miss Halloran) knew many of the students spent time congregating around the front of the high school on or near the cement stairs and entrance. She asked the class if the students noticed two plaques on the top front corners of the building. Her assignment for the next day was to "look up," take note, and come prepared with the wording the next day. "As a class we did the assignment and were ready the next day," Mincher said.

Mincher, whom the words on those plaques made a lasting impression, served as master of ceremonies at her 45th class reunion. She asked if anyone could remember the words on those two plaques. The prize she offered was a silver dollar. No takers. She got to keep her dollar.

The message on one plaque reads: "Through letters, arts and science to citizenship." On the other, "Dedicated to all the children of all the people." The words, still so meaningful today, remain on the large plaques decorating the 94-year-old building, a building still a solid home to educating Cohoes Middle School students.

**Editors note:** Miss Holloran would have kept her coin if that offer was made to any of the Class of '55. The front entrance did not get much use as the boys used the Wilmer Avenue door and the girls used the Bevan Street door. Using hind sight I realize now that the front entrance to the school was quit apiece of architecture. *Bill*

***Planning a reunion for your class? We can help you get in touch with other classmates. We have an up-to-date mailing list for many classes. We would like to add your class to our list if we don't have it. This newsletter is free of charge to all Alumni and anyone else who might be interested in Cohoes High School Alumni news. Contact numbers and E-mail addresses are on the last page of this newsletter. We would welcome you aboard if you would like to join. The only thing necessary to receive a newsletter twice a year in January and July is a valid address.***



**LOOK UP!***by Chuck Malley*

The once-illuminated "eagle clock," high over the entrance to the former Cohoes High School building, has been darkened too long. Its Roman numeral face is soiled by time and weather; its minute and hour hands have been too-long stilled. It needs to be brought back to life.

The clock is at roof level of the two-story building. It's easily seen by motorists driving down Columbia Street. Pedestrians and Middle School students can view it simply by looking up -- by taking a moment to appreciate their surroundings. In this case it's a 94-year old school, still in use, still exhibiting its fine architecture, including the clock.



Just look up!

The clock is surrounded by an ornamental plaque and crowned by an extraordinary spread-winged figure of the great American eagle. One way to view it is to imagine its enormous wings hovering over the very idea of education, protecting it from all whom would do it harm.

There are people out there who care deeply about seeing the clock renewed. Alumnus John Grego, CHS Class of 1951, is first among them. He has carried on a one-man "crusade" the past ten years to keep hope alive for a renewed clock. A former member of the Cohoes Planning Commission and Building Committee for the new Middle School, Grego said he has never understood how the district could spend millions of dollars on new school construction in recent years, "but not a penny to repair the clock." He has often appealed to school board members Raymond Daignault and William Smith.

Daignault's three two-year terms on the board expires next month. He raised the question of fixing the clock in executive session of the board. Smith told the Alumni Newsletter only that he "would be in favor" of renewing the clock if the question comes up for a formal vote. Right now, he said, he doesn't know where the money would come from.

Interviewed for the Newsletter, Middle School principal Daniel Martinelli sees a restored clock as a "center point" for the school. "It would be a good way," he said, "to start a conversation with students on historic Cohoes, using the clock as a legacy piece for the kids as well as the community." What is needed now, he said, is a true cost estimate for restoration work.

Martinelli is strongly in favor of a restored, brightly illuminated clock, once again crowning the face of the old high school. He said the area in front of the school, is where many students gather before classes. An architectural adornment -- an opened book -- is located above the entrance. The principal envisions a plaque inside the building noting the school's (and the clock's) history.

Stu McGeary, CHS '58, a veteran clock smith and founder of the Waterford Clock Co., said, "I would like to see the clock working. It's part of the old high school." He said Superintendent of Schools Robert Libby told him the clock would cost too much to repair. McGeary estimates mechanism repair at \$6,500 for work that can be done from the roof. Additional costs would include paying for a man-lift to facilitate work on the face of the clock. Ken Kellogg, superintendent of buildings and grounds, estimated a total cost of more than \$10,000, Libby said.

"We're exploring the possibilities," the superintendent said in an interview for the Newsletter. "We'll be happy to work with the Alumni." Barbara McDonald, president of the Alumni Association, believes the clock's fate lies with financial cooperation of the school board, the community, private donations, individual alumni, Cohoes businesses -- even a possible historic grant. "Who will handle the money?" she asks, just one of the many questions remaining unanswered.

### **The Spindle City Historical Society**

The Spindle City Historic Society would like to hear your stories of people, places or events in Cohoes history. They are seeking articles for their quarterly newsletter. The staff welcomes written articles as well as recollections of the past and articles for the "Did You Know" section. Contributors will be acknowledged. The Society has published its second book "Cohoes Revisited". It is available at several locations including Marra's, in Cohoes. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the book or receiving the quarterly newsletter, please contact **Danielle Cherniak** at [cherniak@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cherniak@nycap.rr.com) or **237-5618** or [www.spindlecit.org](http://www.spindlecit.org). They are located at The Visitors Center at 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, NY 12047.

*"It's always good weather when good friends get together"*

*Join us at our Thirteenth Annual*

# **C. H. S. ALUMNI PICNIC**

**Sunday, September 15, 2013**

**Van Schaick Island Country Club**

**Continental Avenue**

**Cohoes, NY**

12:00 pm to 4:30 pm

12:00 pm to 4:30pm

**Clam Chowder  
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# OOPS! ANOTHER SENIOR MOMENT

We tried to make the Class of 1957 five years younger by labeling their reunion pictures 1962. We are republishing the pictures with the correct year of 1957. We apologize for the mistake. They celebrated their 55th Reunion on September 15, 2012 at the Cohoes-Waterford Elks Club

*Bill Reu*



Faith Linnen Best & Maureen Griffin Maswich



Jim Dibble, Millie Humik Weismann & Lenore Serfillippi Littlejohn



Doris Patregnani Surzyn & Mary Ann Patregnani Obzud



Marge Rajczewski & John Mendel



John Piwnica



Alan Kugler & Karen Olesen Kugler



*At left:*  
Frances  
Renas  
& John Dahoda  
*At right:*  
Louise Ceccucci  
Brady,  
Ed Curtis  
&  
Janet  
Prouty Curtis



Karl Brandt & Jack Rajczewski



Pat Dinelle Dahoda & Jim Best



John Renas



## **Cohoes High School and Keveny Memorial Academy Alumni**

You are invited to a "Dutch Treat Party" at the Van Schaick Country Club on Saturday, August 17, 2013 from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. "DJ Music" will be donated by Dave Di Sisto.

Questions or information?? call María Encein Rose for CHS at 373-2343 or Bill Le Beau for KMA at 588-7638 or E-mail to welebeau@hotmail.com

**The Class of 1959** (that's '59) is planning their 55th reunion on September 19, 20, and 21, 2014. Friday night, September 19, we will have a cocktail party at a place yet to be determined. On Saturday the 20th of September, a Dinner /Dance will be held at Van Schaick Country Club. On Sunday the 21st of September, all who wish may attend the Alumni Picnic at the Van Schaick Country Club. Invitations will be mailed in early 2014. If you have questions, contact Jerry Colley at (316)237-1903 or mtp106@gmail.com. You may also contact Rose DeGregorio Symula, at (518) 765-4740 or rsymula@aol.com

**The Class of 1953** Will be holding their 60th Reunion Saturday September 14th at the Van Schaick Island Country Club, at the South end of Continental Ave., Cohoes, NY. Festivities will begin at 6:00 PM. Additional information is available from Yolanda Bartolomeo Romeo at yoro@aol.com. Please forward information on classmates who have recently moved to Yolanda's e-mail. **Don't forget to bring your memorabilia.**

**The Cohoes Visitors Center** will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM for the months of July and August, 2013. This will allow more access to tourists and visitors on week ends. Visitors will enjoy the twenty minute video presentation on the life of a cotton mill worker in the Harmony Mills at the beginning of the Twentieth Century. Pick up a Walking tour guide book prepared by the Spindle City Historic Society. Tourists may also call 518-237-2117 to arrange for special off hour tours.

**The Van Schaick Mansion** will be open July 14th at 11:00 AM. until 4:00 PM., Sunday, August 11th from 11:00 AM. till 4:00 PM. **Sunday September 15th from 10:00 AM. till 4:00 PM. will be specially for the CHS Alumni.** If you are visiting or never had the opportunity to visit this historic setting on Delaware Avenue, stop in and spend some time touring a pre Revolutionary War Colonial Homestead.

### **COHOES AREA DAY IN FLORIDA, Wednesday, March 2014**

Pavilion #1 in Simmons Park, Ruskin, Florida has been tentatively reserved and is available to us all day until 5:30 PM. Ruskin is about 20 miles south of Tampa and 25 miles north of Bradenton on the east side of I-75 on Tampa Bay. Camping facilities and motel facilities are available in the area nearby. **Contact either Rose Zandri at Rozz360@aol.com or call (518)-237-3435, phone Jean Mauger (941)722-0930 or e-mail to receive more details to Jmauger34221@yahoo.com. Date and more information will be forthcoming in the January 2014 newsletter.**

The  
out to lunch  
bunch

**"The Out to Lunch Bunch"** Meet every second Wednesday of the month, October through June. The venue is rotated monthly. A varied light lunch menu is available. We hope that all our Alumni will join us for a leisurely lunch and some good conversation.  
Please, if you do decide to come call and check to see where the luncheon will be held. Barbara at 518-720-3140 or Rose at 518-237-3435.

# Keveny Memorial Academy & Cohoes High School tee shirts and sweatshirts are also available at Marra's Pharmacy

Choose medium weight, light gray Jerzee pulllover sweatshirt, dark blue or gray zip front sweatshirt, blue polo shirt or a gray pullover sweatshirt. Included is CHS Alumni lettering and bright orange tiger. Your first name and class year is below tiger at no additional charge. Logo is approximately 4"X6". Blue hats embroidered with a tiger and CHS Alumni logo.



Zipper front style sweatshirt with hood in blue or gray

Size- S, M, L, XL\_ Blue \_\_\_ Gray \_\_\_ @\$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Size-XXL Blue \_\_\_ Gray \_\_\_ @\$29.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Size- XXXL Blue \_\_\_ Gray \_\_\_ @\$31.00 \_\_\_\_\_



Pullover style gray or blue sweatshirt

Size- S, M, L, XL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Size- XXL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Size- XXXL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$28.00 \_\_\_\_\_



blue polo shirt.

Size- S, M, L, XL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$23.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Size- XXL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Size- XXXL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Keveny Memorial Academy or CHS imprinted Logo on blue tee shirt.

Size- S, M, L, XL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Size- XXL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$13.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Size- XXXL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_



Blue hat with CHS Alumni & Tiger embroidered on brim. Strap adjusts to all sizes. \_\_\_\_\_ @\$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please hold at Marra's Pharmacy 217 Remsen St. for pick up. Check here \_\_\_\_\_

Orders shipped by Priority mail to your home. Two items per box. S & H \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Embroidered First name: _____	Class _____	Second shirt: First name _____	Class _____
Ship to: _____		Street _____	
City _____	ST. _____	Zip _____	Phone( ) _____
<u>Mail with check or money order to: CHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 229, Cohoes NY. 12047</u>			

# VOLUNTEERING

By Eleanor C. Ablett

Volunteer??? Who, me???

Anyone can be a volunteer - at any age. Volunteering is about taking part in the world - no matter what the age. It's about making the planet a better place to live and any small step helps. People volunteer for various reasons, ranging from a desire to learn new skills, have fun or make a difference.

Are you a young mother who doesn't get out much? Are you a retired person looking for a new avenue of interest? Do you live in close proximity to an aged person or couple? There are umpteen things you can do to improve their lives. You can bring in their paper in the morning - shovel their sidewalk - carry in their groceries - bring your cat or dog in for a visit - or simply drop in periodically to say "hello."

You may not realize it but volunteering is a "two-way street." It benefits you as well as those you are helping. First, you will certainly make new friends who will stay with you for a lifetime because you have connected while doing something useful. It has been proven time and again that volunteering boosts your social skills. Also, it's that added "something" on your current or future résumé that will cause you to be a person seriously considered for any position. While the rewards are not monetary, they are huge in personal satisfaction - creating self-esteem - and gaining the respect of those you are serving, as well as others. In many ways, it is a challenge and will bring out the very best in you. Stephanie Brown, Assistant Professor of General Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School and a Faculty Associate at the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research has said, "People who help others live longer than those who don't."

In hospitals, volunteers add a personal touch to help provide comfort to patients and family members, as well as provide service and support to hospital staff.

If you look around, you will see that it is the busiest persons who always volunteer in some way to improve their community or someone's life. They can do it because they have learned to manage their time so that there is always an hour or two extra during the week, or a portion of a weekend, that they can devote to a good cause. They do not, however, neglect their respective duties and still find the time to participate in sports or whatever other activity of their choice.

There are volunteering opportunities all around you - such as:

- Places of worship such as churches or synagogues
- Friends of Colonie - participate in community service. Call Karen at 463-5607.
- Community theaters, and as docents in museums
- Libraries and senior centers
- Community Closet - 158 Remsen Street, Cohoes, NY
- Organizations such as Rotary Clubs, Knights of Columbus and Elks Clubs
- Soldiers Angels - e-mail Bertha at [ctlny24@gmail.com](mailto:ctlny24@gmail.com)
- Youth organizations, sports teams and after-school programs
- Historical restorations and national/city parks
- Tutoring students of any class fitting your expertise
- New Scotland Historical Association - Alan Kowlowitz, 518-765-4212
- Becoming a pen-pal to someone a distance away or out of the country
- Hospitals (great for aspiring doctors or nurses)
- Latham Women's Club - fundraising for charities - Call Mo at 518-810-6272 after 6 pm.
- Arthritis Foundation - Office duties - call Terry at 456-1203.

While learning new skills can be beneficial, it's not a requirement for a fulfilling volunteer experience. Bear in mind that the most valuable skills you can bring to any volunteer effort are compassion, an open mind, a willingness to do whatever is needed, and a positive attitude.

You are wanted; so, for personal growth, don't be afraid - go ahead and volunteer!

**Yearbooks for the Cohoes Public Library.** The Library has a pretty good collection of Cohoes High School Yearbooks. If you find or come across any of these, the Library would be happy to have them. These are missing years 1931,1935,1939,1941,1962, 1978,1979,1982,1984,1987,1992,1998,

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Have some class news or an upcoming reunion or event? Call Bill Reu at **518(235-1402)** E-mail at **R37P42@aol.com** or Barbara McDonald at **(518)720-3140** E-mail **BMCDONA1@NYCAP.RR.COM**

Trying to get in touch with an old friend? Contact us, and we may be able to help you contact them.

We are still trying to contact class representatives from the late 60's through 2006. Contact us at one of the numbers or E-mail us at one of the addresses above. We would like to talk to you.

**Please notify us when you change your address.**

***The newsletter is free to all Alumni. All we need is your address. Join us and help us meet our goal of making these awards an annual helping hand to our college-bound seniors.***

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