

# Cohoes High School Alumni Association *Newsletter*



View of Main Entrance from Parking Lot

THE NEW FACE OF COHOES HIGH SCHOOL

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Pat Lysogorski Reu, Arianna Grego Hirschman, Joyce Palka Vellutino and Rose Cuchot Zandri welcoming guests to the Annual Alumni Picnic.

## 2012 Alumni Picnic

At Van Schaick Country Club Catered  
by Shaun P's

The venue was great, the weather was outstanding and the guests were pleased that they attended the Thirteenth Annual Alumni Picnic.

The pavillion by the pool is a nice spot with cover to get out of the sun or catch a few rays. A pleasant day was spent reminiscing with classmates from both CHS and KMA. The turnout was a mixture of classes from both our schools. Judy and Shaun did a great job of providing good food, drink and a pleasant venue.



**The class of 57.** Front row: Alice Brooks Vautrin, Fred Anderson, Carolyn Marino Jarvis, Emily Mendel Kosek, Barbara Turpin Shipman, Doris Patregnani Surzyn, Judy Smith Williams. Rear: Charles Prock, Tom Dame, Roy Macaulay, Carol Darwak Paskin and Rose Marino Whinnery.



Keveny Guests. Front: Rita Noel Cassidy '55, Jean Rainville Vox, Irene Palka Glasheen '58' Marge Catman Truax and Don Gendron '56. rear: Julie Mahoney McMahon, Mary Jane Catman Foley, Alice Trahan Le Page '55 and Dennis Glasheen.

## President's Corner

President's Message.

Greetings from Cohoes, our home town. This morning was just a pleasant Sunday, we escaped the blizzard, and I was doing my usual, reading the Times Union before I prepared for my day.



I planned on doing my article for this edition of the newsletter about Cohoes. The Times Union beat me to it!

The article started with "There's the wrong way and there's the Cohoes way". The Advocate, Chris Churchill wrote a glowing article about our city and the latest businesses to Choose Cohoes, Raven's Head Brewing Co. and its purchase of The Cohoes Armory and Dennis Holzman Antiques.

He quoted Dennis Holzman, who stated that one of the reasons he chose Cohoes was the support of the businesses and the Mayor.

There was also a glowing review of Smith's of Cohoes complete with a great picture of the signature carrot cake and a history of the restaurant and "Big" Mike Smith.

There are more luxury apartments being renovated at The Lofts at Harmony Mills and we have two new apartment complexes, Water View on the site of Lenehan's Field, Van Schaick Island and The City Lofts on Saratoga Street. Cohoes is becoming a bedroom community with businesses preparing to serve the ever growing population.

Once again, our community will join New York State to celebrate Heritage Days. The events in Cohoes will be on June 8th and 9th. Events are being planned by the Spindle City Historic Society and the DAR at the Van Schaick Mansion. The Cohoes Artist's Showcase will have an Arts Festival on June 7 and 8th. On Saturday, June 8th there will be an antique appraisal event hosted by Dennis Holzman and Mark Lawson.

Other events are being planned such as the opening of the Overlook at Cohoes Falls May 5th with activities planned by Brookfield. If you have not been to the new Overlook at the Cohoes Falls, it is a must see.

The Cohoes Library's famous Bake, Book and Bloom sale will be May 18th and the Mastodon Challenge Race will be on May 19th.

There is a lot going on in the City of Cohoes. I have always been happy to be here and it is great to welcome new people as I cherish the community I have known.

Hope to see you soon in Cohoes, the Community that Cares.

**Barbara McDonald, President**

## Treasurer's Corner

We continue to be amazed and pleased by the response this newsletter produces. As you can see below, the alumni of Cohoes High School react with outstanding generosity. Donations and dues fund an evening of awards that is almost unequaled at any other school in the Capitol District. Many of the schools are much larger and some are "wealthier". None are more generous!

The Alumni Awards totaled \$22,000 in 2012. This amount was tripled by Awards given by other entities. Fraternal, Fire and Police organizations and individual donors too numerous to mention, present awards for two hours.

Thank you all!

**Bill Reu**

### Treasurer's 2012 Year End Report

<u>Saving &amp; Checking Balance Forward Jan. 1/12</u>	\$62,202.64
2012 Dues	1,410.00
2012 Donations	23,095.00
2012 Annual Picnic	3043.00
2012 Apparel Sales	236.00
	<u>\$27,784.00</u>

### Disbursements and expenses from checking:

Annual awards	\$20,850.00
Annual picnic expenses	2,305.33
Apparel purchases & Insignia	218.90
Newsletter printing, preparation and postage by Albany Times Union	4028.12
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$27,392.35</b>

### Assets on December 31, 2012

Passbook balance on 12/31/12	\$63,219.94
Checking balance 12/31/12	963.53
Deposit to Ukrainian Club Park	50.00
<u>Apparel in inventory</u>	<u>319.29</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,552.72</b>

### CD's on deposit First Niagara Bank YTD-INT Balance

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT		
Madelon K. Hickey Scholarship Fund	514.55	\$15,331.37
Shirley Ashley Kirk Award Fund	140.38	\$ 21,738.81
<b>ASSETS in saving and checking</b>		<u>\$ 64,552.72</u>

**TOTAL ASSETS 12/31/2012**

**\$ 101,622.90**

**Hickey CD is earning 3.5% and will not mature until 2015. the Kirk CD is earning 1% and will mature in 2014. The committee continues to work on a strategy for improving the alumni awards and insuring their continuance for the foreseeable future.**

**William Reu, Treasurer**

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**Donations made from August thru December  
2012 in honor of, or in memory of  
classmates, friends & loved ones.**

**Donated by:**

Dorothy Archambeault  
Eleanor Grant Barkley '59  
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**In memory or honor of:**

George R. Archambeault '50  
Deceased Classmates '59  
Deceased Classmates '59  
Johnny White  
Ethel Reepmeyer Bold  
Anthony Connelly  
Ed Len '53  
Lorraine Simard Hobbs  
Gwen Chevalier Hatter '57  
Donald Brandt '45  
Father T.K. Flannigan KMA  
Elizabeth Chydleur Burke '50

Deceased Classmates '53  
My good friend "YOGI"

Deceased Classmates '48

Marjorie Donk Award  
Leo "Hack" Charbonneau '53  
Marjorie Donk Award  
Deceased Classmates '59  
Classmates 1949  
Arthur & Florida Fontaine  
Jean (Geneva) Burke  
Deceased; Classmates '56  
Ned Curran '51  
Tom Glodich'51

Classmates 1942  
Vincent DeChiaro  
Classmates 1953  
Deceased Classmates '52  
Ralph & Carola Falato  
John Disch Sr.  
Donald Duclos Award  
Jeanne Tessier Bartnick  
Jean Stay Wells '55  
Charles (Bud) Ellett '46  
Dr. Metro Myresko  
Anne Kendrick Jarosz '56

Doris Friedel Bradley'42 &  
Carol Friedel Boyd '54  
Loretta Santarcangelo  
Santoro '51  
Van Schaick School Alumni  
Charles Riley '52  
Mildred Donk Award  
Deceased Classmates '48

Deceased Classmates'54&'55  
Fred Julian  
Deceased Classmates '49  
Roy Hervieux & Helen  
Berlin '53  
Honor of Michael Cassella  
Mildred Donk Award  
Beatrice Poinset Award

**Donations Continued**

Joan Holman '48\*\*  
Delores Goncharuk Hubert '55

Jim Jadlos '55  
Joan Del Ra Jones '51  
Fran Santoro Kellog '78

Fran Guzek Krawczyk '47  
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Robert Lefebvre '58  
Chuck Malley '52  
Barbara Marra McDonald '53  
Robert Minnich '46  
Shirley Monohan '48\*\*  
Leona Wagner Murray'39  
Art Nolan '70  
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Michael Shevchick '43  
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Francis Roberts '57  
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Arlene Ghetti Sorriento '59  
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Helen & Bob Stopera '48\*\*  
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Joan Weisenforth Tolles '50  
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Judith Gorsky Van Campen '59  
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Sophie Voytilia '48\*\*  
Carole Smolak Walsh '55  
Millie Humik Weismann '57

Mildred Donk Award  
Russell Goncharuk '59  
Adelle Krupski Falconio '57  
Joe Koval '55  
Del Ra & Jones Families  
Loretta Santarcangelo  
Santoro '51  
Classmates 1947  
John Craner '55  
Deceased Classmates '58  
Charles Riley '52  
Tessie Guba Campana '54  
Steve Postolowsky  
Mildred Donk Award  
Albert L. Murray '37  
Laurie Nolan '81  
Janice Connors  
Larry Donlon  
Janice Di Cicco  
The Patregnani Family  
Mildred Donk Award  
Mildred Donk Award  
Mary Russo Archambeault

"Ace" & Blanche Drummond  
"Doc Isles"  
Jim Lacy  
Classmates 1941  
Jean Hebert Messier '55  
Harry W McDonald '32  
Tessie Guba Campana '54  
Deceased Classmates '57  
Mary Russo Archambeault

Louise Schermerhorn  
Marion Schermerhorn  
Deceased CHS Alumni  
Richard Shipman '51  
Ronald (Rock) Ghetti '53  
Neil Keefe KMA  
Mildred Donk Award  
Classmates 1945  
Sara Lees Fac CHS  
Eleanor Rettinger  
Deceased Classmates '48  
Deceased Classmates '59  
Deceased Classmates '57  
Mildred Don Award  
Deceased Classmates '55  
Classmates 1957

Names followed by asterisks\*\* denote a donaton collected at the Class of 1948 Luncheon. Thank you.

**Donors Beware !**

**A "SITE" called Cohoes Alumni is on the internet seeking new members. They are urging Cohoes Alumni to join before the dues increase to \$25.00.**

**We are not sure who manages this site or where the money goes. Please be sure they are legitimate before you send your money or credit information to anyone at "Cohoes Alumni" on the internet.**

**Please accept our sincere apologies if you have donated in memory of friend or loved one and your donation was not acknowledged. Please look for your memorial in the following issue of the newsletter.**

# The Mastodon Challenge 2013

## Can you survive? They didn't



Fellow Alumni,

Every great community needs special events that draw residents together, entice visitors to visit, promote local businesses, and feature area attractions. On May 19, 2013 - the 144th anniversary of its founding - May 19, 1869 - the City of Cohoes will hold the "Mastodon Challenge" 15K Race, 5K Run/Walk and Kid's Fun Run. These signature races return following the highly successful 2012 inaugural event-but with a different name. The new name better characterizes the nature of the race and reflects the feedback from last year's participants. The race course continues to show off the best of Cohoes, highlighting the history, recreation, business, culture and community of Cohoes.

N.H. Kelman Scrap Recycling also returns as our Gold Sponsor for the races. And this year, for our less competitive age group, we've added the Kid's Fun Run.

Two worthwhile local organizations will be helped. The 15K race proceeds will benefit the Cohoes Multi-Service Senior Citizen Center to help fulfill its mission "to promote the dignity of older adults living in the community and to provide programs and services needed to support their living healthy and productive lives." The 5K race proceeds will benefit the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program in Cohoes to help provide learning support to as many children and families as possible.

The race committee, made up of Alumni from CHS, is once again looking to partner with local businesses, schools, organizations and motivated citizens. Hundreds of participants, from professional runners to aspiring athletes and young children are expected for these races. If you are a business owner, we invite you to take advantage of this exceptional advertising and promotional opportunity as a sponsorship participant. Expose your business in newspaper and media advertising, T-shirts, posters, website, vendor spaces and much more.

Your financial support will assure the success and high quality of this event, and allow substantial proceeds to be invested back into local nonprofits. Benefit details of all sponsorship levels can be found on the website [www.mastodonchallenge.com](http://www.mastodonchallenge.com) under the sponsorship tab. For sponsorship inquiries contact Pam (Johnston) Barrall (CHS'79) at 518-527-0453.

We are also in need of volunteers. The 2 race routes wind through the city of Cohoes and require as many helpers to guide the runners as possible - to insure their safety on the routes. Two-thirds of the runners last year were from outside of Cohoes and weren't familiar with the surroundings. The volunteers provided much needed and welcomed guidance to all who participated. For volunteer inquiries, contact Lisa (Tompkins) Osorio (CHS '79) at 518-281-3253.

We hope you join us for this worthwhile community event and look forward to working with you on the "Mastodon Challenge." In advance, we thank you for your support.

### Some important information from the 2012 races:

Race Distance	9:15 15K - 9.3 miles
	9:30 5K - 3.1 miles
Pre -Registered Runners	188
Same Day Registrants	61
Total Both Races	249
Volunteers	100 (+) from local schools and organizations

#### Route Information

Race began at the Monuments by Craner Park, ran past the former Harmony Mills, through the downtown business district, to George Street Park and Lock of the Erie Canal, onto the Bike Path, by Lansing School, the Cohoes Middle School, through West End Park, to the Cohoes High School, by Berkeley Park, by Greenbrier Park and finally, to the bike path leading back to the Majestic Cohoes Falls and the finish line!

Sponsors - 1 Gold Sponsor (\$5000) 10 Silver Sponsors (\$1000) 37 Bronze Sponsors (\$250). Full Sponsor List can be found on website at [www.mastodonchallenge.com](http://www.mastodonchallenge.com)

<b>Money Raised</b>	<b>\$25,616.25</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,781.25</b>
<b>Donations to:</b>	
<b>UPK -</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>Cohoes Multi Service Senior Center -</b>	<b>\$ 8,000</b>
	<b><u>\$13,000</u></b>
<b>Seed Money Remaining for 2013</b>	<b>\$ 3,835</b>





## Aprils Poem



### Prayer to the Water at the Falls

I watch as you move on to your destiny  
So sure of where it is you are going  
I wish to be like you

There is no hesitation as you roar your delight  
While sliding over the cleansing cliffs and rocks  
I watch as you move onto your destiny

Your watery force brings life anew  
To the cities and villages you flow through  
I wish to be like you

#### About April.

April Kennedy is a 5th generation Cohoesier and 1965 CHS alumna, Councilwoman for the 1st Ward, Member of the CHS Alumni Association Board of Directors. April is a very busy lady. Her love for the Cohoes Falls may stem from her being able to step onto the rear deck of her family home on North Reservoir Street and have an almost unobstructed view of the Falls. She has been inspired by their never-ending beauty and majesty her entire life. She is a member of the Cohoes Library Writing Workshop. This was the incentive for writing her poem.

"Remembering Josepha", a vocal tribute to her mother, was aired on Northeast Public Radio this past Mother's Day. April is a voice artist and water color artist who loves to travel the world.

She narrated "Over the Falls" a beautiful nine-minute video produced by the Friends of Cohoes Falls. The Video may be watched at [www.friendsofcohoesfalls.org](http://www.friendsofcohoesfalls.org).

#### The Legend of the Falls

The Cohoes Falls is indeed one of the Iroquois Nations most sacred sites, discovered by the indigenous Mohawk Tribe. It is said that in the thirteenth or fourteenth century, The Great Peacemaker, Deganaweda experienced a vision of Iroquois Confederacy on that spot with the tribes coming in peace.

You are always there and yet never remain  
You eternally fascinate reminding all of time passing  
I watch as you move onto your destiny

Your landing and pounding on the river bed  
Continuously sings praise to your maker  
I wish to be like you

Where is your source, there appears to be no ending  
Is it as moving as you are  
I watch as you move onto your destiny  
I wish to be like you

April Kennedy CHS 1965

The legend tells of the naming of the falls as told in a longer version on the Cohoes.org site.

"Once long before the white man came, the land of the rivers and trees was free. Life was good, the Great Spirit smiled, peace reigned the wilderness. The brave hunted and the squaws labored, as was the way.

Once a young maiden, the beautiful daughter of a chief and the pride of the tribe, was working at the river bank. She tired in the heat of day and sought the shade of a bark canoe riding at the water's edge. She sat and quickly fell into a deep sleep from which no motion of the craft would wake her. The canoe slipped from the mooring, was caught quickly by the rivers swift current, and glided silently toward the white water at the brink of the Falls. The rapids and the tumbling water's roar woke the slumbering maiden. She screamed to no advantage and attempted unsuccessfully to right the canoe's course. Finally, she resigned herself to her fate. Death at the Falls edge. The mist covered her, the falls claimed her, and no remains were ever found. The tribe mourned it's loss and all marked this place, for a princess, the daughter of a warrior died there. All called the place Coho, the place of the "Falling Canoe".



### 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 seek 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 it's second book "Cohoes Revisited." It is available at several locations including, Marra's Pharmacy, in Cohoes. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the book or receiving the quarterly newsletter, contact **Danielle Cherniak** at [cherniak@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cherniak@nycap.rr.com) or **237-5618** or [www.spindlecitcity.org](http://www.spindlecitcity.org). They are at The Visitors Center at 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, NY 12047. Stop at our meetings.

*2012 Annual Cohoes High School Alumni Picnic*



front: Barbara Turpin Shipman '56 Sheila Farrigan, & Jan Restifo Macaulay '56. Rear: Judy Smith Williams '56 and Helen Rusiecki Boivin '55.



front: Anne McAteer Cavosie, Roger Bisailon, Millie McGork Girard & Marilyn Duprey Dame. rear: Bob Cavosie, Marcia Delisle Hajeck, Bea Prudhomme Girard, Paul Girard, Pat McAteer Clarke, Larry Girard, Tom Dame & Don Clifford.



Marge Goode Klippel '54, Bill Reu '55 and Joan Kopcza Andrejko '54 at the raffle table.



Jean Cardegna Bouleris '54, Barbara Marra McDonald '53, Tessie Guba Campana '54 in the rear Marge Goode Klippel '54



Joan Fontaine Seguin '52, Dee Muraski DesChamps '52, Jeanne Ayotte Beaulne '52, Grace Bartolomeo Brennan '51 and standing Yolanda Bartolomeo Romeo '52.



Tom Boivin LSI, Tom Carter '61, Judy Smith Williams '56 and Sheila Farrigan KMA

The Class of 1962 held their 50th Reunion celebration on September 15, 2012 at the Cohoes-Waterford Elks Club on North Mohawk Street in Cohoes. Class members enjoyed an evening of reminiscing with old friends. They are looking forward to gathering again for their 55th reunion. Millie and Jack will be planning for it before you know it..



Faith Linen Best ,62 & Maureen Griffin Maswich '62



Allan and Karen Oleson Kugler '62



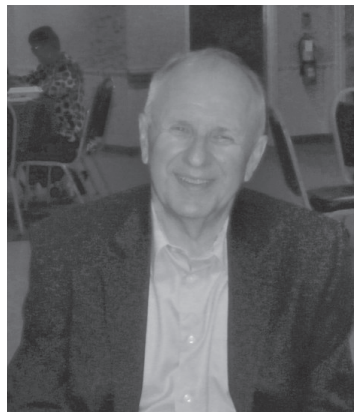
Frances Renas '62 and John Dahoda '62



Marge Rajczewski '62 and John Mendel '62



John Piwnica '62



Joh Renas '62



Karl Brandt '62 and Jack Rajczewski '57



Jim Best '62 and Pat Dinelle Dahoda '62

## More Class of 1962 Photos



Doris Patregnani Surzyn '62 and  
Mary Anne Patregnani Obzud '64



Louise Ceccucci Brady '62, Ed Curtis and  
Janet Prouty Curtis '62



Jim Dibble '62, Millie Humik Weismann '62  
and Lenore Serfilipi Littlejohn '62

We will be glad to assist you in planning your reunions. Please contact us when doing your mailing. We may be able to assist you in finding addresses for classmates, finding venues, photographing your party or events. Our E-mail addresses and phone numbers are on page 12 of this letter.

Bill Reu

## More Alumni Picnic Photos



Martha Partak Fitzgerald '55, Tom & Helen  
Boivin '55 and Mick Miranda '55



Judy Smith Williams '56,  
Ginny Smith Charbonneau '48 and Joan Holman '48



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



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 Gray or Blue sweatshirt with hood, embroidered first name, class and CHS tiger or KMA logo  
Size- S, M, L, XL\_ Blue \_\_\_ Gray \_\_\_ @\$27.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



Pullover style gray sweatshirt embroidered with first name, class CHS tiger and logo  
Size- S, M, L, XL \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

CHS blue polo shirt embroidered tiger no name or class

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

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

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

Keveny Memorial Academy Logo on any sweatshirt  
Sorry no picture.  
They can be seen at Marra's



Cohoes or Keveny Memorial Academy Logo on blue tee shirt.

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

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

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



CHS Alumni "5" inch magnetic bumperstick mailed to your home \_\_\_\_\_ @\$4.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Blue Baseball Cap one size fits all CHS logo and tiger \_\_\_\_\_ @\$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Shirt & Hat Orders shipped by Priority mail to your home. S & H \$6.00

Total enclosed for apparel ordered \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Embroidered First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Second shirt: First name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ ST. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail with check or money order to: CHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 229, Cohoes NY. 12047**

## Upcoming Class Local & Alumni Events

### ANNUAL MEETING MAY 9, 2013

*The Board of Directors and all interested members of the alumni are invited to attend the Annual Meeting at 74 Grant Street, Cohoes, NY at 6:30 PM. The Alumni Association is an organization dedicated to the goal of raising money to help our seniors with college expenses. Business is taken care of along with a lot of good-hearted banter. Come join us. Serve on our Board of Directors. Guaranteed it is more fun than work. RSVP to Barbara McDonald at (518)237-9645 or (518)-720-3140.*

Cohoes Day in Florida, Wednesday, March 13, 2013. Pavillion #1 at Simmonds Park will be available to us all day until 5:30 PM. Ruskin is 20 miles south of Tampa and 25 miles north of Bradenton on US 19. Camping and motel facilities are nearby. Day use fees are \$2.00 per car. For more info or directions, call Jean at (941)722-0930 or e-mail [jmauger34221@yahoo](mailto:jmauger34221@yahoo).

**The Out to Lunch Bunch** Alumni members still get together at noon, the second Wednesday of each month for an informal lunch from October through June. Come join us and bring a friend. Renew old acquaintances and help us to plan new alumni events. The venue for the rest of the year is yet to be decided. **Contact Barbara at 518 720-3140 or Rose at 518-237-3435 for time and place.**

**The 1953 Class Reunion:** The Cohoes High Class of 1953 is planning their 60th Class Reunion for Saturday Sept. 7th, 2013. The event will take place at The Van Schaick Island Country Club in the evening. The planning committee is Yolanda Romeo, Anne Shields, Lorraine DeFruscio, Joyce Lemrow, Shirley Gibson, and Barbara McDonald. Further details will be forthcoming. **Please save the date.**

**Classes of '43 '45** The Cohoes High School Classes of 1943 thru 1945 are planning a reunion June 12, 2013, at Shaun P's Restaurant, at the Van Schaick Country Club in Cohoes, NY. The event will start at 12:30 PM with lunch being served at 1:00 PM. Members of all classes of CHS are welcome to join us. The menu will include a choice of Turkey, Beef or Salmon Entrees, soup or salad and dessert. Tax and tip are included for \$17.00.

**Contact before June 5, 2013: Thelma Mossey Felock at 237-3940, Tom Malesky at 695-5541, Jane Lavin Choiniere at 279-9565 or Anna Mae Monast Furlani at 695-4914.**

**The Class of 1958** would like to begin planning their 55th reunion. Suggested plans are for a week-end long reunion ending with a day at the Alumni Picnic. **Contact Gerald Colley at [dijer@att.net](mailto:dijer@att.net)**

**The Class of 1978** would like to begin planning it's 35th Class Reunion for late summer or Fall, 2013. Frances Santoro Kellogg is working on finding and contacting classmates. Anyone interested in helping her with planning this event would be welcomed. You can contact Fran at [skflakes@aol.com](mailto:skflakes@aol.com) or **phone at 518-281-9443**

**Class of 1979** [www.cohoesclassof79.com](http://www.cohoesclassof79.com) or E-mail Bob Smith at [Taekwondoc14@aol.com](mailto:Taekwondoc14@aol.com)  
Bob has set up this website so that classmates would have an easy and convenient way to keep track of events taking place between reunions. Visit the site and see pictures from the last two reunions.

Annual Cabin Fever 2013, was held Friday, January 28th, at Ukrainian Club on Pulaski Ave. in Cohoes. St Jude's Childrens' Hospital benefits from this evening of music and dancing. We appologize because this announcement was too late in helping this great cause. Contact Mari or Joe Primeau at 518-237-5712 to donate or help with the event for 2014.

*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.*

# Bill's Memoirs

The death of Fred Freije jogged my memories of the employers I have had the privilege to work for starting with Mr. Mealey who lived on the corner of Younglove and Grant. I mowed his lawn. I loved to mow, but hated to rake, which he insisted was part of the job. My next job was with George Ryer. He printed a sports card which reported all the latest Major League Baseball Scores. At that time, there were only about 8 teams in each league. These was in a column in the center of the card. Columns on either side were devoted to local business's advertisements. The main



reason for the card was that it was the best source for the "Daily Mutual Number". The card was legal. The numbers takers were not. Every grocery, mill and bar either wrote numbers or had a person who wrote them. It was a six day a week job with twenty six stops through the middle of the city. Two other boys delivered them, in the Orchard and the Hill and another in the Island area. George was a good employer who paid us well. Thomas E. Dewey closed down the numbers operation along with the one armed bandits that could be found in every grocery, tavern and store in the late forties.

My next employer was St. Agnes' Church. Being one of the bigger boys (Harold Flavin was the tallest), it was necessary for someone to go to the basement twice a day to feed coal to the boilers in the school, the church and the convent. I gladly took on this duty as it allowed me to leave the classroom for twenty minutes or so to stoke the boilers. Also, on Saturday, I dusted the pews and dust mopped the floors of the church, vestibule and chapel. No one was allowed inside the altar rail but the priests, nuns and the Altar Society Ladies. When the St Agnes' Canteen was begun, cleaning the bleachers and dusty mopping there were added to my duties. This allowed me to attend the Canteen when I was in the eighth grade. Canteen rules allowed that no one younger than high schoolers could attend. "Another Perk"

My next employer was Miron Floor Covering on White Street, about where the Black Cat is now located. Marcel Miron was a neighbor of mine on Columbia Street. He took me next door to the showroom and introduced me to what looked like a huge mess. My job was to sort and stack a large variety of floor and wall tile that was returned from the jobs by our workers or our customers. I'm not sure I ever got it all straightened out. It taught me patience and I learned a little about tiling walls and floors from Barney, Frenchie and Bill Miron. Also, because I took Retailing I with "Prof. Carter" it allowed me to leave in the afternoon to do practical work at a retail store.

In my sophomore year, I met Joe Freije. Joe would let me drive the truck and ride with him when he delivered orders for the family store. The Freijes were a wonderful large family. Always a smile and a good word. Joe left to take HVAC at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica. I replaced Joe at the store for the remainder of my high school years. Again, I was able to leave school while taking Retailing 2 to work afternoons at the market. Fred Sr. & Mary Freije, parents of George, Charlie, Margaret, Phil, Teresa, Fred Jr., Joe and the youngest Mary Freije, were wonderful friends and employers.

The United States Coast Guard was my next employer. I was a reservist since my junior year and went on active duty few months after graduation. The first year and a half was spent at Captain of the Port, New York City. My second year and a half was at Watervliet Light Attendant Station which was across Broadway from the Main Gate of the Arsenal. I lived at home and took the bus to work each day. Weekends, we checked the station and boat and signed the log. Good duty.

Donald Riberdy Sr. and Jr. kept me in gas money and taught me something about mechanical work. That was my part time job while I worked in the office for P. S. Dubrey. My next employer was Eastern Freightways. Many a night was spent unloading trucks at the dock till enough seniority was earned to deliver to the local merchants. After 10 years, I left for a line haul driver for Red Star Express in Glenmont. Twenty years and 2 million miles later convinced me to take a well deserved retirement in 1994.

Marriage to Pat and raising our two great daughters was my next and most important job. I must admit that Pat did most of the raising as my work included long hours and sleeping most of the day. This year will mark our fiftieth anniversary. These were good years. Christine Reu is married to Bill Donlon. They reside in Clifton Park and their son Keegan is a sophomore at Eastman School of Music. Sheila Reu resides in Broken Arrow, OK. She is a single parent and has two sons Garret Dudeck who is a freshman at Community College of Tulsa and Perrin Dudeck who is a freshman in high school.

My friends were always there for me. I always came back to Cohoes when I needed help or support. I guess the moral here is that I worked for some great people who gave me a good work ethic. Although they are all gone on to their eternal rewards, I for one, will not forget them. I hope that our grads will have the same opportunities.

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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.

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