

Class of 2016 Awards at Cohoes Middle School and Awards Night At Cohoes HIgh School

It's morning, June 23, 2016. Where do the years go? Barbara Marra Mcdonald '52 and I, class of '55, are walking down the hallway that used to lead to the girl's locker room and Home Economic rooms. It now leads to a fine gymnasium and auditorium. I comment that this area used to be our tennis courts. In this day and age I guess no one will be impressed except for myself and Barbara. That is because we remember the old gymnasium that was a converted pool. Basketball in this gym required some rock climbing talent as there was only two feet between the basket and the brick wall on either end. Neither team had a player who could stop that fast. A heavy mat saved bones but left bruises on those who chose to charged in for a lay-up. Our old school was renovated and expanded some years back. It has served the city of Cohoes well for almost 100 years and will be the scene of many more commencement ceremonies.

Barbara and I are here to present two Community Service awards to Amya Sousis and Kiersten Tague. We feel privileged to be invited to be part of this ceremony. Our award is among many presented for outstanding student and community efforts and projects over the years sponsored by organizations and businesses. Congratulations CHS Middle School Class of 2016. cont'd on page 5



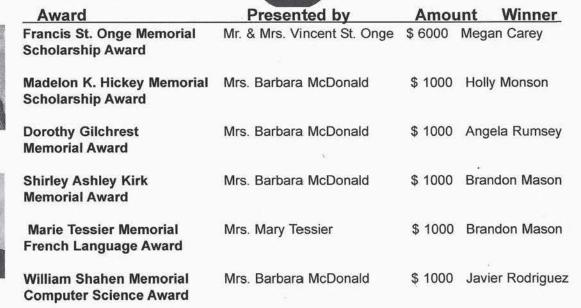








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above; Bill Reu & Vince St. Onge Below I.to r. Mrs. Barbara McDonald, Mrs. Sue Shanahan, John Shea Daly & Mrs. Sandy Shea.



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<u>Awards Night at and Reception at CHS</u> After lunch and a rest period, we joined the presenters for a light lunch in the room adjoining the main office at the High School. June Sweeney Pingelski '77 and Arianna Greco Hirschman'77 shared duties for arranging

this get together and did a first class job.

Thank yous also goes to Donna Trembley and Brianna Patrick for a super job on the program and the graphics display.

Mrs. Lynn Koval and Mrs. Mary Grimaldi

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Principal Bryan Wood welcomed Superintendent Jennifer Spring, Cohoes Mayor Shawn Morse. Following a choral selection from "Afterbeat", Assistant Principal Thomas Kostrzebski & Megan Beauchamp helped distribute medals for High Honor and Honors recipients.

Over 95 award categories(totalling more than \$60,000), 35 originating with the Alumni Association (totalling more than\$27,000) were presented.

This was our twentieth year doing the Awards Night. Principal Rajczak was not with us this year. We missed him. Congratulations to Principal Wood and his staff on a job well done. Looking forward to 2017. Bill Reu

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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 mid 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 next newsletter. Please let us know if it is not published and check the following edition.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Thursday evening, June wonderful 23rd was а evening for the CHS alumni. Thanks for your support. The alumni presented awards totaling \$27,000. We are so



grateful to all of you for your continuing support. We could not exist without your support.

We are very happy to inform you that some alumni from classes of the 60's and 70's have joined our ranks on the Alumni board. It is so important to be able to have people we can depend on to fill our ranks as we move our association on to the future. Joyce Palka Vellutino '54 Anyone interested in helping is more than welcome to join. Just let us know.

Our winter mailing was huge and we decided to send everything first class for the first time in all these years. We received over 400 returns! Some were duplicates, wrong addresses or zip codes and others were just that people had moved.

Having just moved myself, I realize how difficult it is to remember to notify everyone. Since we were doing doing bulk mail for the local region, we never got the returns from people in the area.

If you know of anyone that has moved and does not get the newsletter, please let us know. I can be contacted by email at bmcdona1@nycap.rr.com, phone 518-237-9645, and my mailing address is 60 Simmons Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047.

The newsletter will be available on line at R37P42@aol com Please put CHS news in Subject.

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We look forward to seeing you Sept. 18th at the Ukrainian Park at our annual picnic.

We have a new caterer. Babes Restaurant from Bedford Street cooking. We always look forward to seeing our classmates and old friends. As I always say, "it is always good weather when good friends get together".

So, please call your friends and join us. It will be especially nice to see you! Barb Mcdonald

Planning a reunion for your class? 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.

The Spindle City Historical Society

The Society has published it's third 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 guarterly newsletter, please contact Danielle Cherniak at cherniak@nycap.rr.com or 237-5618 or www.spindlecity.org. Monthly meetings are held at The Visitors Center at 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, NY 12047. Subscribe to the "snail mail or e-mail version of their newsletter.

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COHOES AREA DAY IN FLORIDA, Wednesday, March 9, 2017

Pavilion #1 in Simmons Park, Ruskin, Florida has been tentatively reserved for this date 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 Tom Carter @ (518)-237-6322 or 813-788-8059, Bill Donlon @ (813)-779-1419 or e-mail wdonlon@earthlink.net to receive more information. Put "Picnic" on subject line

Editors note:

Cohoes Day in Florida occurs after or newsletter is mailed. Here are a few pictures from last winter. It is a good time and a nice meeting of friends that don't see each other during the year. Come up to Ruskin to Simmons County Park in Florida and bring a lunch and a chair. Bill Reu



Ron Lanoue '56 waiting at the table to pick up his door prize



Lynn De Long Hanging with John Mendel and his friend. Pat Reu looks on.



Anne Marie Faniff Charland, Don Charland '55 and Frank Lanoue'49

Cohoes Day in Florida The "CAHOOS" Tribe gathered by the Great Tampa Bay. Perfect weather prevailed. 50/50 winnings were claimed along with a variety of items rescued from one of the local flea markets. Everyone took home a prize.

It's a bring your own drinks and lunch affair so complaining about the food was not an option.

Outstanding time thanks to the Carter's and Donlons and everyone who helped



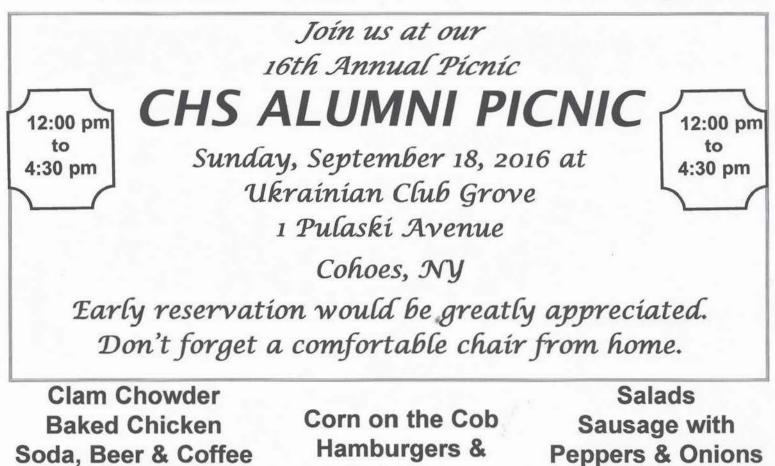
Simmons Park in Ruskin

left and below: Pavillion #1at Tom Carter and Bill Donlon acted as Emceesfor the day.





Catered by Babe's Catering Service Sorry we can't do clams this year.



Hot Dogs

Peppers & Onions

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Dessert Cookies compliments of Golden Krust Bagels of Latham

\$24.00 Prepay by Sept. 10, 2016

RESERVATION FORMS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM OUR ON LINE NEWSLETTER AT COHOES.ORG OR CALL 518-235-1402

Reservations & Checks for The Alumni Picnic only:

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The Classes of 1956 Cohoes High and Keveny Memorial Academy

The combined slasses of 1956 are happy to announce they have completed plans for their 60th Reunion. A full week-end of events is planned for the week of September 16th through the 18th. The dinner event will be held at the Century House, Rt.9 Latham, on September 16, 2016. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM with Hors D"oeuvres and a cash bar. Beef, Chicken or Vegetarian Entrees are available. Saturday will be an open day with some shopping, some meeting at the Roosevelt Baths in Saratoga for some pampering and others meeting for Lunch at a place of their choice. The group will meet Saturday evening at Bailey's Cafe. Festivities will conclude at the CHS-KMA Alumni Picnic at Ukrainian Park on Sunday September 18.2016 from 12:00 to 4:30 PM. <u>Bring your favorite chair.</u>

Ed Rourke1@aol.com or 518-893-0026, Bob & Anne Cavosie: acavosie@nycap.rr.com,518-235-8857, Barbara Turpin Shipman, 518-644-2223 or Alice Brooks Vautrin, 518-899-4068, Fred Anderson:motherpat3@aol.com, 518-644-2223

Make all dinner checks payable to: Cohoes High Class of 56. Mail them to Carol Darwak Paskin 420 Vliet Blvd Cohoes NY 12047

Cohoes High School- Keveny Memorial Academy Class of '76, 40-year Reunion

The Combined Classes of 1976 will hold their 40-year reunion on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 6-11 PM at the Elks Lodge in Cohoes. Buffet dinner, beer/wine/soda, music by Harmony Rocks.

Although the reunion committee made every effort to contact all of our classmates, please spread the word in any way you can - together we can reach 100% of us this time. Registration began in the spring and is limited to the first 140 registrants, due to the Lodge's seating capacity. Register soon to assure your seat at a table!

For more information on pricing and menu choices, contact Steve Rock (865-621-2373; steve_rock_0916@yahoo.com) or Debra Lehner Nier (917-371-4873; Debra Nier@aol.com).

Keveny Memorial Academy Class of 1966 50 Year Reunion.

Will hold their reunion at the Mohawk Club, 1849 Union Street, Niskayuna NY on September 17, 2016. Additional information is available from Tom Zych at 518-664-5795, Tony (William) Bourassa P.O Box 542, Round Lake NY 12151 or on "Facebook" page at KMA Class of 66 reunion

| <u>"The B</u> | unch" have suspended luncheon for the Summer. They will |
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| The ` | resume again at Noon on the second Wednesday of October 2016 |
| Out to Lunch Bunch. | <u>"The Out to Lunch Bunch"</u> meet every second Wednesday of the month, October through June at Smith's Restaurant on Remsen Street, Smith's at Van Schaick Island Country Club or Babe's Restaurant on Bedford Street. The venue is rotated monthly. A varied light lunch menu is available. Please, if you do decide to attend, call and to see where the luncheon will be held. Call Barbara at 518-237-9645 or Rose at 518-237-3435 |



"The St. Rita's Boys" This group have been together since childhood. *at left*: Bill Biel, Bob Dubrey, Bill Reu and Ron Sausville. at rt rear: Cort Seguin Mick Miranda, John Prock & Lloyd McOmber. at frt. to rt.: Bill Reu, Bob Dubrey, & Ron Sausville. Missing from the group, Rich Allegrezza, Tom Wallace, Chuck Malley, Ron Normandin, Dan McAlonie & Frank Melrose. Arnie Radliff and Tito Manoni Have passed on.

The "St. Rita's Girls" were also present when hanging around the church steps or the shady side of the church. Barbara Turpin Shipman, Judy Smith Williams, Deanna Berkman, Nancy Kurls, & Jan Restifo Macaulay & Beverly Goodness. Jan recently passed onand bev has long been in California for many years. The field in back of the church was home to a lot of soft ball games. Carlson's Pool and Lansings Pool were crowded in the summer. Skating was the favorite pastme in the cold months.

We went on to high school together, did our time in the armed services, married and raised families. We still have found time to get together. Members of the class of1955 have held a reunion every five years. Recently we attended our thirteenth reunion.

Like all classes from our era, attendance has ebbed. We will still hold our seventieth reunion in 2020. "The good lord willing".

Bill Reu

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<u>Keveny Memorial Academy & Cohoes High School tee shirts</u> and sweatshirts are 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 <u>first name</u> 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.





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A LOOK BACK TO 2005 Friends Reacquaint at Reunion



The following article was written by R.W. Groneman of the Troy Record Newspaper and published on September 19, 2005. Photos taken by Tom Killips. *left*:Bill Reu laughs as he *below*: Alice Vautrin '56 back to the camera, listens to a story at the greets Rose Marino Whinnery with a hug at the Cohoes High Alumni Picnic CHS Alumni picnic.

Jean Tessier Bartnick, Bill Reu's typing teacher at CHS would be proud. I'm a guy who failed typing. She made

me take it over again." Reu said Sunday at the annual picnic of the CHS Alumni Association."Later on I picked up Quark on the computer and now here is "Joe Truckdriver" putting out two newsletters a year for 2,500 people." About 160 turned out Sunday for the



barbecue and clam chowder, for the reminiscences and the camaraderie, according to Reu, Class of '55 and Treasurer for the organization.

Must of the alum represent the older alumni of CHS. "We're just starting to attract the classes from the "70s," said Barbara McDonald, Class of '53 and alumni President. "We send the newspaper to all the classes, but the younger ones seem to want to stick to their own class events."

The idea for a mass reunion for all classes grew out of a core group that included McDonald and Reu. They noticed that interest in the individual class reunions was declining. More distressing"the scholarship fund was perilously low. "We thought we'd get a better turnout if we combined the classes so we had a dinner at Michael's Banquet House in Latham for graduates of all the classes in the '50s," McDonald recalled. "That was in 1999. The next year, we invited everybody, and we had it at the Ukrainian Park at the foot of Pulaski Street.

"Everybody" includes friends and family, such as McDonald's husband, John, Keveny Memorial Academy '48. The resurgent interest helped boost contributions to the scholarship fund. In the past years, the alumni would award a single scholarship of \$1,200 to a graduating senior. Last year, alumni scholarships totaling \$18,800 benefitted 22 students.

Among the specific gifts to the fund were bequests from Madelon Hickey, the late principal; Dorothy Gilchrest, the last vice principal; and in memory of Frank St. Onge Class of 1955.

The efforts of the organizers are appreciated. McDonald ran into a man who graduated in the 1930s. "I just can't tell you how much that newsletter means to me. It means so much to stay connected." He's been away 50 years and is living in Florida now. He had tears in this eyes," said McDonald. Mrs.Bartnick would be proud. Cohoes High School Alumni Association P O Box 229 Cohoes NY 12047

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)237-9645** 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. If you know of someone who would like to recieve the newsletter, let us know.

Please notify us when you change your address. This newsletter is free to anyone who would like to receive it. All we need is your address. Help us meet our goal of making these awards an annual helping hand to our college-bound seniors.

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