

Smith's Van Schaick Country Club hosted the Class of '55 Friday Sept 18th. front row: Martha Partak Fitzgerald, Joan Piteras Kosek, Helen Rusiecki Boivin, Shirley Lavin Sawyer, Joan Remillard Simonds and John Ryan. row 2: Marcia Cogley Gagnon, Barbara Semenick McOmber, Paul Gagnon, Bill Biel, Steve Fecura, Mike Krupski, Stan Pawenski, Pat Bisnett Ryan, Sandy Hawkins Byron and Warren Whinnery. rear: Bill Reu, Lloyd McOmber, Bob Clark, Tom Wallace, Cort Seguin, Mickey Miranda, and Don Charland. (See page 6)

**Cohoes High School & Keveny Memorial Academy Annual Picnic** Mother nature smiled on us again for the sixteenth year. It was a beautiful day with sunshine and a warm breeze. Good food, good company and nice prizes for those lucky enough to win a 50/50 or one of the door prizes.



Bill Reu, Joyce Palka Vellutino, Pat Reu & standing Joan Kopcza Andrejko



Tom Carter



Loretta Colaroutolo, Anne Marie Faniff Charland, Marilyn Dame. Standing Sally Archambeault & Rose Marino Whinnery

## **President's Corner**

Hello again,

I don't know how you feel, but it seems the older I get the quicker time goes by.



We are preparing for awards night again. It has been said that the awards presented at CHS on awards night are very impressive and second to none.

We have the pleasure of presenting a new award in remembrance of Joe Archambeault. Joe was an employee of New York State Department of Labor and President of the Civil Service Commission.

I am sure that many of you will remember Joe as a very active citizen of Cohoes.

He and his wife Sally and three children, Joe, Denise and Debbie were our neighbors and we shared many times at the baseball field when Joe and Denise played ball with our four older boys.

Joe Sr. was a coach for both Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball.

This award was created by Councilman Steve Napier and Joe's Family. It will be awarded to a graduating senior who resides in the Fifth Ward of Cohoes, has excelled in academics and is well rounded.

Awards night is June 23, at 6:30PM at Cohoes High School Auditorium.

The annual meeting of CHS Alumni Assn. will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday May 12, 2016 at my home at 60 Simmonds Avenue, Cohoes. **Cont'd on right** 

### Treasurer's 2015 Year End Report

Saving & Checking Balance Forward Jan.1,2015	\$3,432.16			
Dues	1,810.00			
Donations	20,964.00			
Annual Picnic	2,780.00			
Apparel Sales	497.00			
	\$29,483.16			
Disbursements and expenses from checking:				
Annual awards	\$27,000.00			
Annual picnic expenses	2,321.33			
Apparel purchases & Insignia	430.90			
Newsletter printing, preparation and postage				
by Albany 1	Times Union			
	<u>3963.77</u>			
Total expenses				
	\$33,716.00			
Assets on December 31, 2015				
Lord Abbott Mutual Fund	\$88,261.87			
Passbook balance on 12/31/15	\$12,988.69			
Checking balance 12/31/15	815.84			
Madelon K. Hickey Scholarship Fund CD	\$17,120.80			
Deposit to Ukrainian Club Park	50.00			
Apparel in inventory	<u> </u>			

Hickey's CD is at 3.5% will not mature until 7/9/2016

TOTAL ASSETS 12/31/2015

#### William Reu, Treasurer

\$119.556.49

This is a general meeting and all will be welcome. Please let us know if you are coming with an <u>E-mail at bmcdonna1@nycap.rr phone</u> <u>518-237-9645.</u> We would love to see you.

Save the date for our Annual Picnic on Sunday Sept.18 at Ukrainian Club Grove in Cohoes. Call an old classmate and get together at the Picnic. Remember, "It's always good weather when good friends get together."

1956,1966 and 1976 are having reunions this year. Check the activity page for more information on these events.

Please let us know your address if you would like to receive a newsletter.

Thank you again for all of your support. Barbara McDonald

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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 or anyone else who might be interested in Cohoes High School Alumni news. All we need is a valid address. It is also available on line in an Adobe format that you can print sheet by sheet or entirely.

E-mail your request to R37P42@aol.com or Bmcdona1@nycap.rr.com

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Bill Reu & Barbara McDonald

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. <u>Please</u> let us know if it is not published and check the following edition. Thank you all.

### Mayor Highlights Goals for Cohoes

Mayor Shawn Morse delivered his first State of the City address with a promise of transformation that would match the city's new motto of "Cohoes Proud". Speaking to a packed crowd in the Cohoes Common Council Chamber at the City Hall Tuesday evening, the Mayor reviewed the highlights of what his administration has accomplished during the first seven weeks in office.

It included starting a "Safe Streets" initiative to get police officers walking the beat, adding a second shift of detectives, saving on insurance policies, adopting a solar energy program that will save seven million dollars over 25 years and starting a program to have residents file work orders for pot holes and other issues

"We are currently in talks with many investors who believe in our vision of turning Remsen Street into a new and exciting entertainment district and reinventing Saratoga Street into a bustling business area". Morse said.

The entertainment district will get a boost in the next several weeks with creation of "a partnership between Cohoes Music Hall and one of the most premier entertainment venues in the country" Morse said. He predicted more than 120 shows at the music hall would draw 40,000 visitor to the city.

"This partnership will create a wave of successful business for the future of our downtown," Morse said.

He said he wants to move ahead with creating an arts recreation and learning center by working with the Cohoes Community Center and the Cohoes Public Library.

### Reprinted from an article by Kenneth Crowe published in the Albany Times Union February 17, 2016.

Thank you to the Albany Times Union & Ken Crowe for allowing us to reprint this article. We thought it might be of interest to our readers. Bill Reu



At the Alumni Picnic Linda Legg and Emily Kosek enjoy the afternoon sunshine at Ukrainian Grove. Helen Boivin smiles as she counts her 50-50 winnings.



Carolyn Koval, Bill Reu, Pat Reu, Laraine Clark & Bob Clark. Standing: Tom Wallace & Barbara Wallace. Enjoying the Class of 1955 Reunion at Smith's Van Schaick Country Club Restaurant.

#### Do you know where these people are???

Several classes are seeking to get in touch with their missing classmates. If you know where they are, get in touch with them. Please ask them to contact or call us so we can attempt to contact them. Contact: Barb **McDonald at bmcdona1@nycap.rr.com or phone 518-237-9645.** 

Catherine Bellows, Dorothy Burnette Lapis, Donald Champine, Louise Gorski Baron, Carolyn Perras, David Bessmer, James Broderick, Margaret Broscko Thomas Gallagher, Diane Jablonowski, Ann Marie Juneau Hickey, Arvin La Rue, Larry Pi, David Bessmer, James Broderick, Marion Broscko, Barbara Aunchman, David Callahan, Michael Laware, Joseph Lefebvre, John McGill Robert McGregor, Sharon Patnaude, James Patrick, Lucille Perrier, Janice Valloze, William York, John Montesi, Jannette Pixley McRay, Fred Smith, Richard Smith, Rejean Thibodeau, Diane Le Blanc Shilling & Larry Piparo. "Its always good weather when good folks get together". **15th Annual Alumni Picnic** Ukranian Club Grove Cohoes, NY



I think the photographer forgot to tell them to say cheese. I am sure they were having a better time than this photo shows. It was a beautiful day, the food was great and the guests were the best. Some very nice door prizes were raffled along with a very nice 50/50. Sorry we don't have all the names.



Carolyn Senez Koval, Maureen Shea Shannon, Barbara Marra McDonald & Joan Kopcza Andrejko



Pat McAteer Clarke, Bea Girard. Anne Mcateer Cavosie & Paul Girard. At rear: Bob Cavosie & Roland Gendron



Tom Dame, Don Charland, Dom Colaroutolo Warren Whinnery & Steve Melita

Mike Miranda, Bob & Laraine Clark, Barbara McOmber & Martha Fitzgerald. *standing:*Helen Boivin & Lloyd Mcomber



Smith's at the Van Schaick Country Club hosted the 12th reunion of our class. A sit down dinner was enjoyed

Mike Krupski and guest Dorothy Duell, Linda Tusch Fecura '56 & Steve Fecura dinner was enjoyed Standing: Sandy Hawkins Byron, Martha Partak Fitzgerald & Helen Rusiecki Boivin along with some wit and reminiscing provided by our class President and Emcee Paul Gagnon. A moment was taken to remember those who have passed and those who were absent. We hope to be able to do one more.





Warrren Whinnery, Cort Seguin & Rose Marino Whinnery,57

Emcee Paul Gagnon & Marcia Cogley Gagnon, Mary & Bill Biel Standing Lloyd & Barbara Semenick McOmber



Shirley Lavin Sawyer, her guest Ralph Green, Joan Remillard Simonds, Joan Pitras Kosek, Stan Kosek, Stan Pawenski & Laura Pawenski

## CHS-KMA Class of 1976 40 year Reunion

The Classes of CHS-KMA 1966 will hold their 40 Year reunion on Saturday, September 10, 2016, from 6:00 to 11:00 PM at the Cohoes-Waterford Elks Lodge on North Mohawk Street, Cohoes NY. A buffet dinner will include beer, wine and soda. Music will be provided by "Harmony Rocks". All for about \$40.00 per person.

Although the reunion Committee is making ever effort to contact all of our classmates please spread the word in any way you can. Together we can reach 100% for this event.

Registration will begin in Spring and end on **September 15, 2016. It will be limited to first 140** persons as this is seating capacity for the dining area. Register early to assure a seat at the table.

For more information contact Steve Rock (845-621-2373, or steve\_rock\_0916@yahoo.com) or Debra LehnerNier (917-371-4873, DebraNier@aol.com)

## Cohoes High & Keveny Class of 1956 to celebrate a combined 60th Reunion

The Planning Committee has chosen September 16-18, 2016 for our 60-year reunion. We will begin on Friday September 16th with a dinner at the Century House, Latham NY. Saturday, September 17th will be "Saratoga Springs Day". In addition to lunch at Bailey's Cafe, relax in the healing waters and mud at Roosevelt Baths, Golf at Saratoga National, visit the Racing Hall of Fame. Try your luck at the Racino or at the trotting track. Dine at their buffet or one of the fine restaurants in the city of Saratoga.

Complete your week-end at the Cohoes-Keveny Alumni Picnic on Sunday, September 18th from Noon to 4:30 PM at the Ukrainian Club Grove on Pulaski Avenue in Cohoes.

Complete details with times, menu choices etc. will be forthcoming via mail, e-mail or phoning one of these numbers: Ed Rourke 518-893-0026, Edrourke1@aol.com; Fred Anderson 518-664-7736, motherpat@aol.com; Alice Brooks Vautrin, 518-899-4068, avautrin@prudentialmanor.com. Judy Smith Williams 518-647-8222 or Barbara Turpin Shipman at 518-644-2223. Anne or Bob Cavosie 518-235-8857

### Class of 1966- 50th Reunion.

The Class of 1966 will be celebrating the 50 year anniversary of their graduation from Cohoes High School. Plans are still in the making, but Sunday September 10th has been decided on. Save the date. Please spread the word to your classmates. More information will be in the mail in the near future. If interested in helping out,

Contact Chris Brennan at cbrennan002@yahoo.com

Please check out the list on page 4 of persons being sought by the classes above. Even if you cannot attend, we would like to be sure you have been invited.

# The Spindle City Historical Society

The Society has published it's third book "Cohoes Revisited". It is available at several locations in the city. Marra's in Cohoes, the Cohoes Library and the Visitors Center have copies available for sale. 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 or 237-5618** or **www.spindlecity.org**. They are located at The Visitors Center at 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, NY 12047. Receive the newsletter by "snail mail "or receive it via the e-mail at Cohoes.org/Alumni. Newsletters from 2012 are available there.

# Annual Meeting of the Cohoes High School Alumni Association

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Barbara Mcdonald's new home. It is located at 60 Simmons Avenue on the north side of Columbia Street about 5 houses toward Holy Trinity Church. We have a few important things to discuss and hope to have a good turnout for the meeting.

Please if you plan to attend. <u>**RSVP to Bmcdonna1@nycap.rr.com</u></u></u>** 

# COHOES AREA DAY IN FLORIDA, Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Time to visit with Cohoes area folks in sunny Florida. Whether a snowbird or resident, pack up lawn chairs & lunch and spend a few hours reminiscing about the great northeast. We have reserved the large pavilion at E.G. Simmons Park in Ruskin, Florida from 10 AM to 5 PM. There will be a 50/50 raffle & a donation bucket to help defray costs. A \$2.00 entry fee for each car is charged to enter the Park. Ruskin is located just off 1-75 South of Tampa. Take Exit 240 & go West on Route. 674 to Route. 41 (3 miles). Go North on Route. 41 to 19th Avenue. Take a left on 19th Avenue. - go 2 miles & Simmons Park is on your right. NO alcoholic beverages are allowed. Need more info: Contact Tom Carter @ 813-788-8059 or E-mail Bill Donlon @ wdonlon@earthlink.net - Please put "Cohoes Day" in subject.

# 2016 Alumni Picnic

We are forever getting questioned about the date of the next Alumni Picnic. We thought that since we have this space to fill that it might be a good idea to let you know when and where. We know that it is important for some to reserve the date. The 2016 Alumni Picnic will be on the third Sunday in September. As far as we can tell it will be held at the Ukrainian Club Grove in Cohoes from 12:30 to 4:30 PM. Menus and reservation forms will be in the next Alumni Newsletter in late June 2016. Bill Reu

The Out to Lunch Bunch" 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 in Cohoes. The venue is rotated monthly. A varied light lunch menu is available. Please, if you do decide to attend, call land check to see where the luncheon will be held.

Call Barbara at 518-237-9645 or Rose at 518-237-3435

# <u>Keveny Memorial Academy & Cohoes High School tee shirts</u> <u>and sweatshirts are available at Marra's Pharmacy.</u>

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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)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.

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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