

CHS, KMA ANNUAL PICNIC AT THE UKRANIAN CLUB IN COHOES, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 front: Dennis Glasheen, Don Gendron, Khryn Rigney. rear: Irene Glasheen, Julie McMahon, Mary Anne

Foley, Al Truax, Marge Truax & Helen Lynch.





2017 Alumni Picnic front: Louise Ceccucci Brady, Jack Rajczewski. rear: Paul Girard, Bea Girard, Sue Dibble Shanahan, Anne Sickinger Grimes & Jim Dibble.

2017 Alumni Picnic left to right: Nancy Koval, Linda Burns, Ruth Carter Shaffer, Tom Carter, Gail Hicks Taddeo, Sheila Farrigan, Mary Ann Obzud, Helen Rusecki Boivin & Jim Koval



President's Corner

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Cohoes High School newsletter. It is not quite Spring in Cohoes as we are having an exceptionally cold winter.



It is ok, and reminds me of the days we used to skate at Carlson's ice skating rink. It was never too cold then. Of course, we were a wee bit younger also.

Thoughts come to mind all the time of going to Carlson's, Guptill's and St. Agnes's Lyceum to skate, along with the wonderful times we shared with each other and the great environment we had.

I always think we lived the show "Happy Days".

Happy Days are here for me also since I have finally finished reconciling the mail list. When we send the newsletter out bulk mail we do not get any returns. When we sent it first class, as the last mailing was, we received hundreds of returns.

I was overwhelmed with the task ahead of me, so I called on members of the alumni in Cohoes to help me.

Special thanks to Carol Desnoyers who helped not only with finding where people are but also a website that helped all of us in the endeavor. The group that helped me and saved me were Colleen McDonald, Carol Connelly, Carol Desnoyers and Linda Trembly. Special thanks to all of them.

On page 4 there is a list of missing alumni. If you recognize anyone and know where these alumni are, I would appreciate any information you have. Please e-mail or phone me. **cont'd rt.**. We will have a meeting of the alumni at 6 pm on Thursday, April 19th, my home at 60 Simmons Ave, Cohoes. Please let me know if you would like to attend or if you have any information you would like presented at the meeting.

The CHS Awards night is at 6 PM Thursday, June 21st at the Cohoes High School. If you are interested in creating an award and or presenting an award, please contact me.

Thank you all for your support. Years ago the Cohoes Business Association wanted to create a motto for Cohoes. After a brainstorming, we came up with, "Cohoes, a Community that Cares"

That motto is certainly exemplified in the financial response the CHS Alumni has had these last 20 years, from you the alumni.

Thank You Barbara

Treasurer's 2017 Year End Report

Income for 2017			
Checking account balance 1/01/2017	\$15,789.24		
Dues	980.00		
Donations	25,062.00		
Annual Picnic	317.00		
Apparel inventory	453.00		
Apparel Sales	92.00		
	\$42,693.24		
Disbursements from checking:			
Annual awards	\$29,650.00		
Awards night catering (Pingelski)	106.03		
Annual picnic expenses	2,798.00		
Office supplies (Staples)	93.27		
Apparel purchases Walsh & Kustom Kreations	273.00		
Newsletter printing, preparation and postage			
by The Mailworks & Albany Times Union	5,099.00		
Web Site Fees(Brooks)	92.79		
Total expense	\$38,112.09		
<u>Assets December 31, 2017</u>			
Key Investment Account(Abbott)HQ1****29	\$93,858.94		
Checking balance 12/31/2017	4,581.13		
Deposit to Ukrainian Club Park	50.00		
	\$98,490.07		
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press. Check the following newsletter edition. Call or e-mail us if it still is not listed.

Richard Winkowski '49

Space in this newsletter prohibits us from publishing multiple names on this page. We will publish more than one name, but we cannot publish more than two names per edition. Thank you all.

From the desk of the Superintendent of Cohoes City School District.

New Future-Ready Pathways Program puts students on track to graduate with Regents diploma and associate's degree.

New York State Education Department Smart Transfer grant will provide \$839,301 over four years for early college high school initiative.

Nov. 13, 2017--Earlier today, the entire Cohoes High School Class of 2021 learned of the school's new Future-Ready Pathways program--a collaboration

between the district, Hudson Valley Community College and University at Albany--that provides yearround mentoring and support to 25 students as they pursue a Regents diploma and 60 college credits before graduation, all at no cost to families.

"Future-Ready Pathways begins with you, the members of the Class of 2021, because you're just beginning high school," said Superintendent Jennifer Spring, Ed.D. "This is an incredible opportunity for you and the payoff will be immense. You'll be well ahead of your peers, whether moving on to college or planning for a career."

Students have the option to choose one of four career exploration pathways: Computers, Engineering and Technology; Health Science and Human Services; Early Childhood and Adolescent Education; and Business and Communications.

"This path is rigorous and you will need to work hard, stay focused and be determined," added Dr. Spring.

Students will be expected to attend summer classes, which will be held at either Hudson Valley or Cohoes High School and participate in extended learning time after school. There will also be opportunities for career exploration that support the four Future-Ready Pathways as students will be required to complete internships as part of the four-year commitment.

Students must submit an online application to enroll in the program. They must also have an 80 percent overall average, write two essays and provide teacher references to be considered. Preference is also given to those students who are first generation college goers, English language learners, minority, or would not traditionally have access to higher education after graduation. In addition, 13 of the 25 students must also be classified as socio-economically disadvantaged as determined by income eligibility for free and reduced-priced lunch.

"The purpose of this program is increase the number of our students taking post-secondary coursework and give those students access to higher education when they may not otherwise consider it an option for their future," added Dr. Spring.

The online application also requires that the student's parent or guardian agree to support the child's decision to enroll. The deadline to apply is November 30, 2017 and can be found here: **Future-Ready Pathways Application**

Jennifer Spring Ed.D.

Superintendent of the Cohoes City School District

Missing from our list. If you have the address of any of these alumni, we would appreciate a call or email with that info. Barbara Marra McDonald at **mcdona1@nycap.rr.com** or phone **518-237-9645**. Missing people on the mailing list for the CHS Alumni 2018 newsletter.

Melissa Adams Pamela Ash-Peterson Mary Hebert Christine Ballard Joseph Brzowski John Cunningham Barbara Elinski Eugene Fitzgerald Charlotte Gula Barbara Marshman Valerie Ianuzzi Walter Janiszak Ernest Juriszak

John Kenney Bill Renaud John Legnard Joan Radliff Emily Rickard Roselyn Mahoney Drew Rock John Patenaude Rose Pintus







The Class of 1987 celebrated their 30th year anniversary on October 28, 2017 at the Elks Club in Cohoes. Thirty Classmates and spouses enjoyed remeniscing, good food, music and dancing. They look forward to the next reunion in 5 years and hope to see you all then.



Heidi Gleason, John Wrege, Mary Frangie, Terri Smith Gendron and Ken Gendron



rear: Heidi Gleason & JohnCardillo. *front:* Jenny Dingley Umholtz, Karen Borecki, Caryn Muscatello O'Hara & Jacqueline Jones DeChiaro

Cohoes-Keveny Annual Alumni Picnic. September 17 was the annual Alum Picnic. It was a great success as always. Babes Catering provided an outstanding array of good food, buffet style. More than enough was the word! Phil Phillips and Gary Oliver were in charge of the grills.



seated: Lillian Kane, Ed Rourke, Joe Mc Carthy & Randy Ceccucci. standing: Richard Szmyr, Carolyn Merino Jarvis & Fred Anderson



6 *left.* Pat Corina & Paula Phillips with Bill Reu



front: Bill & Mary Biel, Barbara Manoni & Ron Sausville. *rear:* Mike Miranda, Frank Melrose & Linda Legg



front:Joyce Palka Vellutino, Colleen Pinke McDonald & Pat Lysogorski Reu. *rear*: Loretta Malley Davignon & Marge Goode Klippel



front: Barbara Marra McDonald, Anne Campana Shields & John McDonald. *rear:* Cal Delorimiere, Helen Rusiecki Boivin, Jayne Streever Bouchey & Elaine Hobbs Rosecrans



seated: Joan Fontaine Seguin, Delores Deschamps & Grace Bartolomeo Brennan. standing: Jean Beaulne, Grace Russo & Tony Russo.



Gail Gradoni Ropelewski, Diane Kennedy Lipka & Mona Zandri Plummer. *rear:* Agatha DeLorimiere Cummings.

Class of 1957 Reunion at Ukranian Club Saturday, September 16, 2017

While I was checking on some last minutes details for the Annual Picnic, I happened to step into the dining room. To my surprise, the Class or '57 was there celebrating their 40th reunion.

It was not a large group, but they were there to renew old friendships and remember good times.

You will probably recognize some faces that seem to be at all these alumni affairs. Call an old friend & meet them at your own reunion or come to the Alum Picnic.



Jim Dibble & Fred Brady



John Dahoda



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Millie Humik Weismann

Carl Brandt, Louise Brandt, Jack Rajczewski, Marge Rajczewski, George Barna & Eleanor Barna



John Pwinica & Jim Walsh



John Mendel & Linda Ross



Faith Linen Best & Maureen Griffin Maswich

"Coming events"

2018 Annual meeting of:

The Cohoes Keveny & Cohoes High School Alumni Association.

This is an open meeting and all alumni are welcome. Please call and tell us your intention to attend. It will be held at the home of Barbara McDonald at 60 Simmons Ave., Cohoes, NY on April 19, 2018 at 6PM. Telephone 518-237-9645. If there is no answer, please leave a message. E-mail bmcdona1@nycap.rr.com

THE CHS Class of 1953 invites all classmates to gather at the Annual Alumni Picnic. Sunday, September 16, 2018 at the Ukranian Club Grove. 12:30 PM is the time. Bring a comfortable lawn chair. Contact: Barbara Marra McDonald at **518-237-9645** or **bmcdona1@nycap.rr.com**

<u>The Classes of Cohoes High School</u> and Keveny Memorial Academy

Reunion Organizers Unite!

Let's help one another to make our CHS and KMA reunion parties the great successes that we all want them to be. Network with and learn from alumni who have already organized reunions. Advise and encourage those who are just getting started or are considering doing so. Pass along your expertise! Lots of research has already been done, so why invent the same wheel over and over again? Maybe we can even join forces to negotiate the best rates from venues, caterers, bands, DJs, etc. Or even combine multiple reunions? Together we can get the biggest bangs for our reunion bucks. If nothing else please provide Steve with contact information for your CHS or KMA class's reunion organizer so that we have a central repository for this valuable

information.

All who are interested in providing or obtaining reunion advice please contact Steve Rock (CHS Class of '76) at 845-621-2373 or Steve_Rock_0916@yahoo.com.

"The Out to Lunch Bunch"

Meets every third Wednesday of the month, October through June at <u>MAX410</u> 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 to see where the luncheon will be held.

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

Cohoes Day in Florida

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As of this time there are no plans to hold a "Cohoes Day" in Florida this year. If you are in Florida this winter, make a call to an old friend or classmate. Get together for lunch or dinner. As my friend Barbara says, "it's always good weather when good friends get together."

Dr. Hans Holzapfel



In accordance with his wishes, Dr. Holzapfel directed in his will that one hundred thousand dollars be entrusted by Cohoes High School to fund a Life Sciences Scholarship. The School District is not allowed to invest in the higher return investments and returns on CD's are currently very low.

Through an agreement reached with the The Trust Executor, Linda Leventhal and Cohoes School District, twenty five hundred dollars a year will be provide for a Scholarship in Dr. Holzapfel's memory.

Barbara McDonald with Superintendent Spring are responsible for initiating this agreement. Good work. This will be a great addition to Awards Night and a

great way to honor the memory of a generous Cohoes High School Alumnus.

Hans escaped Germany ahead of the Holocaust. He was lucky enough to have his mother's friends, Doctor and Mrs. Hans Weiss sponsor his immigration to Cohoes New York.

His admission to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute was denied because he had not completed or didn't have proper documentation of his education in Germany. Principal Madelon Hickey and the faculty of Cohoes High School arranged to prepare him for college entrance exams which he passed.

He entered Rensselaer Polytechnic and went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Albany Medical center before moving on for medical training in Santa Barbara CA. Hans dedicated his life to the medical field, working as emergency physician and in many family practices over the years. His commitment to the field is matched by his humble attitude. Holzapfel joked; "My only claim to fame is that I've never been sued." He certainly has a claim to fame in Cohoes these days.

Hans also bequeathed two other Scholarships to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Albany Medical College totaling six hundred thousand dollars. Local students will reap the benefits of these gifts for many years to come.

Editors note: We are including this article because of a couple of errors. One was the spelling of Holocaust and putting it in parenthesis. They were not intentional and we apologize to anyone we might have been offended.

Dr. Susan Weiss brought these errors to our attention and has been asked to edit or add to this article whatever she thinks may be relevant. We have had no response from Dr Weiss.

William Reu Editor

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 quarterly 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 on the last Wenesday of the month. Subscribe to the "snail mail or e-mail version of their newsletter.

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

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Hometown news



Remsen Street has been changed on both ends. A huge fire caused devastation on the 200 block while a modernization has beautified the north end from Ontario to Cayuga Streets. New sidewalks, repaving and new curbing have been added. Still in the planning is a new bandstand and concert area for the Canal Park area.

Lower Remsen Street lost 2 three story buildings and a large storage garage. Three buildings on the north end of the block survived without significant damage. Several buildings on the east side of the street had damage ranging from light to serious, mostly water and smoke damage.

Smith's Restaurant was a victim of heavy water damage. Fortunately, they were able to reopen the bar and Dining Room after 20 days of restoration. The upper floors are still repaired.





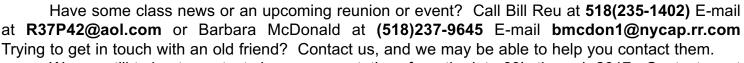


Luncheon at the Log Jam Restaurant in Queensbury NY. I was invited to attend this event but my (Steel trap memory) failed me again and Pat and I arrived on the wrong Friday and missed the gathering. I apologize. *At left* Frank Melrose, Dan & Pat McAlonie,Barb Shipman, Emily Kosek, Judy Williams, Ed Rourke, Joe Kosek, Dick Szmyr & Fred Anderson.

Luncheon at the Peddler in Clifton Park. "St Rita's Gang" met for lunch. Lloyd McOmber, Ron Sausville, Pat & Bill Reu, Frank Melrose & Linda Legg. Bill & Mary Biel, Dan & Pat McAlonie, Court Seguin, Barbara Manoni & Barbara McOmber.



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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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