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Camden Alumni Association Board Members



President
Barbara O'Rourke Young
1957



Vice President
Tonya Cole Smith
1999



2nd Vice President
Stewart Hatzinger
1993



Secretary
Melissa Hardy Sullivan
1989



Treasurer
Dianne VanDresar Suits
1979



Registrar
Daisy Ross Brady
1937



Past President
John E. Gerber
1987



Scholarship Chair
Chelsea Mellon Mutch
2004



Directors
Banquet Committee

Anita L. Narolis
1972



Michael Waterman
1973



No Photo Available
Kenneth P. Ferris
1975

Membership Committee



W. John Higham
1953



Kenneth W. Ferris
1953

Scholarship Committee



Virginia Jacobs Schuelke
1965



Janet Hamner Albrecht
1971



Chad Walker
1992

2010 Alumni Banquet

Saturday, June 19th
Katie & Karl's Restaurant

Reception
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Business Meeting
5:00pm

Dinner & Program
Immediately Following
the Business Meeting

From The President...

With the beautiful fall season upon us; and a new edition of our Camden Alumni News Column comes another letter from the President.

We had an organizational meeting early October to discuss the various committees and to welcome Kenneth Paul Ferris as a new director.

The membership committee continues to recruit active members and is hopeful that as you review this issue; if you are not an active member, you will consider paying your dues to become active. We all strive to inspire active members so as to increase our ability to assist the Scholarship portion of our mission, and to support the running of the organization.

The Scholarship committee is always looking for ways to increase our funding. We currently have given out six \$1,000 Scholarships. It is our goal to increase the number of scholarships awarded. We can not increase our scholarships without more donations from our membership. Again, donations are accepted. A scholarship application may be viewed on our web site and will also be available from the Guidance Office at Camden High School.

The Banquet committee is looking forward to the annual banquet to be held on June 19, 2010 at Katie and Karl's. We are discussing the use of emailing banquet information to all those who have current & correct emails in our email listing. More details will be published in our winter or spring publication.

The Camden/Florida Reunion will be held in Leesburg, Florida on January 20, 2010 at the International Super Buffet for \$10.00 per person. Send reservations and checks by January 16 to Bruce Theobald, 2115 Santo Domingo Drive, The Villages, FL 32159. His phone number is 352-205-7225. Feel free to donate small items to add to the number of raffle prizes. All donations are appreciated.

Elsewhere in this issue, five year Class Contacts are listed so that if your five year anniversary class is planning a reunion and you have not been contacted, you may call your listed class contact.

We are asking for names of any person who might have an interest in volunteering in this organization to contact me.

Happy Fall,
Barbara O'Rourke Young, 1957
President (2009-2011)

Class of 1979 Celebrates 30th Reunion



Class of 1979's 30th Reunion Dinner Attendees at the Turning Stone Resort, August 15, 2009

The class of 1979 celebrated its 30th Reunion on August 14th and 15th with a Meet & Greet Icebreaker at The Grape & Grog on Friday night, Picnic and Golf Outing at McConnellsburg Golf Club on Saturday afternoon and a Dinner Banquet at the Turning Stone Resort & Casino on Saturday evening.

Approximately 100 classmates attended the Icebreaker and enjoyed catching up with everyone they had not seen in years. The class supplied pizzas for attendees and thirsts were quenched with a cash bar.

The picnic on Saturday was attended by 42 class members and guests. After the picnic, 22 of the picnic attendees ventured out into the 93F temperatures to play 9 holes of golf. It was HOT, HOT, HOT out on the course that afternoon.

The reunion weekend was capped off with the Dinner Ban-

quet at the Turning Stone Resort & Casino in Verona. A total of 110 class members and guests attended the dinner banquet. Of that total, there were 65 class members in attendance, of which approximately 60 are in the photograph above.

Overall, the reunion weekend was a great success, and well received by all in attendance. The class is planning to have annual events in the future, starting with an informal get-together the second weekend in August 2010, either Friday, 8/13/10 or Saturday, 8/14/10 at Don VanDresar's Sunset Bar & Grill in Sylvan Beach.

Once more, I would like to thank all those on the Reunion Planning Committee for their help in making the 30th Reunion such a success for our class.

Lance Williams, 1979
Reunion Committee Chairman

5-Year Anniversary Classes: Time to Prepare for Reunions!

Does your High School graduation year end in either 5 or 0? If so, you are going to celebrate a special anniversary in 2010. We have been contacting these classes to find out about any plans they have in progress, and to help them with their planning. Check for your class and get in touch with your Class Contact.

1935 (75th): Class Contact: Lynn Prichard is updating the class list. The original class had 84 members, largest in the history of the school to that time. 65 are known deceased. Attempts are being made to determine the status of the remaining 19.

1940 (70th): Class Contact: Jane Curtiss Watkin, is updating the class list. The original class had 76 members, of whom 44 are known to be deceased. Attempts are being made to determine the status of the remaining 32.

1945 (65th): Class Contact: Bill Sanford. The original class had 37 members, of whom 19 are known to be deceased. Attempts are being made to determine the status of the remaining 18.

1950 (60th): Class Contacts: Winnie Colston Dunn and Grace Yerdon Waterman. The original class had 69 members, of whom 26 are known to be deceased. Attempts are being made to determine the status of the remaining 43.

1955 (55th): Class Contacts: Kay Anderson Billington, Katherine Costello Littler and Marsha Bronk Boyer are updating the class list. The original class had 93 members, of whom 24 are known to be deceased. Reunion plans at the moment include sitting together as a class at the Alumni Banquet and a Sunday Brunch. Details to be determined. A letter will be sent to classmates.

1960 (50th): Class Contacts: Ruth Garlick Collins and Lynda Prichard Mutch are updating the class list. The original class had 84 members, of whom 9 are known to be deceased. Plans for the reunion to be developed.

1965 (45th): Class Contact: Virginia Jacobs Schuelke is updating the class list. The original class had 149 members, of whom 16 are known to be deceased. Details for a reunion to be developed.

1970 (40th): Class Contact: Julie Narolis Cook, Kathleen Sanders Duerr, and Russell Proper. The original class had 185 members, of whom 4 are known to be deceased.

1975 (35th): Class Contacts: Scott L. Smith, Tamara Pifer Smith, and Sophronia Davis Vergalito. (Contact persons not confirmed.) The original class had 195 members, of whom 5 are known to be deceased. Reunion plans are unknown at this time

1980 (30th): Class Contacts: Patricia Christmas Coady, Deborah Dean Congden, Arlene Hicks Hall. (Contact persons not confirmed.) The original class had 204, of whom 3 are known to be deceased. To date no reunion plans have been made

1985 (25th): Class Contact: Patricia Blowers Grinnell. (Contact person not confirmed.) The original class had 194 members, of whom 3 are known to be deceased. Reunion plans are unknown at this time.

1990 (20th): Class Contact: Christopher Littler. The original class had 166 members, of whom 2 are known to be deceased.

1995 (15th): Class Contact and President: Heather Piper. (Contact person not confirmed.) The original class had 138 members, of whom 2 are known to be deceased.

2000 (10th): Class Contact and President: Cassandra Locke, is updating the class list and will be in touch with classmates about reunion plans. The original class had 189 members, none of whom are known to be deceased.

2005 (5th): Class Contact: Rachael Harden Brickey Dean. (Contact person not confirmed.) The original class had 170 members, none of whom are known to be deceased.

Full contact information for all class contacts can be found on the Camden Alumni Association website at the following web address: <http://camdenalumni.com/classcontacts.pdf>. You can also request a printed copy from: Jack Higham, 489 Echo Road, Vestal, NY 13850, phone: (607) 748-9015 or (315) 533-1050. The last number is a local call from the Camden area.

Let us know what you would like to see in this newsletter. Send your articles and ideas to: Camden Alumni Newsletter Ideas, Lance Williams, PO Box 266, Camden, NY 13316, or email to: newsletter@camdenalumni.com

If you are a graduate of Camden High School or Camden Central Schools, please help support your alumni association by both paying your annual dues of \$5 and making a donation to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Donations to the Scholarship Fund welcomed from all.

Use the form below:

Camden Alumni Association Active Membership Application & Scholarship Donation Form

Return This Form and Dues Payment To:

Camden Alumni Association
35 Fourth Street
Camden, NY 13316

Make Your Check Payable to:
Camden Alumni Association

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Maiden Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____
Spouse's Name: _____
Graduating Class: _____
Home Phone: _____
Dues are \$5 per year. # of Years Paid: _____
Alumni Scholarship Fund Donation: \$ _____

Camden Alumni Association 2010 Scholarships

The Camden Alumni Association has announced the Student Scholarship Program for 2010. Up to six scholarships will be awarded to qualifying students who are graduating seniors in the current graduating class. To qualify a student must have a mother, father, step-parent, or legal guardian who was a graduate of Camden High School or Camden Central School; and must be accepted to a two or four year accredited college for the fall. Each scholarship will be for \$1,000.00. Students must complete a scholarship application form and return it to the High School Guidance office by Friday, March 5th. Scholarship application forms are available on the Camden Alumni Association website, www.camdenalumni.com. They will also be available in the Camden High School Guidance office in the spring semester.

Scholarships will be awarded based on the information provided in the form by the applying student. The Scholarship Committee members will review each application, determine the accuracy and completeness of the application, and each will confidentially select up to six candidates from among the applications. A secret vote will be taken among the committee members by the Scholarship Committee Chairperson (who is a non-voting) member to determine which applicants have the highest number of votes. In the event of a tie, a second vote will be taken as a tie-breaker. The applicants with the highest number of votes will be awarded a scholarship, with a maximum of six scholarships to be given for

the current round of awards.

The Camden Alumni Association takes great pride in the young men and women who comprise the current graduating class at Camden Central School, and hopes that this award may help the recipients reach their goals in life. The Camden Alumni Association Scholarship Fund is supported through donations from alumni and from anyone else wishing to make a contribution. Contributors can make general donations, or memorial donations in the name of some individual or individuals. All donations can be included when returning the Registration Form and Ballot for the Annual Meeting and Banquet, or can be made directly anytime, by making a check payable to: Camden Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Checks should be mailed to: Chelsea Mellon Mutch, Scholarship Chairperson, 71 Mexico Street, Camden, NY 13316. If you have any questions about the Student Scholarship Program, please call Barbara Young, Alumni Association President, 315-245-1664.

As with last year, our timeline is shorter than in past years. In the past, applications have had to be handed in by the first Friday in May, in order for the Scholarship Committee to make their selection in time for Class Night in late June. Class night will be earlier this year, so we will need all of the applications by the first Friday in March, March 5th. Once again, please visit the Camden Alumni Association website, www.camdenalumni.com, for an application and other information about the Camden Alumni Association.