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1999

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1977

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1979

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1957

Scholarship Chair

Chelsea Mellon Mutch
2004

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Banquet Committee

Kenneth P. Ferris 1975
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Membership Committee

Denise Simmons Skiff 1974
Mary Barker Walker 1981
Lance Williams 1979

Scholarship Committee

Steven Baker 1981
Katherine Comins Stone 1990
Chad Walker 1992

2012 Alumni Banquet

Saturday, June 16th

Katie & Karl's Restaurant

Reception

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Business Meeting

5:00pm

Dinner & Program

Immediately Following
the Business Meeting

A Thankful Tribute to Wilfred John (Jack) Higham



It is with great pride and respect that the Camden Alumni Association honors Wilfred John (Jack) Higham for his 10+ years of dedicated service as a Director on the Camden Alumni Association Board. Jack has been a very professional, unselfish and loyal gentleman who not only served our association; but has been very devoted to his church, school and community. Jack has brought this association into the computer era/ He was the catalyst for updating our by-laws, getting school records computerized, starting the website, banquet photography. He was instrumental in membership and always most helpful at banquet time with seating and any other necessary tasks.

It was our pleasure to recognize this wonderful man and wish him a healthy, happy retirement. He will always be remembered for his strong dedication in everything he accomplished. Our admiration and best wishes are extended to our friend, Jack. The following are thoughts

from the former Alumni Board Presidents Jack served under.

Wilfred John Higham, is known to most of us as Jack. Anyone who has ever known Jack will say he goes the extra mile for every project he encounters. He was a brilliant light in the Camden Alumni Association. We are all better people from knowing and working with Jack. He brings a refreshing "little guy" attitude to a huge problem and then proceeds to fix that problem.

The Camden Alumni Association was way behind the times in record keeping until Jack appeared on the scene as an alumni board member. His knowledge and expertise was what this organization needed when he became a director. Daisy Brady had long been registrar and holder of the majority of all alumni paperwork. Nothing was on computers and nothing was backed up or protected from loss. Jack proceeded to bring this association into the 21st century. Website, Digitizing, Organizing, Archiving, Building, Photography, By-Laws, Attending Meetings (250 miles round trip, 4+ hours driving time), Membership, Banquet – He did it all and never once asked for anything in return. A truer friend could not be found in this world. Jack Higham is one of the greatest men I have ever met in my lifetime.

Barbara O'Rourke Young
President, 2009-2011

I would like to thank Jack Higham for his dedication to the Camden Alumni Association. When I served as President, Jack was always eager to lend a hand and direct me in many ways. Never letting the long drive from Vestal keep him from attending a meeting. His high attention to detail and persistence has modernized the

structure of this association. He will be missed. Thank you Jack.

John Gerber
President, 2007-2009

Everyone would speak of Jack as being very devoted to the Camden Alumni Association, but one project stands out to me in particular. Being a stickler for detail, Jack noticed that the association by-laws were both outdated and contradictory in some areas. We formed a small committee to rewrite the by-laws. We met quite frequently at Anita's shop to go through the by-laws line by line, in what turned out to be a way more time consuming project than I could have imagined. As usual, Jack made the long drive week after week, meeting until late at night, frequently in poor weather. I am sure that we would not have successfully completed the project without his patience and guidance.

Michael Littler
President, 2005-2009

I just want to say for the 12 years that I have worked for the Camden Alumni Association, Jack Higham was a wonderful asset to the association when he came on board. The list is too long to mention, but he brought the association where it is today. Thanks Jack.

Anita Narolis
President, 2003-2005

Jack was an invaluable resource for the Camden Alumni Association and has kept the community of Camden in his heart. His ideas and innovation have provided the foundation for making the Camden Alumni Association a first class organization.

John Barker
President, 1999-2001

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