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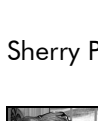


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2014 Alumni Banquet

Due to the closure of Katie & Karl's Restaurant before the end of 2013, our banquet plans for June 7, 2014 are still a work in progress. Please stay tuned for more details over the coming months.

From The President's Desk...

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7, 2014 for our next Annual Meeting and Banquet. It will be held at Camden High School in the newly renovated cafeteria. I am very excited with this new venue. The Class of 1964 will be the honored 50 year class. The Alumni Banquet affords participants the opportunity to get together and see your classmates. We hope to see you there! There will be more Banquet information coming in the near future. I look forward to serving as your new president.

Mary A. Walker, 1981
Camden Alumni Board President



2013 Annual Alumni Banquet & Future Changes

On Saturday, June 15, 2013, the Camden Alumni Association held its annual banquet at Katie & Karl's Restaurant on Harden Blvd. in Camden. There were 197 in attendance for the event with the Class of 1963 being honored at their 50th year reunion. The guest speaker was Paul Mastracco who strolled many of us down memory lane and through the halls of Camden High School with his recollections of former teachers and classmates. The business part of the meeting was conducted by Association President Tonya Cole Smith who later passed her duties to incoming President Mary Barker Walker.

Honored at the meeting were Karen Keil Allen and her mother Katie Keil for their many years of hosting the Camden Alumni Association banquet. Announcement was made that this would be our last banquet at Katie & Karl's as the restaurant will be closing in the fall of this year. Many were surprised and saddened by this as Katie & Karl's has hosted the banquet for many, many years. In the past, attendance reached over 300 and instead of a family style sit down dinner we went to a buffet style meal to accommodate the large number in attendance. Even as our numbers grew, the dinner has always been wonderful and Karen has been so helpful in allowing the Association to set up early and store our "stuff". Oh, you would be surprised how much "stuff" we have accumulated!

Camden cannot truly understand the loss we will have until their doors finally close. Many

wedding receptions, school events, large parties, reunions, etc. have been held there. They are one of the few places that can accommodate such a large number and they are conveniently located here in Camden.

That said, the board has had to consider what to do for next year. Since we do not have another option in town, we considered moving out of town. It was felt that we would like to keep the banquet local and try to keep with the nostalgic memories these reunions stir up in us.

The Camden Alumni Association board of directors has decided to hold the 2014 banquet at the Camden High School auditorium, cafeteria, and gymnasium! Because of high school exams and the school preparation for these exams, the banquet will be held Saturday, June 7, 2014. This is a much earlier date and we realize the conflicts it may bring. We are asking for everyone's support as we venture off and try something new. If you have any ideas for the upcoming banquet, please feel free to contact a board director. Next year's banquet is going to take a great deal more planning and we promise to make it memorable!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7, 2014 for the Camden Alumni Association banquet at Camden High School on Oswego St. Watch the paper for updates and check our website. To the Class of 1964, start making your plans for your 50 year reunion. We look forward to an exciting event!

Class of 1963: 50th Reunion Review

On Friday evening, June 14th, 38 members of the Class of '63, and 15 guests, met at McConnellsville Golf Club for an evening of food, drink and reminiscing. Many old friendships were rekindled. There was also a surprise visit by former teacher, George O'Sullivan, and his wife.

On Saturday morning many of the class met for a tour of their old Alma Mater given by Assistant Superintendent for Business at Camden Central School Karl Keil. It was very informative and all were impressed by the changes made to what is now the Camden Middle School. The tour also included a trip to the new state-of-the-art high school cafeteria which, by the way, may be hosting the 2014 Alumni Ban-

quet next June.

Saturday afternoon 39 members of the class attended the CCS Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Banquet at Katie & Karl's Restaurant. The members of the class were recognized, and Paul Mastracco did a wonderful job as the guest speaker. The class was very generous in donating to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund and also the Paul Meinen Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this a truly memorable reunion.

On Friday, June 21st, 16 members of the Class of '63 were in attendance at the 125th Commencement at Camden High School.



Back row, from left: Andrew Slocum.; James McGregan; Robert Baird; Merianne Medynski Shelmidine, Lorraine; Juanita Collins Curtiss; Harmon Wellman; Edward Rood; Edith Hite Ryczek; Pamela Murray Lyon; Donald Alguire; Constance Kilts Brophy; Lois Hiltbrand Riesterer; Charles Albrecht; Timothy Conley; Donald Barker; Mary Jane Lesczynski Leisner; Gary Lovenguth; James Christmas. **Front row, from left:** Trudy Sheetz Fike; Robert Hladun; James Greggains; Linda Sawyer Gallagher; Sharon Eastman Allen; Kathryn Rauscher Williams; Rose Henderson Sykes; Rosemary Paddock Hurlbut; Susan Billington; Lonnie Platt Kaulback; Connie Keil Johnson; Joan Stacy Dunn; Deborah Cleveland Stone; Nancy Daley Solberg; Paul Mastracco; Holly MacFarland; Daphne Sweeney Billington.

Also attending the weekend activities and or CCS Graduation, but not in photo: Mark Estes; Edward Hutchinson; Patricia Holmes Boncella; Virginia Longamore Zellwager; Donna Hamner Strail; Dawn Hamner Dix; Bonnie Warner West; Susan Archibee Hemmings; Susan Wolff Smith; Milford Mosher; Bonnie Shaw, Paul Burgy; Sandra Henry Wolff; Patricia Blanchard Bates.

\$6000 in Scholarships Awarded to Class of 2013

Six graduating Camden High School seniors were awarded scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 at the annual Camden Alumni Association banquet held at Katie and Karl's Saturday, June 15, 2013.



Hannah Francisco, Camden, is the daughter of Eugene (1985) and Melinda Kohsman-Francisco and will be attending SUNY Oswego as a computer science major.

Elizabeth Megan Davis, Camden, is the daughter of Dennis (1976) and Diana Davis and will be attending Mohawk Valley Community College.

James Henry, Camden, is the son of Tyler (1975) and Karen Henry and will be participating in the mechanical engineering program at Clarkson University.

Mason Moran, Blossvale, is the son of Adam (1983) and Tamara Clemens (1979) Moran and will be attending SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Cassilyn Wolf, Camden, is the daughter of Timothy and Denya Smith Wolff (1987). Cassilyn will be attending LeMoyne College.

Kaitlin Chase, Camden, is the daughter of Keith (1983) and Jennifer Chase and will be attending Cazenovia College.

The Camden Alumni Association congratulates this year's winners! Since the inception of the Camden Alumni Association Scholarship Program in 1965, 150 graduates have been awarded a total of \$91,700 through 2013. Donations are always welcome to help support this program.

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