

# Pulaski Alumni Association Newsletter

May 2024

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P.O. Box 344, Pulaski, NY 13142

## The Class of 1974



**Members of the class included:** Robert E. Anderson, Jannette Elizabeth Atkinson, Diane Kirch Austin, Denise Marie Ball, Larry P. Barber, Garry Paul Benjamin, Kim Ellen Blechinger, Denise Margret Bouchard, Judy Bouchard Shaw, Carol Ann Brown, Lynette Marie Brown, Fred Bush III, Thomas Renton Carpenter, Kimberly Ann Caswell, Julie Ann Caufield, Dalinda Diane Clemons, Carol Anne Cox, Lou Ann Derr, Brenda Lynn DeShane, Cindy Ann Drake, Michael David Egan, Edward Warren Emery, Dorothy Ann Fox, Consuelo Katherine Gasperini, Mitchell Gibbs, Sue Ann Goodwin, Kathy Diane Gray, Timothy Charles Gray, Sandra Marie Greenwood White, Sharon Lee Hager, Laura Elizabeth Hamilton, David George Hart, Douglas James Havens, Cynthia Marie Hax, Christopher John Heckle, Kurt Randolph Hellenburg, Thea Madonna Hellenburg, Brian Arthur Hilliker, Kip Douglas Hilton, Russel Lyn Hilton, Steven M. Hoff, Robin Faye Holmes, Mary Patrice Hussain, David William James, Jeffery Ray Johnson, Karen Lynn Jones, Katherine Ann Jones, Alexa B. Kasper, Gary Paul Kingsland, David Joseph Lawton, Peter J. Lawton, Lynne Ellen Lundgren, Charles Willard Mahaffy, William Rodger Maitland, Susan W. Metcalf, Debra Lynn Newcomb, Jean Marie North, William Lee Pettingill, John A. Phillips, Grace Marie Pizzuto, Robin Leigh Potter, Ronald D. Pratt, Patricia Ann Skeldon, Susan Jane Soule, Kirk Warren Stenson, Leslee Raye Stivers, Loretta Jean Switzer, David Neal Templeton, Peter Stephan Thomas, Barb Ann Tighe, John M. Vida, Terry Lloyd Walker, Robert John Wart, Jeffery Brian Weaver, Cynthia Joanne Webb, Shirley Wilson, Gerald L. Woodruff, Donald Poole, Larry Alan Phillips

**Reunion Plans:** Buffet Dinner Friday June 28, 2024, at Half-Shire Historical Society (Old Richland School) 5pm social hour, 6pm dinner. Music by Joe Battles. Saturday June 29-meet at Elementary School by old bus garage 9am for guided school tour, 11am for bus tour of the town, with stops at Salmon River Falls and a lunch stop at Half-Shire in Richland and dessert stop at Pulaski Historical Society in Pulaski. High School tour 3pm Alumni Banquet 5pm at Fire Hall. Sunday-breakfast at Half-Shire in Richland 9am-1pm.

For more information contact Angel at: [Arod55@hotmail.com](mailto:Arod55@hotmail.com) 315-345-6528.

## **Minutes of the Pulaski Alumni Association 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Banquet, Saturday June 24, 2023**

### **Robert Edwards Post American Legion, Maple Ave. Pulaski**

Officers and Committee Present: President-Margaret Mathison Weigel, '67; Vice President-Robin Warren Philips, '88; Treasurer-Tammie Frank Whaley, '82; Corresponding Secretary-Barbara Mathison Pulvermiller, '80; Recording Secretary-Shawn Doyle, '84; Executive Committee members: Judy Schreiner Parker, '59; Charlotte Summerville DeGaetano, '59; Valerie Thompson Johnson, '77; Ted Williams, '77; Gina Petrocci Brandano, '02; Jordan Fahnestock, '04; and Tiffany Hax Craig, '04. Absent or excused: Theresa Clark Switzer, '82; Ellen Wansink Lowery, '83; Jill Watson Truax, '85; Lisa Hilton '97.

The banquet was opened at 6pm by President Margaret Mathison Weigel, '67. Invocation was given by Pastor Glenn Bosak, Pulaski Wesleyan Church. The first stanza of the Alma Mater was sung, and all were seated for dinner. The buffet meal was prepared by caterer Brandon Nicholas of Parish and consisted of BBQ chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, tossed salad, rolls & butter and coffee service. Pulaski Student Government and Varsity Club members assisted as servers.

Following the meal, the business meeting was opened by President Margaret Weigel at 7pm. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was led by President Weigel. Over 170 alumni and guests were present.

President Weigel introduced the head table and honored guests. The minutes of the 2022 meeting were included in the annual alumni newsletter and were approved upon motion of Anne Hud Gibbs Miller, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allen Goodsell. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Treasurer Tammie Frank Whaley reviewed the Treasurers report, noting \$14,200 was being given out in scholarships from the Alumni Association for which we should all be proud. In paying these out this year, there was no need to take a distribution from our CNY Community fund investment account. It was noted that due to market conditions the investment account saw a \$20,000 loss overall. The balances forward to date were reported as: Community Bank General Fund: \$8,783.45; Alumni Scholarship: \$10,974.79; Harold Youker Scholarship: \$6,756.83; Lura Sharp Scholarship: \$2,407.53; Wall of Distinction fund: \$1,361 for a total of \$30,283.60 held locally.

In our Central New York Community Fund Accounts the balances were: General Fund Investment Account: \$3,328.92; Alumni Scholarship Account: \$60,392.48; Harold Youker Athletic Scholarship Account: \$25,928.79; Lura Sharp Memorial Scholarship Account: \$51,975.66; John Ben Snow Endowment Fund Account: \$42,297.83 for totals held as of December 31, 2022, at \$183,923.72. Combined assets between CNY Fund and Community Bank total \$214,252.32.

Motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Charlotte Summerville DeGaetano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ted Williams. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Communications were read by Charlotte DeGaetano. Thank you notes were received from: Harmony Miller, Carson Hathaway, Kaylee Hood, Abi Schouten, Tavor Cole, Holly Twist and Logan Trump.

President Weigel noted the report in the program of deaths reported in the last twelve months: Irma Lester Chapman, '44, John Warren, '45, Shirley Pepper Warren, '46, Thelma Minor Carl, '47, Dr. James Brown, '47, Marjorie Joyce Hollis, '49, Nancy Neill Weisenberger, '50, Jacqueline Day MacDonnell, '50, Carol Sturtevant Cobb, '51, Katherine Brown, '52, Jack Huntley, '52, Edward T. Wheeler, '52, Joanne Gressler Mazzoli, '52, Joanne Pacific Recore, '53, Patricia Brosnan Brown, '53, Janice Rae Cooper, '54, David Greene, '55, William D. Smith, '56, Frank Johnson, '57, Eileen Sullivan Kirsch, '57, Harry Tollerton, '57, Carole Carl Golus, '58, Wayne Ostrander, '58, James Wilder, '59, Russell Neill, '61, Elroy Novak, '61, Floyd Carpenter, '61, Norma Cole Rodriguez, '61, Sandra Higby Tidwell, '61, Diane Loucks Lunenburg, '61, Suzanne Murray Brezee, '62, Barbara Newton Wise, '64, James Tully, '65, Denise Knott, '65, Michael Bettinger, '65, Eugene Loucks, '65, Donna Williams Turtura, '67, Deborah Miller Peterson, '68, Nancy Spink Garnsey, '68, John Wheeler, '69, Paula Davis Vrooman, '70, Patricia Pacific Peterson, '70, Phil Switzer, '71, Charles LaPoint, '72, Mark Schreyer, '74, Ronald Rice Scheel, '77, Donald LaPoint, '78, Richard Brown, '79, Don Olds, '80, James Potter, '80, Robert Stewart, '83, Scott Wilson, '85, Melanie Haynes, '85, Brian Austin, '89, Mark Butler, '89, Eric Hibbert, '01, William King, '11, Benjamin Arzie, '21, Matthew Bice, '22, Warren Leib, Honorary, Dr. Clayton Brower, Honorary, William Pearson, Honorary War Diploma.

President Weigel asked if there were any others to add, being none, she led all in observation of a moment of silence in memory of these departed alumni.



Under Old Business, President Weigel reported on the activities of the Wall of Distinction Committee. The committee has elected to first honor the 14 known Alumni veterans of past military conflicts who gave their lives. Ten from World War II, three from Vietnam and one from Korea.

Committee member Ted Williams led the roll call of classes: The call began with the class of 1954 and ended with the class of 2022. One hundred and ten alumni responded to the roll call. 1954-1; 1955-4; 1956-0; 1957-0; 1958-2; 1959-3; 1960-0; 1961-1; 1962-0; 1963-2; 1964-2; 1965-9; 1966-1; 1967-1; 1968-9; 1969-3; 1970-0; 1971-0; 1972-7; 1973-22; 1974-1; 1975-4; 1976-1; 1977-2; 1978-2; 1979-0; 1980-2; 1981-2; 1982-2; 1983-0; 1984-3; 1985-1; 1986-0; 1987-1; 1988-2; 1989-1; 1990-1; 1991-0; 1992-1; 1993-1; 1994-5; 1996-1; 1997-1; 1998-1; 1999-0; 2000-0; 2001-0; 2002-1; 2003-0; 2004-1; 2005-0; 2006-0; 2007-0; 2008-0; 2009-1; 2010-0; 2011-0; 2012-0; 2013-0; 2014-0; 2015-0; 2016-0; 2017-0; 2018-0; 2019-0; 2020-1; 2021-0; 2022-1. Former Alumni President and member of the class of 1954 Anne Hurd Gibbs Miller was honored as the eldest member present and presented with one of the floral arrangements. Anne offered some remarks and thanked everyone.

Robin Warren Philips introduced the three generation graduate families present: Diane Champney Lyng, '68, Robert Lyng, '95 and MacKenna Lyng, '23; Cindy Prins Wilson, '72, Alyson Wilson Tighe, '94 and Luke Tighe, '23; William Tighe, '65, Thomas Tighe, '93, Luke Tighe, 2023; Linda Rose Taylor, '73, Renee Denny, '94, Isabelle Dobson, '23; Patti Soule Kingsley, '75, Chad Dobson, '95, Isabelle Dobson, '23; Bonnie Carpenter Catanzarite, '73, Jena Guigino Kelley, '98 and Ashton Kelley, 23.

David Hessel, Class President, introduced his fellow classmates from the class of 1973. David spoke of their happiness at being together for their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. There was one member of the 25-year class present.

Principal Jordan Fahnstock brought forward the sixteen members of the Class of 2023 present. He spoke briefly on the high achievements of this class, overcoming obstacles through the past couple years. He then called upon them to introduce themselves and tell the alumni of their future plans.

Superintendent Tom Jennings presented the scholarships on behalf of the Alumni: Pulaski Alumni Scholarship awards (\$1,200 each) were: Mason Wallace, Sienna Smith, Joe Brodeaur, Olivia Fernandez, Summer Watson, and Devon Wood. Lura Mack Sharp Scholarship (\$2,000) recipient was Aaron McConnell. Harold Youker Award (\$500) recipients were: Bradley Hollis and Izzy Dobson. John Ben Snow Alumni Scholarship (\$1,000) recipients were: Rachel Sedore, Robert Plyter, Kimberly Brooklyn Fiumano and Destiny Miller.

With 60% of their living class present, the Class of 1973 won both the Lura Mack Sharp and Henry Mathison trophies. There was no new business.

Committee member Judith Schreiner Parker read the proposed slate of officers and Executive Committee members: President-Margaret Mathison Weigel, 67; Vice President-Robin Warren Philips, '88; Treasurer-Tammie Frank Whaley, '82; Corresponding Secretary-Barbara Mathison Pulvermiller, '80; Recording Secretary-Shawn Doyle, '84. Executive Committee members: Judy Schreiner Parker, '59; Charlotte Summerville DeGaetano, '59; Valerie Thompson Johnson, '77; Ted Williams, '77; Theresa Clark-Switzer, '82; Ellen Wansink-Lowery, '83; Jill Watson Truax, '85; Lisa Hilton Farmer, '97; Gina Petrocci Brandano, '02; Jordan Fahnstock, '04 and Tiffany Hax Craig, '04.

A motion was made by Margo Orton to move the slate as read; this was seconded by Dennis Glavin. All voted in favor, none opposed, the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Shawn Doyle called for the honored classes to offer toasts. Anne Hurd Miller of the class of 1954 was introduced. She stood and spoke that it is "important as we age to rise and put your feet on the floor and have a good day." Anne offered that she was glad to have had a chance to go to School in Pulaski, and she later came home to teach here and in Sandy Creek District. She congratulated the class of 2023 and toasted them, adding "Get out there and make us proud!"

Cindy Kingsland of the Class of 1973 was introduced and spoke on how their class has more in common with one another after 50 years: "Social Security, AARP, Medicare, Senior discounts." She offered that "tonight we all remember our shared past, we honor those to taught and encouraged us" She added thanks to the reunion committee of the class of 1973, and the Alumni Association for their dedication, concluding a toast to the present, the past and our future, and to the 18-year-olds in all of us!"

Bradley Hollis of the Class of 2023 was introduced and offered remarks on living in a small community with tight bonds and toasted the Class of 1973, and the Alumni Association for welcoming the class of 2023 into the Alumni Family.

Shawn Doyle offered a toast to the alumni assembled, and to the Class of 1973 particularly with whom he worked closely with on their reunion.

President Weigel thanked all for attending the banquet and called for adjournment. This motion was made by Ted Williams, seconded by Marlene Mooney Griffith. All in favor, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

The benediction was offered by Pastor Glenn Bozak, followed by a rousing singing of the last verse of the Alma Matar.

Respectively Submitted,

Shawn Doyle, Recording Secretary

## **Your Alumni Association Officers (2023-2024)**

### Officers

President: Margaret Mathison Weigel, '67  
Vice President: Robin Warren Philips, '88  
Corresponding Secretary-Barb Mathison Pulvermiller, '80  
Rec. Secretary: Shawn Doyle, '84  
Treasurer: Tammie Frank Whaley, '82

### Executive Committee

Theresa Clark-Switzer, 82	Ellen Wansink Lowery, '83
Charlotte Summerville DeGaetano, '59	Jill Watson Truax, '85
Ted Williams, '77	Gina Petrocci Brandano '02
Valerie Thompson Johnson, '77	Jordan Fahnestock, '04
Lisa Hilton, '97	Tiffany Hax Craig, '04
	Cathy Brown Tilkins, '11

## **Neighboring Alumni Societies and their 2024 Plans**

**Sandy Creek Central**- The 132nd annual Banquet will be held on Friday July 19, 2024, at the High School Cafeteria. Social Hour at 4pm, Dinner at 5pm, Meeting will begin at 6pm, followed by photos of honored classes and individuals. After the banquet all are invited to Kyles Wig-Wam at Sandy Pond for the "Alumni reunion gathering" from 7:30-11:30pm. There will be music and hor d'ouerves, a cash bar, raffles. On Saturday July 20, there will be a family day at Sandy Island State Park 9am-12:30. Admission fees to the park may apply. Saturday July 20th 2-6pm there will be a gathering at the Lacona VFW, BBQ chicken halves will be available, and bring a dish to pass family event with music. More details will be in the forthcoming newsletter. For more details, contact Mary LaVeck Hicks, Corresponding Secretary, 240 Miller Rd., Lacona, NY 13083, 315.387.3961; scalumni@marysneedleart.com; [www.sandycreeksd.org](http://www.sandycreeksd.org), click on "Site map" then Alumni. or President Kimberly Presley Trumble 315.532.1050, Kimberlyhitchcocktrumple@gmail.com

**Altmar-Parish-Williamstown**- The banquet will be held Saturday June 8, 2024, at the APW High School Cafeteria. 5pm social hour, 6pm dinner catered by Sandy Bull, '67 at cost of \$20 per person. Price includes scholarship support. For more information contact Sharon House, 33 Easy St., Parish, NY 13131 315-625-7641 [Shouse352@aol.com](mailto:Shouse352@aol.com). We are on Facebook at: APW Alumni Facebook

**Camden Central**-The annual banquet is set for Saturday June 1, 2024, at the Grape and Grog, (Old Bowling Alley) Camden. Doors open at 3:30pm with dinner and program to follow at 5pm. The cost of dinner is \$25 per person. Reservations Required in advance. More information can be found at [www.Camdenalumni.com](http://www.Camdenalumni.com)

**Mexico Academy**- 198<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni banquet is set for Saturday June 22, 2024, at the Eis House Restaurant, 144 Academy St., Mexico. Social hour 4pm, dinner to follow and meeting afterwards. Reservations required, Cost \$23.50. For more information: Contact President Jim Emery for more information: jemery@twcny.rr.com website can be found at [mexicocsd.org](http://mexicocsd.org) select community and the Alumni under the letter "A"

# Class of 1949



Back Row: I. Mangus, N. Pearson, D. Richardson, C. McLaughlin, C. Quackenbush, Y. Wyman, P. Hilton, J. Grinnell, E. Brown, E. Gressler, E. Chapman, J. Cundare, N. Van Voorhis, N. Gorman, J. LeBeau

Third Row: B. Spath, E. Hunt, V. Gibbs, B. Smith, H. Benedict, H. Redden, S. Brown, A. Gregory, L. Fischer, B. Besio, M. Webb, Miss Wood

Second Row: P. Emmett, N. Johnson, B. Simmons, R. Mattison, A. Killaim, Z. Zufelt, F. Balch, N. Kline, J. Cates, J. Widrig

First Row: W. Webb, H. Skotnicki, W. Stenson, C. Howlett, W. Wheeler, D. Wansink, W. Littlefield, B. Petrie, H. Thornhill, J. Heckle

**Members of the Class of 1949 included:** Florence Balch Gerdon, Hazel Benedict Finen, Evelyn Brown Davis, Sarah Brown Marriott, June Cates Hilliker, Erma Chapman Reese, Robert Coffin, Rosemary Cummings, June Cundare Guptill, Patricia Emmett Kemerer, Lillian Fischer Simmons, Virginia Gibbs Catalino, Nancy Gorman Hombordy, Alma Gregory Wilson, Emma Gressler Christianson, Jean Grinnell Stenson, John Heckle, Phyllis Hilton Wortman, Marjorie Joyce Hollis, Charles Howlett, Eleanor Hunt Youngs, Leon Jerred, Nancy Johnson LaQuay, Robert Killam, Norma Kline McMullen, Joyce LeBeau Thompson, Ida Mangus Wilder, Ruth Mattison Larrabee, John Mauro, Bruce Parker, Carolyn McLaughlin Peters, Nancy Pearson Thompson, Bruce Petrie, Cecelia Quackenbush Collins, Harriet A. Redden, Delores Richardson Wengate Latch, Henry Skotnicki, Betty Smith, Beverly Spath Duett, Harlan Thornhill, Nancy VanVoorhis Brush, Dirk Wansink, Marilyn Webb Halsey, Wesley Webb, Helga Wedemeyer, Walker Wheeler, Yvonne Wyman Parker, Edison Zufelt

## Web Site keeps Alumni informed year-round

We now have migrated over to a new website address at [www.pulaskicsd.org/alumni](http://www.pulaskicsd.org/alumni)

Special thanks to School Superintendent Tom Jennings, '90, as well as Gina Petrocci Brandano, '02 for working on this. The site contains past banquet photos as well as a transcription of the 1938 History of Pulaski Schools formatted and uploaded by Kevin Stewart '94.

As we continue to update this site, we will ensure there is a registration form to update addresses. Look for new enhancements to the site in the future.

We are also on Facebook! "Pulaski New York Alumni Association" It is a page that you have to like not a group. We encourage you to share photos and reunion plans with us on our Facebook page.



# Class of 1999



**Members of the Class included:** Tiffany Abbott, Stephanie Marie Allen, Carissa L. Anderson, Gisa Astone, Adam Baranello, Joseph Barber, George Bloss, Michael P. Blount, Beth Brittain, Russell Brittell, Jennifer Brodeur, Jeremy Robert Carden, Allison Marie Connor, Miranda Leigh Cough, James Craig, Amy Elizabeth Crawford, Conor Dailey, Dawn Dashnaw, Christopher Dattler, Michael Delaney, Angela DeLosh, Angela Denny, Aaron K. Dorsch, Jr., Jeffrey Empie, Mark Fox, Malanie Anne Fuller, Richard J. Gaffney, Timothy Giblin, Nicole Golden, Anthony Thomas Gugino, Gabriela Guimaraes, Penelope Haney, James Harris, Christina Hilton, Tracey Hilton, Charles E. Hooge, II, Vanessa C. House, Jamie Lynn Hubbard, Kenneth Hubbard, Channie I. Joyner, Lisa Kirby, Michael Lake, Peter Lawton, Jason Lewis, Kristy Mandigo, Ryan McConnell, Christine Middleton, Shasta Moot, Sheldon Moot, Eric Murtha, Tasha Nash, Kristen Nassoii, April Newcomb, Chad Nicholson, Matthew Nicholson, Joseph E. O'Brien, Sarah Orr, Dennis Parker, Sarah Katherine Paye, Stacey Phillips, Michael J. Price, Lacey Richardson, Desiree Roberts, Erin Roberts, Rebecca Rockefeller, Eric Sanderson, Christine Savastano, Melanie S. Seiler, Carrie E. Smith, Clint Smith, Heidi Ann-Marie Smith, Hebe Soares, Connie J. Staring, Christopher T. Stewart, Heidi Jo Stowell, Jennifer Leigh Thurston, Garret Mark Van Ness, Nellie Mae R. Walker, Kurt Walton, Jonathan Wheeler, Kary White, Ashleigh Emma Wilson, Nicole Worns, Patrick Yard

**Class Reunion Plans:** Lisa Kirby is working on a plan to gather this summer. Contact Lisa on Facebook or email at: [lisamarielkirby1@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarielkirby1@gmail.com). We have a Facebook Page. PACS Class of 1999.

***(Members of the class are encouraged to also support the Alumni Association and attend the banquet that evening at the Ringgold Fire Station.)***

## Reunion Notices, Class Lists and News

One of the services your Alumni Association offers is class reunion organization assistance. If you are a Pulaski graduate and are thinking about a class reunion, contact us by mail or email and we will assess what we have for your class in the way of photos, names and addresses.

Since the Corona Virus Pandemic, many classes have cancelled or postponed their reunions. ***New or an additional reunion dates and information will be posted on the website, and Facebook as we receive. Email [spdinpul@gmail.com](mailto:spdinpul@gmail.com) to submit information or questions.***

**Class of 1959**-The class is meeting for an "ice breaker" at Ma Barkers Tavern, Friday June 28, from 7pm until ? Finger food and cash bar. On Saturday there will be a bus tour of the Pulaski district beginning at 11am sharp from the back of our old school on Hinman Rd. The tour will stop for lunch at Half-Shire, and dessert at Pulaski Historical with a stop also at Salmon River Falls. We encourage all to attend the banquet (and vie for the trophy!) Saturday night. Sunday we will gather for breakfast at Half-Shire from 9am on. The lower level is accessible by lift. For more information contact Charlotte at; 315.298.5986.

**Class of 1964**- The Class plans to meet at Half Shire for lunch on Saturday June 29, (during the bus tour). Suggested donation \$10 for this lunch with baked ziti, meat platter, salads and dessert included. Breakfast at Half-Shire the next day at 9am is also in the plan.

**Class of 1969**-The class plans to gather at Half-Shire on Sunday June 30, for a luncheon, 2pm. A letter was sent out, contact Debbie Walker Gilson 315.396.2875 or Peggy Whaley Balcom 315.236.1022

**Class of 1974**-See cover story

**Class of 1979**- This year is the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our high school graduation (hard as it may be to believe). All members are encouraged to attend the Alumni banquet on June 29, as well as the bus tour earlier that day. Anyone who is interested in getting together otherwise should check the PACS Class of 1979 Facebook page, or email Laurie Davis Cleveland at [lauriecleveland61@gmail.com](mailto:lauriecleveland61@gmail.com) for additional information. (See Below the 80s "kids" have also invited us to join their block reunion!)

**Decade of 1979-90**- 4<sup>th</sup> annual 1980s Reunion will be held on August 3, 2024, at Half-Shire Historical Society in Richland. See the Facebook page established for "Quest" the band reunion. The Classes of 1984 and 1989 will hold their reunions in the afternoon out back in the barn/pavilion and tents with music, food trucks and a "celebrity bartender" (Chuck Balcom, '70) in the new, old-fashioned tavern annex on the barn. Quest members included Rod, Tom and Jack Jennings, Dan Myers and Bryan Luce. Contact Shawn Doyle at 315-602-6388 or [spdinpul@gmail.com](mailto:spdinpul@gmail.com) for more information. All are invited.

**Class of 1984**- The Class is planning to gather at Half-Shire Historical Society (Old Richland School) in Richland for an afternoon picnic on Saturday August 3, 2024. Food will be offered on site in the afternoon, (Pizza and BBQ etc.) later that evening the annual 80s reunion will be held onsite. For more information contact: Shawn Doyle at: [SPDinPUL@gmail.com](mailto:SPDinPUL@gmail.com)

**Class of 1989**- The Class is planning to gather at Half-Shire Historical Society (Old Richland School) in Richland for an afternoon picnic on Saturday August 3, 2024. Food will be offered on site in the afternoon, (Pizza and BBQ etc.) later that evening the annual 80s reunion will be held onsite. For more information contact: Tony Pollic at [Toollic56yahoo.com](mailto:Toollic56yahoo.com).

**Class of 1994**-Casey Leib, who organized the 25<sup>th</sup> reunion is hoping that other classmates will reach out to plan a gathering this summer. Contact Casey at: [Caseylseck@gmail.com](mailto:Caseylseck@gmail.com)

**Class of 1999**-See page 8

**Class of 2004**-Aaron Rumble reports that the class will gather at the Wig-Wam, Sandy Pond on Saturday June 29, 2024, from 2pm on. There will be a tent, band and food and beverages. Aaron hopes to see the whole class there! For more information Contact Aaron Rumble, [Rumbleexteriors@gmail.com](mailto:Rumbleexteriors@gmail.com) or Aaron Rumble on Facebook

**Class of 2014**-The Pulaski Class of 2014 is inviting classmates, significant others, and friends to meet on Saturday, June 29th, 4pm -7pm at The End Zone (also known as the Factory), 3435 Maple Ave, Pulaski, NY 13142. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. There will be small games (corn hole, darts, etc.). For more information contact Jim Carnes at: [jimmycarnes8@gmail.com](mailto:jimmycarnes8@gmail.com)



# Scenes from the 2023 Reunions and the Alumni



*Left-The 50-year class from 1973 held their reunion the night before the banquet in 2023 at Half-Shire Historical Society in Richland*



*Right- the day after the banquet the family of the late Norma Cole Rodriguez gathered to celebrate her life at Half-Shire. Several Alumni attended.*



*Left-The class of 1978 gathered in Richland to mark their 45<sup>th</sup> reunion on July 15<sup>th</sup>. A good number of class members and spouses were present!*



*Right-Former PACS music teacher and Vice Principal Sue Whitney attended the 80s reunion in August at half-Shire and is pictured here with five of her former students from the class of 1984.*

*Below right: The Class of 1983 held their very first reunion at Half-Shire on the day of the 80s reunion. 11 of the 13 members present are pictured here.*



*Left- The class of 1988 also held their 35<sup>th</sup> reunion at the 80s reunion at Half-Shire. Eleven members were present.*



# Banquet and meeting at the Pulaski American Legion



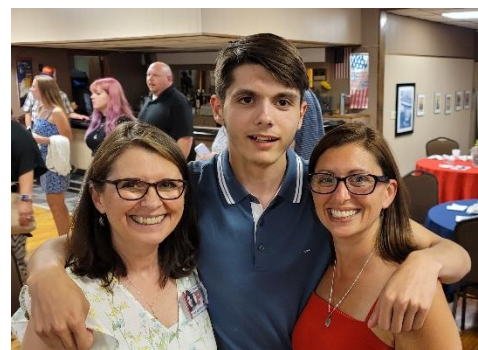
*The class of 1973 won both attendance trophies at the banquet for number present and largest percentage of their class present. (below left)*



*Anne Hurd Gibbs Miller (right) from the class of 1954 was the eldest graduate present and recognized with a centerpiece. Anne served many years on the Alumni committee, including as President.*



Three generation families present in 2023 were (above, and thence clockwise) Diane Champney Lyng, '68, Robert Lyng, '95 and MacKenna Lyng, '23; Cindy Prins Wilson, '72, Alyson Wilson Tighe, '94 and Luke Tighe, '23; William Tighe, '65, Thomas Tighe, '93, Luke Tighe, 2023; Linda Rose Taylor, '73, Renee Denny, '94, Isabelle Dobson, '23; Patti Soule Kingsley, '75, Chad Dobson, '95, Isabelle Dobson, '23; Bonnie Carpenter Catanzarite, '73, Jena Guigino Kelley, '98 and Ashton Kelley, 23.





# A Note from The President, Margaret Mathison Weigel, '67

Dear Fellow Alumni:

The first annual meeting and banquet of the Pulaski Alumni Association was held on December 30, 1890, and for 133 years, we have socialized and reminisced with classmates and friends while enjoying a meal. Our guests each year have been the graduating seniors who will join our Alumni Family upon receiving their diplomas from Pulaski Academy and Central School.

Through the generosity of the members of the Alumni Association and an endowment from the John Ben Snow Foundation, scholarships and awards have been given to graduating seniors in the amount of approximately \$300,000 since 1957.

In my history with the Alumni Executive Committee, I have seen the generosity of our alumni members in contributing to the playground at the Lura M. Sharp Elementary School and providing the sign in front of the LMS building. We were also instrumental in dedicating and naming the school for Lura M. Sharp. The west athletic field was dedicated to Harold Youker, admired athletic coach and teacher. An endowment from the John Ben Snow Foundation has ensured the continuation of the JBS Alumni Scholarships as well. Many of our Alumni have established other scholarships and awards through the school indicating that they have not forgotten their roots in Pulaski.

Alumni newsletters are sent annually to approximately 3600 PACS Alumni for whom we have current addresses. Address updates should be addressed to the corresponding secretary through our social media sites.

Your dues cover printing, mailing, and banquet costs. \$7.00 is still a bargain in 2024!

Your continued support is most appreciated, and we should be so proud of our organization of 134 years strong. Thank you all.

Margaret Mathison Weigel, '67

**PS-The 2025 banquet date will be moved to FRIDAY NIGHT, June 27, 2025. Mark your calendars!**

## Annual Alumni Bus Tour, June 29, 2024, 10:30 am departure

The annual Alumni bus tour will depart **Lura Sharp Elementary School** at 10:30am sharp on Saturday morning June 29, 2024. Two buses will take interested Alumni on a tour across the district, featuring the Hamlets of Port Ontario, Selkirk, Fernwood, Daysville and Richland as well as the village of Pulaski. Each attendee will be given a 20-page booklet with historical details and updates on buildings and businesses in the district.

The tour will also run up Rte. 13 to Altmar, to go by the Tailwater Lodge (old Altmar School) on the way to Salmon River Falls where a group photo will be taken on the overlook. A light buffet lunch will be offered at the stop in Richland at Half-Shire Historical Society, and dessert items will be offered at the newly renovated Pulaski Historical Society on Maple Ave. in Pulaski.

Trustee Ted Williams, '77 will be your tour guide.

For more information contact Shawn Doyle at [spdinpul@hotmail.com](mailto:spdinpul@hotmail.com) or 315.602.6388.





## (A selection from the 2024 bus tour booklet)

**The Kallet Theater**—built in 1939 after the disastrous Temple Theater fire that leveled a two-story building with three storefronts, one of which served as a theater. The Kallet is central to many of our memories of growing up. It closed in February 1984 and was used afterwards as an auto parts store for a long time, with the theater itself nothing more than a large storeroom. Vince Lobdell a former Carrier employee who developed a successful patent for air purification technology and started his own company Heathway, bought the theater in 2011 and committed to restore it for use as a banquet facility, offsite training auditorium for his company as well as Fulton Boiler Works, and since 2014 has hosted many weddings, concerts and also serves as an event center. Renovations changed the main room to feature a level floor which accommodates either banquet tables or chairs to seat nearly 400 people. The large lounge on the second floor has been tastefully redecorated as a bar area, with a new balcony overlooking the ground floor and stage constructed during the renovation. This redevelopment of the theater, though closed for much of COVID, has brought new life, and is once again an anchor to our downtown!



**Old Kinney Drugs**---Was long in poor condition currently, and under redevelopment Earl's Restaurant and the old Smith Law office have been restored as part of a downtown renovation grant obtained in 2010 which also assisted with work to the theater, and the old hardware store at the foot of the hill. The two partners who renovated the former Earls (now LD's on the River) have created a loft apartment upstairs with spectacular river views. LD's on the River is a popular tavern complex which includes a patio in between.

### **WEST SIDE DOWNTOWN---**

**Former Peoples Bank Building**-Currently under redevelopment by owner Jeff Fowler through a NYS grant, and soon home to "Life is Good" brand store. The structure was built in 1882 and served as a Masons Lodge until 1892, and later a bank until the depression. American Finance was here in the 1970s.

**How many remember the Pulaski Day fire in October 1960 that levelled the Pulaski House/Draco's Restaurant.** Oswego County Savings Bank was built on the site in 1967 and expanded in the 1980s with the removal of other buildings to the north. NBT Bank is the new name.

Most of the buildings on the west side of downtown have changed occupants' numerous times. Crystal Jelly, "Flashy Flamingo" (site of the old Byrne Dairy Store) and the "Life is Good" store, are among many of the small new shops that are popping up under new young owners.

Pulaski Historical Society and Half-Shire maintain a "genealogy of downtown" to document what was located where and would love to hear your memories of these storefronts. A tour of the historic district was conducted on June 1, by the Heritage Foundation of Oswego County

***(Ted Williams, '77 will be your tour guide!)***



# Message from Superintendent Tom Jennings, '90

Dear Fellow Alumni:

It has been six rewarding years since I assumed the role of superintendent at Pulaski Schools, and I'm thrilled to share some highlights of our progress with you.

I am happy to report that the Pulaski Academy & Central School District is thriving.

We have developed comprehensive long-range plans encompassing facilities, finance, and technology, enabling us to leverage our resources more effectively. Short-term federal funding, notably the American Rescue Funds, has been strategically allocated to bolster infrastructure and advance our long-term objectives. Currently, we are actively engaged in facilities planning for capital improvement projects slated for completion in 2027 and 2034.

We have made significant improvements in academic programming across several areas, including art, music, technology, and advanced programming. We have expanded our intervention and other special programs to support struggling learners while also enhancing opportunities for students outside the classroom, including clubs, athletics, and college and career planning.

We have continued the tradition of sound financial planning and budget development. The Pulaski Board of Education and administration have been strategic with District resources, keeping tax increases at or below the tax cap, while also providing opportunity, rigor, and sustainability in academic programming.

Our focus on the right work, and strong partnerships with parents and the community, have helped us build on our successes and have schools we can all be proud of.

We all share responsibility in educating our children; please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or visit our website at [www.pulaskicsd.org](http://www.pulaskicsd.org).

Thanks,

Tom Jennings, Class of 1990  
Superintendent



***Pulaski Superintendent Tom Jennings, '90 (Back row, left) poses with members of the 1980s local band "Quest" which included Dan Meyers, '84, Rod Jennings, '84 and front row: Bryan Luce, '84 and Jack Jennings, '85, at the old Richland School in August***

***The 2024 "4th annual 80s reunion" is set for Saturday August 3, 2024, at Half-Shire Historical Society in Richland. For more information contact Shawn Doyle, '84 at [spdinpul@gmail.com](mailto:spdinpul@gmail.com)***

## Wall of Distinction Update

On Monday May 27, the first Wall of Distinction honorees will be cited for their sacrifice for our nation at the annual village Memorial Day service in the south park at 10am. Fifteen men who graduated from our school, or left school to fight in our nations wars, and gave their lives, will be honored. A commemorative program will be distributed at the park that day. After the ceremony in the park the band will lead a parade to Pulaski cemetery for the ceremony for the fallen there. A reception at the American legion on Maple Ave will follow.

Plaques in memory of the Wall of Distinction honorees have been ordered, and will be on display in the park that day, and later will hang in the foyer at Pulaski Jr.-Sr. High School on Salina St. Those honored are: Robert Rollin Edwards, member of class of 1912; Daniel Joseph Burdick, '66; Charles Eveard Clement, '42; Mac Rockwell Corwin, '35; Jack Francis Davies, '41; Bradford Ralph Galbraith, '42; Larry Herbert Gallagher, '66; Francis Benton Gayne, '39; William Porter Green, '38; Michael Albert Potish, '39; Joseph Clifford Rule, '35; Douglas Franklin Spath, '41; Robert James Spencer, '44; Wilbur Leon Valley, '35; Robert Grant Wilson, '64; ***(Above right) Robert James Spencer (October 3, 1921-June 6, 1944) of Richland, gave his life on the beaches of Normandy on D. Day***





## Pulaski and Half-Shire Historical Societies work to keep history alive



Returning alumni are encouraged to visit our two vibrant historical societies and their museums.

Membership in the Pulaski Historical Society helps to preserve the history of our village. The museum, located at 3428 Maple Avenue, is on the site of the original John Ben Snow home and was donated to the

Historical Society by the Snow Memorial Trust. We are very fortunate to have this home to store our artifacts and archives and it is our legacy to future generations to maintain the building and its contents. We are also lucky to have the Mary Lou Morrow Carriage House where we can host our programs and other displays.



Pulaski Historical Society has been going through a massive renovation thanks to a gift from the estate of Evelyn B. Davis (Class of 1951). We house business histories, family histories, and village histories. We are fully staffed by volunteers. Monthly newsletters are distributed by mail, email and to a few local places. A Tuesday Teaser is done weekly to encourage knowledge of the village in days gone by.

Half-Shire Historical Society, located in the former Richland School, represents the surrounding eleven towns of northern Oswego County, the Lewis County towns of Montague and Osceola, the Oneida County towns of Florence and Camden. The Society concentrates greatly on genealogical research and assists with Ancestry DNA test interpretations. Half-Shire produces a 12-page quarterly newsletter, the 16-page quarterly *Tug Hill Literary Review*, conducts monthly lunch program meetings in Richland, and annual spring and fall dinner dances that are open to the public.

In 2021 as a result of a generous gift from the late Ambassador H. Douglas Barclay, the former third grade room was renovated and transformed into a model 1926 classroom, as well as a research room dedicated to the history of our schools in Pulaski and surrounding districts. A complete collection of Pulaski School yearbooks, as well as growing collections from APW, Sandy Creek, Camden, Belleville-Henderson, and Mexico Schools. A newly expanded barn and pavilion on the grounds offers an outdoor venue for events, as well as agricultural and logging exhibits.

For more information or to join (\$20 annual dues) contact the Society at P.O. 73, 1100 County Rte. 48, Richland, New York 13144 or [www.halfshire.org](http://www.halfshire.org) or "Half Shire Mary White" on Facebook. ***Half-Shire offers free 1-year memberships to all members of the 50-year class from Pulaski, Sandy Creek, APW, Mexico and Camden School Alumni.***

## Greater Pulaski Community Fund

The Greater Pulaski Community Endowment Fund is a union of gifts contributed by the people of the Pulaski community that makes grants to support programs and projects of importance to the area. The Pulaski Fund is a component fund of the Central New York Community Foundation. Since its inception in 1991, the Fund has provided more than \$450,000 in grants to benefit the Pulaski community. People can learn more about the fund and contribute at [www.cnycf.org/Pulaski](http://www.cnycf.org/Pulaski).



***The 2025 Alumni banquet will be held FRIDAY June 27, 2025, mark your calendars! Classes of 1975, 2000 and any other class planning reunions are encouraged to contact Alumni Secretary Shawn Doyle early to begin planning! (Les Switzer is organizing the class of 1980 for a planned reunion)***



## Scenes from the 1980s Reunion, August 3, 2023



One of the great feats of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 80s reunion in August 2023 was the first ever reunion of the class of 1983. These ladies pictured above had a great time reminiscing!



Left-Chris Hood from the class of 1989 provided entertainment during the day for the picnic of the classes of 1983 and 1989 on the back lawn. Chuck Balcom, '70 and son Carson Balcom, '11 pictured here with Chuck's Aunt Dottie, served drinks for over 12 hours in the new barn, and later in the evening in the old school.



Clockwise from center: the band Quest with dancers; The class of 1985; Class of 1986; The Quest team (l-r) Jack Jennings, '85, Bryan Luce, '84, Bryan Philips, '84 (original lighting and technical support "MacGyver" of the band); Tom Jennings, '90, Rod Jennings, '84, Dan Myers, '84 and Shawn Doyle, '84 (Half-Shire President). Next--Class of 1984 members; and finally, two "BFFs for life", Martha Leib Carnes, and Jodi Wilson Olsen, class of 1987.





## Pulaski Alumni Association Inc. 2023 Financial Report

### Community Bank, Pulaski

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2022) \$10,144.45

#### **Receipts:**

316 Dues @ \$7.00 Each 2,212.00  
 126 Dinner Res. @ \$17.00 2,142.00  
 Wall of Distinction Donations 492.00  
 General Donations 1,717.28  
 Previous Yrs. Scholarships Not Taken (3,000.00)  
 Interest on working account: \$2.12

#### **Expenses:**

Post Office Box Rent (\$144.00)  
 Postal Costs (newsletter) (850.31)  
 Office Supplies (87.65)  
 Banquet Costs (Legion/Etc.) (3,776.58)  
 Working Bal in Pulaski 12/31/2023 \$8,851.31

### Community Bank Scholarship Accounts

#### **Lura M. Sharp Scholarship**

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2022) \$2,407.53  
 Deposits - Donations 1,623.00  
 Interest .62  
 Withdrawal-1 scholarship (2,000.00)  
 Balance 12/31/2023 \$2,031.15

#### **Harold Youker Athletic Award**

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2022) \$6,756.83  
 Deposits - Donations 2,366.00  
 Interest 2.08  
 Withdrawal-2 scholarships (1,000.00)  
 Balance 12/31/2023 \$8,124.91

#### **Pulaski Alumni Scholarship**

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2022) \$10,974.79  
 Deposits from Alumni – Donations 7,448.00  
 Distribution from CNY Foundation-JBS 1,800.00  
 Previous Yrs. Scholarship Returned 3,000.00  
 Interest 3.53  
 Withdrawal 7-\$1000 scholarships (9,200.00)  
 Withdrawal JBS 2-\$1000 scholarships (2,000.00)  
 Balance 12/31/2023 \$12,026.32

#### **Scholarship balances held in Pulaski, 12/31/2023**

**\$31,033.69**

### **Pulaski Alumni Association Scholarship**

#### **CNY Community Foundation**

Balance on 12/31/2022 \$60,392.48  
 Interest & dividends to 12/31/2023 503.46  
 Realized Gains 730.20  
 Unrealized Loss 5,740.78  
 Grants Paid  
 Administrative fees paid to CNCF-2023 (473.22)  
 Donations  
 Balance on 12/31/23 \$66,893.70

### Lura M. Sharp Memorial Scholarship

#### CNY Community Foundation

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2022) \$51,975.66  
 Interests & dividends to 12/31/2023 433.29  
 Realized Gains 628.43  
 Unrealized Loss 4,940.69  
 Grant Paid Out  
 Administrative fees paid to CNYCF-2023 (407.27)  
 Balance on 12/31/2023 \$57,570.80

#### Harold Youker Memorial Athletic Award

#### CNY Community Foundation

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2022) \$25,928.79  
 Interest and dividends to 12/31/2023 216.15  
 Realized Gains 313.50  
 Unrealized Loss 2,464.73  
 Administrative fee paid to CNYCF-2023 (203.17)  
 Balance on 12/31/2023 \$28,720.00

#### General Fund Investment

#### CNY Community Foundation

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2022) \$3,328.92  
 Interest and dividend to 12/31/2023 27.75  
 Realized Gains 40.26  
 Unrealized Loss 316.44  
 Administrative fee paid to CNYCF-2023 (26.08)  
 Balance on 12/31/2023 \$3,687.29

#### \*NEW\* JBS Community Fund

#### CNY Community Foundation

Starting Balance (12/31/2022) \$42,297.87  
 Interest and dividend to 12/31/2023 341.38  
 Realized Gains 485.22  
 Unrealized Gains 3,920.90  
 Grants Paid Out (1,800.00)  
 Administrative fee paid to CNYCF-2023 (428.57)  
 Balance on 12/31/2023 \$44,816.80

#### Summary of monies managed by Central New York

#### Community Foundation as of December 31, 2023

Alumni Scholarship Fund \$66,893.70  
 Lura Sharp Scholarship Fund 57,570.80  
 Harold Youker Memorial Fund 28,720.00  
 General Fund 3,687.29  
 JBS Fund 44,816.80  
 Total with CNYCF 12/31/2023 \$201,688.59  
 Community Bank, working capital: \$8,851.31  
 Community Bank Scholarship funds 22,182.38  
 Total Local Assets 12/31/2023 \$31,033.69  
**Total All Alumni Assets 12/31/2023 \$232,722.28**  
 Total for year end 2022 \$214,207.32  
 Total for year end 2021 \$233,392.06  
 Total for year end 2020 \$203,622.06  
 Total for year end 2019 \$184,404.61  
 Total for year end 2018 \$171,819.39

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## ***the Call.....***

### ***To the 2024 Annual Meeting***

134<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Pulaski Alumni Association and social gathering has been set for Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Ringgold Fire Station, Lake Street in Pulaski. The social gathering will begin at 5pm, Dinner will be served at 6pm followed by a Meeting at 7pm. Pulaski Masons will prepare a chicken barbecue, with Val and Chuck Johnson catering the balance of the meal. We will honor the Classes of 1949, 1974 and 1999 as well as the current graduating class. Please ***look at our website and Facebook pages for updates. Cost is \$20 per person, RSVP and MUST be prepaid by June 15, ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED; ALL CHECKS MUST BE PAID TO PACS ALUMNI NOT YOUR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE.***