

Pulaski Alumni Association Newsletter

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P.O. Box 344, Pulaski, NY 13142

The Class of 1975



Members of the class included: Charles Archer, Virginia Atkinson, Brian Barber, Larry Bartlett, Patricia Baum, Laurie Bellows, David Bettinger, Helene Boies, Kevin Burns, Judith Carney, Joyce Corey, Luanne Curtis, Linda Davis, William Deans, Donald Dobson, Rosemary Dye, Daryl Dyer, Jonathan Elmer, James Gates, Richard Gibbs, Robert Gibbs, Donna Gilson, Gloria Giraldo, Leland Glenister, Margaret Goodwin, Keith Greenwood, Michael Hartsough, Lisa Hauer, Suzanne Haynes, Cindy Hollis, Kathy Hubbard, Kenneth Hubbard, Laura James, Cynthia King, Sharon Krebs, Louis Lombardo, Rose Look, Barron Lux, Michael Maitland, Catherine Mamele, Donna Manwaring, James Maring, Robert Martin, Sharon Martin, Douglas Mooney, Julie Mowers, Michael Murphy, Glenda Novak, Charles Osburn, Brian Parker, Mark Pfluger, Karen Pratt, Doanld Quackenbush, Debra Raiti, Cindy Roberts, Cathy Scott, Linda Scott, Kathleen Sheridan, Linda Smith, Marlene Snow, Jeanette Sottung, Patti Soule, Larry Teachout, Glinda Thompson, James Uhlig, Debra Victor, Craig Waite, Joan Wart, John Whaley, Charles Zufelt, Jeffrey Zufelt.

Reunion Plans: Alumni Banquet Friday June 27, Pulaski Jr.-Sr. High School

Saturday June 28-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, a lunch stop at Half-Shire in Richland and dessert stop at Pulaski Historical Society in Pulaski. Sunday-breakfast option at Half-Shire in Richland 9am-1pm.

There is some discussion about a dinner that may be held later in the summer at the Fernwood Community Center social hall (Old Methodist Church) which has been nicely renovated, or Half-Shire Historical.

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Minutes of the Pulaski Alumni Association 134th Annual Alumni Banquet, Saturday June 25, 2024

Ringgold Volunteer Fire Department, Lake Street. Pulaski

Officers and Committee Present: President-Margaret Mathison Weigel, '67; Corresponding Secretary-Barbara Mathison Pulvermiller, '80; Recording Secretary-Shawn Doyle, '84; Executive Committee: Charlotte Summerville DeGaetano, '59; Valerie Thompson Johnson, '77; Ted Williams, '77; Gina Petrocci Brandano, '02; Theresa Clark Switzer, '82; Tiffany Hax Craig, '04 and Cathy Tilkins, '11. Absent or excused: Vice President Robin Warren Philips, '88; Treasurer-Tammie Frank Whaley, '82; Ellen Wansink Lowery, '83; Jill Watson Truax, '85; Lisa Hilton '97.

The banquet was opened at 6pm by President Margaret Mathison Weigel, '67 who led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The invocation was given by former President Ann Hurd Gibbs Miller, '52. The first stanza of the Alma Mater was sung, and all were seated for dinner. The buffet meal was prepared by Val Johnson and consisted of BBQ chicken, salt potatoes, baked beans, macaroni and cabbage salads, tossed salad, rolls, butter and coffee service. Pulaski Trap Team assisted in serving and with cleanup.

Following the meal, the business meeting was opened by President Margaret Weigel at 7:18pm. Over 236 alumni and guests were present. (206 paid, plus 30 seniors.)

President Weigel introduced the head table and honored guests. The minutes of the 2023 meeting were included in the annual alumni newsletter. A correction was offered by Amy Weigel that five graduates from 1995 had attended the 2023 banquet. With this correction the minutes were approved upon motion of Ted Williams, and 2nd by Don Cronk. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Theresa Clark Switzer delivered the Treasurer's report. She also shared sentiments for Tammie Whaley as follows: "It is great to have you all here to reconnect with each other and other alumni, as well as to have a chance to meet some of our future alumni from the class of 2024. Congratulations to this year's graduating class of 2024. PACS staff and administration have done a great job getting all of you students through all these years and teaching you what they know about how to become adults and move ahead in your future endeavors. AND you all survived through COVID!"

"Thank you to all PACS Alumni for your generous donations. It is with your annual dues and donations that we can continue the annual newsletters, mailings, holding this annual banquet and having the opportunity to provide several scholarships to our graduating seniors. We did well on receiving donations last year, so we did not have to take a distribution for our investments from the CNY Community Foundation except for the JBS Scholarship, and that distribution is mandated. We also did gain back a portion of our investments that we had lost in 2022"

2023 Yearend Balances:

Community Bank General Fund/Checking-\$7,002.31
Community Bank Alumni Scholarship-\$12,026.32
Community Bank Harold Youker Scholarship-\$8,124.91
Community Bank Lura Sharp Scholarship-\$2,031.15
Community Bank Wall of Distribution-\$1,849.00

Total in Pulaski

Community Bank-\$31,033.69

Community Foundation General Fund Investment-\$3,687.29
Community Foundation Alumni Scholarship Investment-\$66893.70
Community Foundation Harold Youker Scholarship Investment-\$28,720.00
Community Foundation Lura Sharp Scholarship investment-\$57,570.80
Community Foundation JBS Scholarship-\$44,816.80

Total in Investments-\$201,688.59

"THIS IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.....THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO KEEP ALL THESE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS HEALTHY! Again, congratulations to the Pulaski Academy and Central School's Class of 2024! Have a great evening!"

Motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Don Cronk, 2nd by Terry Allen. All in favor, none opposed.

Communications were read by Barb Pulvermiller. Thank you notes were received from 2023 scholarship winners.

President Weigel noted the deaths reported in the last twelve months: George Loomis '35, Thelma Fraser Goodwin '43, Fred Killam '45, Shirley Killam '46, Shirley Parrow Shattuck '46, David Webb '47, Marilyn Webb Halsey '49, Deane Chubb '50, Joyce Webb Miller '51, Thomas Lyng '53, Mary Vincent Matterson '53, Rosalie Clement Lawrence '56, Patricia Bosak Hiscock, '56, Carol Brinklow Miller '57, Bruce Dollinger, '58, Jackie Edick Heckle '59, John Moot '60, Elaine Lloyd Tilkins '60, Linda Lawton Jukes '61, Richard Pacific '61, Ruthann Spath Walker '61, Philip Smith '62, Richard Arthur '65, Robert P. Gibbs '66, Maureen Oakes Huband '66, Richard Pollic '67, Bruce Greene '67, Barbara Hubbard '69, Robert Blechinger '71, Emily Hager McCarty '71, Cindy Drake White '74, Chris Heckle '74, Kirk Stenson '74, Thomas Johnson '76, Fred Switzer '77, Pam Kline Bell '81, William Spoon '81, Fred Pfluger '83, Jay Smith '85, Gretchen MacDougall '96, Mark Fox '99, Christopher Hull, '16, and Janice Monnat, John Jones both Honorary Alumni.

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. There was no old business.

Committee member Ted Williams led the roll call of classes: The call began with the class of 1950 and ended with the class of 2023. One hundred and ten alumni responded to the roll call. 1950-2, 1951-0, 1952-0, 1953-0, 1954-4, 1955-3, 1956-0, 1957-1, 1958-0, 1959-11, 1960-2, 1961-2, 1962-0, 1963-3, 1964-10, 1965-6, 1966-1, 1967-2, 1968-6, 1969-9, 1970-3, 1971-1, 1972-7, 1973-5, 1974-19, 1975-2, 1976-4, 1977-3, 1978-3, 1979-8, 1980-3, 1981-2, 1982-3, 1983-0, 1984-3, 1985-1, 1986-0, 1987-0, 1988-0, 1989-1, 1990-1, 1991-0, 1992-0, 1993-0, 1994-1, 1995-3, 1996-0, 1997-1, 1998-1, 1999-1, 2000-1, 2001-1, 2002-2, 2003-0, 2004-2, 2005-0, 2006-0, 2007-0, 2008-0, 2009-0, 2010-0, 2011-1, 2012-0, 2013-0, 2014-0, 2015-0, 2016-0, 2017-0, 2018-0, 2019-0, 2020-1, 2021-1, 2022-4, and 2023-1. Vawn Otis and Darlene Adydan of the class of 1950 were jointly honored as the eldest members present, and given flower arrangements by the Alumni Association

Barbara Mathison Pulvermiller introduced the multiple generation graduate families present. The three-generation family present was: Marie Reynolds Yerdon, '69, Abraham Yerdon, '95, and twins Natalie and Sam Yerdon, "24; The four-generation family present was: Ann Hurd Gibbs Miller, '54, Jerry Gibbs, '76, Lisa Gibbs Wood, '98 and Myer Butler '24.

Angel Rodriquez introduced his fellow classmates from the class of 1974. He spoke of their great memories and the joy at being together for their 50th reunion. There was one member of the 25-year class present, Ken Hubbard, Jr.

(Secretary's note: At the end of the banquet, it was learned that four members of the class of 1954 were present celebrating their 70th year. They were: Ann Hurd Gibbs Miller, Marilyn Pirk Gray, Shirley LeClair Mamele and Bonnie Carpenter Cunningham. This should have been recognized.)

Principal Jordan Fahnestock brought forward 38 members of the Class of 2024 that were present. He spoke briefly on the high achievements of this class, overcoming obstacles through the past couple years as well as the uniqueness of this class having five sets of twins in it! He spoke on the senior prank (car against the school). He also thanked the Pulaski Trap Team for the great support at the banquet. Mr. Fahnestock then called upon the class members to introduce themselves and tell the alumni of their future plans.

Superintendent Tom Jennings presented the scholarships on behalf of the Alumni. The Pulaski Alumni Scholarship awards (\$1,200 each) recipients were: Ian Stevens, Lillie Hunter, Gabby Hitchcock, Allissa Evans, Andrew Skotnicki, and Keagan Shumway. The Lura Mack Sharp Scholarship (\$2,000) recipient was Connor Payne. The Harold Youker Award (\$500 each) recipients were: Natalie and Sam Yerdon. The John Ben Snow Alumni Scholarship (\$1,000 each) recipients were: Laura Winfield, Nathan Pello, Myer Butler, and Vivian Lasell.

With 55% of their living class present, the Class of 1959 won the Lura Mack Sharp trophy, and with the largest number present, the Class of 1974 won the Henry Mathison trophy.

New business: Committee member Cathy Tilkins, '11 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: Charlotte Summerville DeGaetano, '59; Margo Orton, '73, Valerie Thompson Johnson, '77; Ted Williams, '77; Theresa Clark-Switzer, '82; Ellen Wansink-Lowery, '83; Jill Watson Truax, '85; Julius "Jan" Hefti, '89; Gina Petrocci Brandano, '02; Tiffany Hax Craig, '04, and Cathy Brown Tilkins, '11. Ex-Officio Tom Jennings, '90 and Jordan Fahnestock, '04. A motion was made by Terry Allen to move the slate as read; this was seconded by Linda Wilson Jones. 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 of friendships and great memories, encouraging the class of 2024 to remember these. As Jerry Schreiner offered a toast from the class of 1959, he mentioned those who had passed on. Angel Rodriquez of the Class of 1974 was introduced. He spoke about how great it was to see everyone over the weekend and talked about many wonderful memories from growing up in Pulaski. Joanne Hubbard Cossa offered a toast from the class of 1964, remembering the departed classmates. Ken Hubbard Jr, of the class of 1999 offered short remarks, toasting the alumni.

Kalib Weiland of the Class of 2024 was introduced and offered remarks on living in a small community with tight bonds. He toasted the Class of 1974 and the Alumni Association for welcoming the class of 2024 into the Alumni Family. Shawn Doyle offered a toast to the alumni assembled, to the Class of 1974, with whom he worked closely 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 Ann Hurd Gibbs Miller, '54, followed by a rousing singing of the last verse of the Alma Matar.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Doyle, Recording Secretary

Your Alumni Association Officers (2024-2025)

Officers

President: Margaret Mathison Weigel, '67

Vice President: Robin Warren Philips, '88

Treasurer: Tammie Frank Whaley, '82

Corresponding Secretary: Barb Mathison Pulvermiller, '80

Rec. Secretary: Shawn Doyle, '84

Ex-Officio: Tom Jennings, '90, Jordan Fahnestock, '04

Executive Committee

Charlotte Summerville DeGaetano, '59

Theresa Clark-Switzer, '82

Ted Williams, '77

Jill Watson Truax, '85

Gina Petrocci Brandano '02

Cathy Brown Tilkins, '11

Margo Orton, '73

Ellen Wansink Lowery, '83

Valerie Thompson Johnson, '77

Julius (Jan) Hefti, '89

Tiffany Hax Craig, '04

Neighboring Alumni Societies and their 2025 Plans

Sandy Creek Central- The 133rd annual banquet will be held on Friday June 27, 2025, at the School Cafeteria. Doors open at 4pm, dinner at 5pm, meeting at 6pm. Cost is \$20. Make checks payable to Sandy Creek Alumni, c/o Mary LaVeck Hicks, (Corresponding Secretary) 240 Miller Rd., Lacona, NY 13083. She can be reached at 315.387.3961 or scalumni@marysneedleart.com. Other resources: www.sandycreekcscd.org, click on "Site map" then Alumni; President Kimberly Presley Trumble can be reached at 315.532.1050, Kimberlyhitchcocktrumple@gmail.com

Altmar-Parish-Williamstown- The banquet will be held Saturday June 7, 2025, at the APW High School Cafeteria. 5:30-8:30pm, dinner catered by Sandy Bull. The cost is \$20. Price will include scholarship support. For more information contact Secretary Janet Conway, 315.240.6465, or Treasurer Judy DeVere, 6871 Thomas Dr. Liverpool, NY 13088. We are also on Facebook at: APW Alumni Facebook

Camden Central-The annual banquet is set for Saturday June 7, 2025, 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, plus \$5 Alumni dues. Reservations Required in advance. More information can be found at www.Camdenalumni.com

Mexico Academy- 199th Annual Alumni banquet is set for Saturday June 21, 2025, at the Eis House Restaurant, 144 Academy St., Mexico. Social hour 4pm, dinner to follow with meeting afterwards. Reservations required, Cost \$25. For more information contact President Jim Emery at: jemery@twcny.rr.com. The website can be found at mexicocsd.org, select community and the Alumni under the letter "A".

Atkinson Family Plans Golf Tournament to benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund

(From Jeff Atkinson, '79,) A celebration of life for my dad will take place at The Elms Golf Course and The Elms Clubhouse on Friday, July 11, 2025.

As part of that celebration of his life, a golf tournament also is being held to benefit the Pulaski Alumni Scholarship Fund. The monies raised by the golf tournament for the Pulaski Alumni Scholarship Fund will include a matching donation up to \$10,000.

My dad was a former president of both the Sports Booster Club and the Band Booster Club. He loved Pulaski and the school, and my mom worked there so we want to raise monies to help future kids with their education

Anyone who wants to play in the tournament, attend the dinner or both, should send an email to RSVP to: TheNelsGolf@gmail.com



Class of 1950



Members of the Class of 1950 included: Gerald Archer, John Balcom, Vawn Bonney, Geraldine Bromley, Donald Burgdorf, Thomas Burton, Bruce Carl, Gerald Chase, Marjorie Creech, James Davis, Jacqueline Day, Charles DeShane, William DeShane, Millicent Elmer, Anita Evale, Mildred Gayne, Arthur Hilliker, Sonia Hovey, Jack Huntley, Sidney Jones, Charlotte LeClair, Helen LeBeau, Eileen McDonald, Paul Mahaffy, Ann Marie Mather, Darlene Mitchell, Verda Mouck, Robert Murray, Audra Neill, Keitha Neill, Nancy Neill, James Parker, James Pauley, Lucian Pizon, John Prins, Irene Sanderson, Etta Mae Shaw, Robert Simmons, Irving Smith, Walter Smith, Jean Thompson, Robert Trumble, Joan Upton, Norman Valley, Genevieve Waggoner, Wallace Ward, Marilyn York, John Youker, Eleanor Zufelt,

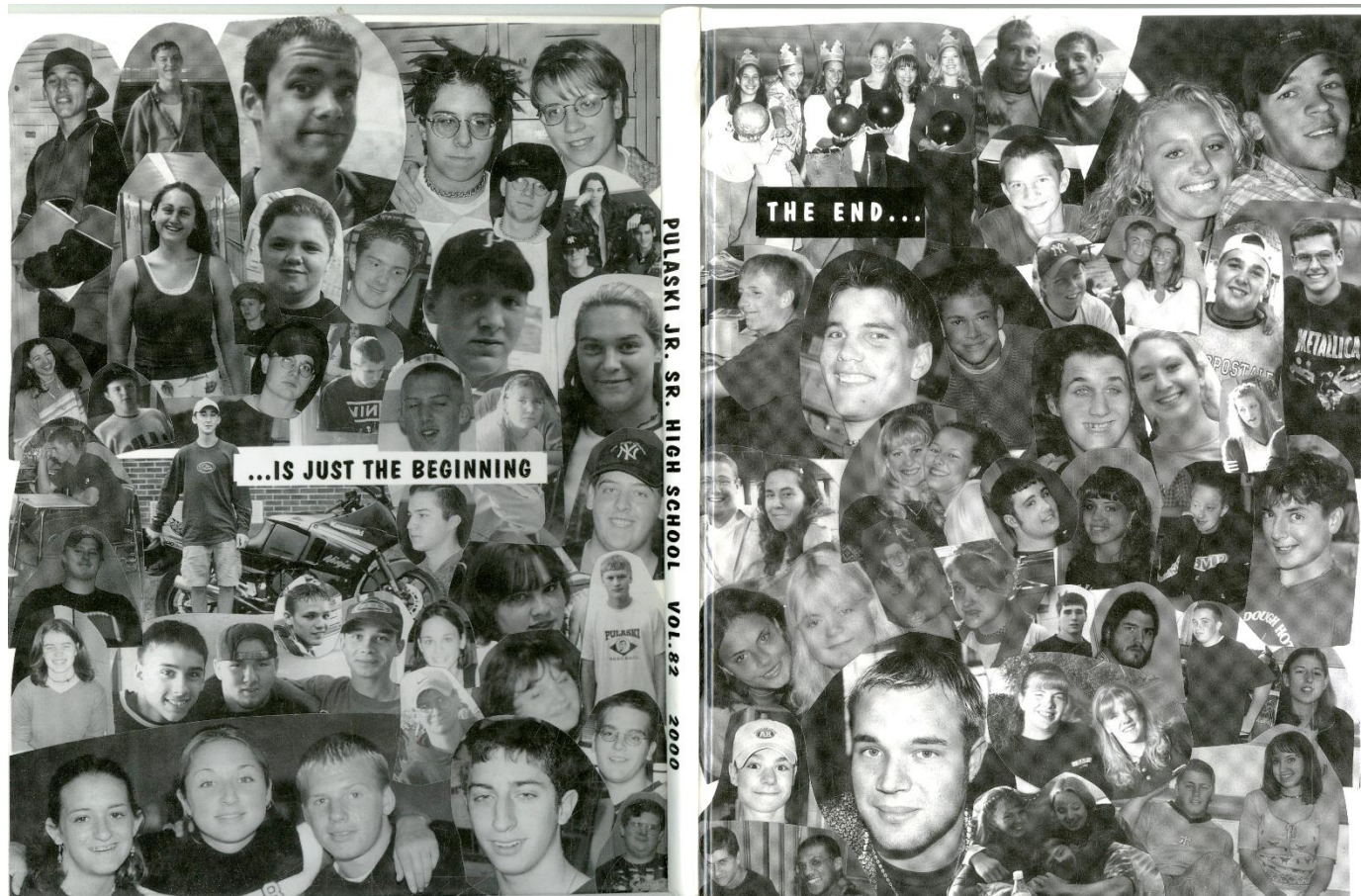
Greater Pulaski Community Fund

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.



The date for the 2026 Alumni banquet has not been set. We will update our website when it is. Classes of 1951, 1976, 2001 and any other classes planning reunions are encouraged to contact Alumni Secretary Shawn Doyle early to begin planning!

Class of 2000



(Note: A Class photo of the 2000 graduates has not been located, this is their yearbook cover)

Members of the Class included: Danielle Abbarno, Brian Adydan, Shawn Altman. Heather Anson, Victoria Barber, Jamie Barriger, Phillip M. Bateman, Amanda Bice, Lindsey Blodgett, Kristal Boyer, Rachael Brodeur, Craig S. Case, Jerami D. Christian, Andrea Colvin, Kari Cornell, Anna Davis, Jennifer Deloff, Jessica Dilapi, Tara Dobson, Bradley Ebert, Shane Evans, Benny Fairchild, Erin Gallagher, Joseph Gaylord, Joshua Golden, Sara Goodway, Christopher L. Greene, Josh Greenfield, Jason Helinger, Kip Hilton, Hilarie L. Himes, Michael Hitchcock, Daniel Hooge, Zackary Hoyt, Justin Johnson, Bethany Joss, Morgan Joss, Erik Krokenberger, Andy Kunz, Mindy LeBeau, Kristin Leeder, Amy Lobdell, Francis M. LoBello, IV, Ryan MacCammon, Matthew J. MacDuffie, Jennifer Marsden, Zachary Mattison, Erin McGrath, Nicholas P. McIntyre, Andrew McKean, Mary Miller, Tom Minot, Dwight Moffit, Justin Moroz, Scott Mullin, Jeff Murray, Curtis O'Neal, Robert Petrocci, Jason Phair, Jeremy Phillips, Matt Potter, Kari Lee Potter, Shelby M. Potter, Jonathan Redsicker, Megan Rice, John Ridgeway, Nick Riley, Joseph Rose, Jr., Candice Sacco, Marisa Setzer, Jesse Shortsleeve, Shawn Sjuve, Raymond Smith, Joshua Somers, Kyle Sottung, Brian Sova, Jessica Sperati, Kenneth Sterling, Stephen M. Sterling, Julie Stewart, Robin VanAuken, Terry L. Walker, II, Kelsey Williams, Casey R. Wood, Joe Wood, James P. Youngs.

Class Reunion Plans: Erin McGrath-Krogslund shared the class reunion plans: Friday June 27, 2025, the class is planning to gather at 3M-Sand Bar, Sandy Pond from 6-9pm. More information can be found on the class Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19EUFcvX58/?mibextid=wwXlfr> or email Erin at: ekrogs13@gmail.com

(Even though the annual Alumni banquet is being held on that same evening at the Pulaski High School (old gymnasium) class members are encouraged to also support the Alumni Association scholarship funds.)

Wall of Distinction Update

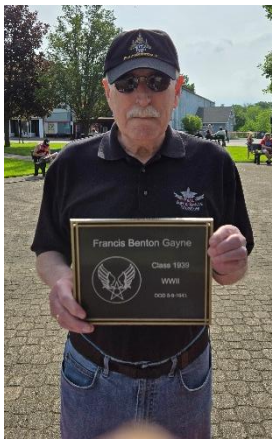
On Monday May 27, 2024, the first Wall of Distinction honorees were honored during the annual Memorial Day services in Pulaski's historic south park. The fifteen men who graduated from our school or left school to fight in our nations wars and gave their lives, were the first to be honored. A commemorative program booklet was distributed at the park that day. After the ceremony in the park the band led the parade to Pulaski cemetery where the ceremony for the fallen occurred. A reception at the American legion on Maple Ave followed.

Superintendent Tom Jennings (pictured right) read the list of honorees and service information on each.

The plaques in memory of the military honorees are the first of the Wall of Distinction to have been mounted on the North wall 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; and Robert Grant Wilson, '64. Additionally, this year George Reed White, member of the class of 1935, will be added, having died in France in 1944.

Returning to the 1969 High School building for the banquet and meeting this year, Superintendent Jennings will present the new wall to the community officially.



Among the family members present to represent the honored were (clockwise from right: Joe Burdick and Betty Burdick Warren, siblings of Daniel Burdick; Members of the Bradford Galbraith family; Steve Wilson and Gayle Wilson Vance, siblings of Robert Wilson; Shonnie Gallagher Bontomaise, sister of Larry Gallagher; and left, Jim Gayne, nephew of Francis Gayne.



Scenes from the 2024 Reunions and the Alumni



Dr. Laura Hamilton and classmate Cindy Webb, reunite after 50 years.

Angel Rodriquez and Bill Osburn reflect in the glory of the class of 1974 winning the Henry Mathison trophy for most classmates present at the banquet.



Above and below, members of the class of 1959 gathered. With a good number attending, they won the Lura Sharp trophy for largest percentage of living members present. Standing: Evelyn Potter Masuicca, Madeline Holbrook Rowell, Carol Hollis Maloney, Sandra Thomas Wilson, Marti Stevens Schreiner, Richard Webb, Jerry Schreiner, Judy Schreiner Parker, Gene Schreiner, Charlotte Summerville DeGaetano, Don Cronk.

Below right: among the members of the class of 1974 present: Bob Wart, Gavin Riley, Dr. Laura Hamilton, Karen Jones Backus, Susan Soule Mahaffy, Tom Fahnstock, Angel Rodriquez, Bill Osbourne, Cindy Hax Allen, Alexa Kasper and Loretta Switzer



Banquet and meeting at the Ringgold Fire Station



Left-three generations present: Marie Reynolds Yerdon, '69, Abraham Yerdon, '95, and twins Natalie and Sam Yerdon, '24; Above Right: The four-generation family present was: Ann Hurd Gibbs Miller, '54, Jerry Gibbs, '76, Lisa Gibbs Wood, '98 and Myer Butler '24.



left-Old friends: Bonnie Cunningham Carpenter, '54, poses with Darlene Mitchell Adydan and Vawn Bonney Otis, both classes of 1950.

Right-Members of the class of 1969 (front l-r going back) George Frary, Tim Crocker, Tom Williams, Peggy Whaley Balcom, Larry Atkinson, Betty Maitland Britton, Marie Reynolds Yerdon, Debbie Walker Gilson, Bonnie Johnson

Stowell, Cindy Williams Jaques, Jill Miller Mattison, Nancy Hessel Dailey, Doug Dobson, and Marty Griffith.



Members of the Senior Class present included: Cameron Payne, Nate Pello, Myer Butler, -Sam Yerdon, Connor Payne, Natalie Yerdon, Brook Grant, Andrew Cusson, Austin Cusson, Lily Hunter, Gabby Hitchcock, Laura Winfield, Julia Karkowski, Vivian Lasell, Mrs. Chelsea Stine

Scenes from the 1980s Reunion, August 3, 2024



Clockwise: the 4th annual 1980s party held Sat. August 3, 2024, at Half-Shire Historical in Richland was again well attended. Clockwise from top left: The Bray sisters Tessie, '82, Mary Lou, '79, and Christel, '84, once greeted patrons at the Kallet Theater when their family owned it in the 1970s and 80s. Many members of the class of 1984 gathered to mark their 40th; All the class officers were present: Greg Gibbs, VP, Mary Beth Bellardini, Treasurer, Troy Booth, President and Linda Walker Wicks, Secretary-share laughs on the right;



Cliff Hilton, Anna Leib, Lisa and Jerry Archer, Chris

Doe and Shawn Doyle pose lower right, while Cheryl Moody, Susie Claridge, Theresa Woolson enjoy the afternoon with other friends from school....



Brandon Nicholas BBQ and Mike Labozzetta

Pizza offered wonderful hot foods throughout the day while Charles Balcom ('71) tended bar in the new barn historic tavern wing. 80s band "Quest" (Dan Myers, Rod Jennings, Tom Jennings, Jack Jennings, Bryan Luce) thrilled the assembled with an evening performance!

The 2025 edition of the 80s reunion will be held Saturday August 2, 2025, featuring music from PACS graduates Mariah McConnell and Rob Larrabee.



2025 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.

New or additional reunion dates and information will be posted on the website, and Facebook as we receive them. Email spdinpul@gmail.com to submit information or questions.

Class of 1960-From Donna Thornhill: "On Friday 27th June, go to LD's Restaurant on the River (Old Earls Bar)..at 4838 Jefferson St about 11:30 - 12 noon for lunch. That evening we will attend the Alumni Banquet with excitement! On Saturday 28th June, gather with many others for a tour of Pulaski and go to eat lunch at the Half Shire. That evening from around 530pm to 6pm, I have reserved Stefanos Pizza Restaurant at 3852 NY-13, Pulaski for our 1960 class 65th reunion get together. They have reserved a room just for our group. They will have either a buffet or from their menu. On Sunday June 29th go to the breakfast at the Half Shire -We will enjoy each other's company, laugh, with wonderful memories, and cry remembering all our wonderful classmates that have passed away. I say prayers to you all, for a safe journey. Please contact Donna (Thornhill) Ireland 352-255-6361 to let me know of your coming. my email is : turtlenozz@embarqmail.com

Class of 1965- PACS class of 1965: Let's Celebrate 60 years! Please plan on attending the Alumni Banquet on Friday, June 27th. We have reserved the Community Room at Sandy Island Beach State Park for Saturday, the 28th from 8 AM - 8 pm. We are planning lunch, munchies and a day of walking along the beach, sitting in the sun and enjoying each other again. There may even be some entertainment! Any questions contact: Kathy C. McLeod at KmcLeod2000@aol.com or Sharon Van Arsdale Gorman at Gormansv@comcast.net."

Class of 1970-No activities reported

Class of 1975-See cover story

Class of 1980-The 45th reunion will be held on Saturday June 28, 2025, at the Half-Shire Historical Society (Old Richland School). Buffet dinner, cash bar and DJ \$20 per person, (payable by June 10th please) Checks payable to Barb Pulvermiller, 50 North St. Pulaski, NY 13142 or Venmo to @Barb-Pulvermiller.

For more information contact Barb at bpulvermiller@yahoo.com or Les_Swit1@yahoo.com

Decade of 1979-90- 5th annual 1980s Reunion will be held on August 2, 2025, at Half-Shire Historical Society in Richland. See the new Facebook page established for this annual event. Activities will take place inside the old school, and the new barn/pavilion and tents out back with music, food trucks and a "celebrity bartender" (Chuck Balcom, '70) in the new, old-fashioned tavern annex on the barn. Contact Shawn Doyle at 315-602-6388 or spdinpul@gmail.com for more information. All are invited.

Class of 1985- PACS Class of 1985 will be celebrating our 40th Reunion this Summer! We are planning events to coordinate with the PACS Alumni Banquet and Graduation weekend, June 27, 28 & 29 and the 80's Reunion weekend, August 1 & 2. There are two weekends so don't miss out! Following the banquet, LD'S on the River, (Former Earle's in our day and venue of our 30th reunion) will be featuring live entertainment 8-11 or ? and a cash bar for our class of 1985. Our class plans for Saturday June 28 for a social mingle & Sunday June 29 for brunch are pending, as we have reached out to area venues for pricing, for light fare & cash bar, but are still in the process of formulating an exact plan. August 1 & 2 is the Annual 80's Class Reunion held in Richland at the Half-Shire Historical Society (the old Richland school). Further information will be made available on the PACS Class of 1985 FB page as plans evolve. As well, those interested in attending one or both event weekends, or with questions or suggestions may reach out to Sadie Wilson Blauvelt at sadieblauvelt@gmail.com, Tammy Eddy McConnell at tmconn12@yahoo.com, Anna Leib at annamleib@yahoo.com, or Kate Monnat Laduc at Katemladuc@hotmail.com.

Class of 1990-No plans as of this writing; **Class of 1995**-no plans reported **Class of 2000**-See page 6

Class of 2005-no plans reported; **Class of 2010**-No plans reported

Class of 2015- Mary Young reports that she and other members of the class are working on a 10-year reunion. They have a Facebook Group "PACS Class of 2015" and encourage classmates to join for updates.

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

When I first became a member of the PACS Alumni Executive Committee, we were hand addressing letters of invitation to the annual banquet and meeting to those members who had previously paid their dues. How far we have come now with a newsletter which is mailed to approximately 3700 members for whom we have addresses. We have become a 501(c)3 (non-for-profit) organization with the help of the Barclay Law Firm. After years of an annual grant request for scholarship funding from the John Ben Snow Foundation, we received an endowment enabling many future years of the John Ben Snow Alumni Scholarships. Alumni weekend has added a bus tour of the greater community with a historic twist. We have established a Wall of Distinction at the high school with our first inductees being the thirteen Alumni who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The Alumni Association provides scholarships annually in the amount of \$14,200 to our graduating seniors. I am leaving the committee this year but have been proud to have been a part of an organization that recognizes the accomplishments of our students and provides a social event each year for our Alumni to renew acquaintances. I will always be "defender of the Crimson and the Blue".

Margaret Mathison Weigel, '67

Message from Superintendent Tom Jennings, '90

Dear PACS Alumni,

I hope this message finds you well and filled with the same pride for Pulaski Academy & Central Schools that I feel each and every day. As Superintendent and a member of the Class of 1990, I am thrilled to share some of the progress and accomplishments from across our district over the past year.

At the heart of our efforts is the PACS Plan—a strategic, research-based framework for continuous school improvement that emphasizes safe, supportive environments, effective teaching, challenging curriculum, and personalized learning. Now in its second year, this plan has brought clarity and focus to our work, helping ensure that every student has access to meaningful educational experiences that prepare them for success.

Our schools are vibrant places of learning, creativity, and growth. At Lura Sharp Elementary, we've reinvigorated the Responsive Classroom model to foster joyful and inclusive spaces where students feel seen, heard, and supported. From robotics to the Battle of the Books to community service projects, our youngest learners are not only growing academically but also becoming responsible, engaged citizens.

In the Middle-High School, we're empowering students through innovative, hands-on programs. Whether it's building canoes in the Transportation class or running a student-led coffee shop called "Brewed Awakenings," or our special programs at the Make Sense Shop and Academic Center, our students are developing real-world skills that will serve them well into the future. We've expanded our Advanced Placement and college-credit courses and launched personalized college and career advising, ensuring our students are equipped for the next chapter of their lives.

The arts continue to thrive at PACS, with award-winning visual art students, dynamic music programs, and unforgettable theater performances like "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Meanwhile, our athletes have earned back-to-back "School of Excellence" designations from NYSPHSAA, and participation in extracurriculars continues to rise as we aim for 80% student involvement.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of our community, PACS is preparing to launch a \$26 million capital project that will begin construction in 2026. This initiative—funded through state aid, retiring debt, and a capital reserve—comes at no additional cost to taxpayers and represents a bold step toward modernizing and preserving our learning environments. Planned improvements include HVAC upgrades, energy-efficient lighting, science lab renovations, and safety enhancements at both the Middle-High School and Lura Sharp Elementary. These upgrades are part of our long-term vision to ensure our facilities remain safe, sustainable, and equipped to meet the evolving needs of 21st-century education.

As an alumnus of PACS, I invite you to stay connected, attend events, and continue to share your pride in the great things happening here. Your legacy inspires the next generation of learners and leaders walking our halls today.

Sincerely,

Tom Jennings, Class of 1990

Superintendent

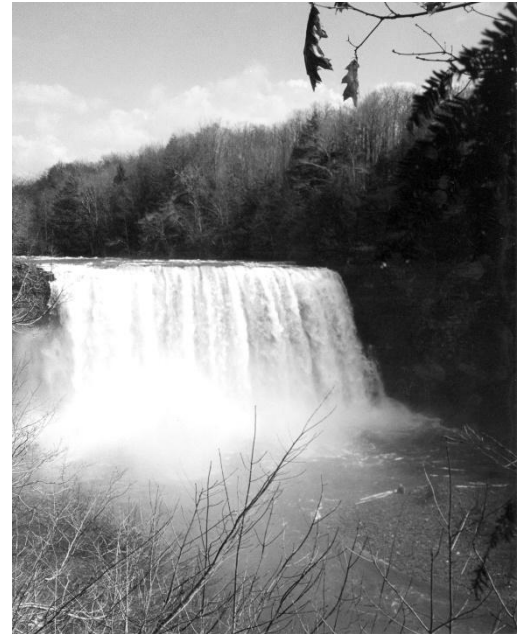
Annual Alumni Bus Tour, Saturday June 28, 2025, 11:00 am departure

The annual Alumni bus tour will depart **Lura Sharp Elementary School** at 11am sharp on Saturday morning June 28, 2025. 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, Gina Petrocci Brandano, '02 and Cathy Tilkins, '11, will be your tour guides

For more information contact Shawn Doyle at spdinpul@hotmail.com or 315.602.6388.



(A selection from the 2024 bus tour booklet)

Bethel Corners: The historic Bethel Community Church was organized in 1848 by a group of local abolitionists that included: William Tyler, Lester M. Tyler, Asa C. Dickenson, Sylvester Brown, Silas M. Potter, George L. Bragdon, James A. McChesney and A. D. Harrington. The structure being built by Eli Wheeler in 1849 for a cost of \$700, \$100 of which Wheeler donated. The first contribution to the effort was made by Gerritt Smith of Peterboro, NY who was nationally known as an abolitionist. The church advocated against slavery and was instrumental in the Underground Railroad efforts along the lakeshore. Following the Civil War, the church



flourished as a seasonal non-denominational congregation. Services were heard until the 1940s when the last trustee deeded the building over to the newly formed Bethel Community Center. The Community Center group operated the building for dances and family-oriented event well into the end of the twentieth century. The building was moved during the state highway bridge reconstruction in 2002 and placed on a new foundation on lands donated by the Seiter family Trust. Sara Seiter Barclay was instrumental in obtaining grant funding

for the move. For a few years the organization floundered and was reconstituted with a new board in 2011. The current board is busy renovating the church structure and the 1897 Bethel School. Both structures can be used for community events. After regaining their 501 © 3 in 2014 the group has received periodic grants from the Pulaski Community Fund and others to assist in redevelopment.

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.

In 2023-24 Pulaski Historical Society conducted an extensive 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, and 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, conducts monthly lunch program meetings in Richland, and annual spring and fall dinner dances that are open to the public.

In 2021, because 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, Adams, 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 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.***

Web Site keeps Alumni informed year-round

We now have migrated over to a new website address at 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” is a page that you have to “like”, in order to receive notifications. We encourage you to share photos and reunion plans with us on this Facebook page. ***Be sure to check the website for updates and for the 2026 banquet date when it is set.***

PULASKI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INC. 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

COMMUNITY BANK, PULASKI (GENERAL FUND)

Balance Brought Forward - 12/31/2023 \$8851.31

Receipts:

338 Dues @ \$7.00 Each 2366.00
206 Dinner Res. @ \$20.00 4120.00
Wall of Distinction Donations 916.00
General Donations 910.00
Interest on working account: 3.25

Expenses:

Post Office Box Rent (\$150.00)
Postal Costs (Newsletter/Etc) (1085.88)
Banquet Costs (2491.83)
Wall of Distinction Expenses (2552.00)

General Fund Balance 12/31/2024 \$10886.85

COMMUNITY BANK SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS

Lura M. Sharp Scholarship

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2023) \$2031.15
Deposits - Donations 1959.00
Interest .65
Withdrawal-1 scholarship (2000.00)

Balance 12/31/2024 \$1990.80

Harold Youker Athletic Award

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2023) \$8124.91
Deposits - Donations 2012.00
Previous Yr Scholarship Voided 500.00
Interest 2.64
Withdrawal-2 scholarships (1,000.00)

Balance 12/31/2024 \$9639.55

Pulaski Alumni Scholarship

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2023) \$12026.32
Deposits from Alumni – Donations 10314.00
Distribution from CNY Foundation-JBS 1900.00
Previous Yr Scholarship Voided 2400.00
Interest 4.04
Withdrawal 6-\$1000 scholarships (7,200.00)
Withdrawal JBS 4-\$1000 scholarships (4,000.00)

Balance 12/31/2024 \$15444.36

TOTAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS IN COMMUNITY BANK

\$27074.71

TOTAL OF ALL COMMUNITY BANK FUNDS 12/31/2024

\$37161.56

CNY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Lura M. Sharp Scholarship

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2023) \$57570.80
Investments Gains/Losses 5292.09

Distribution from CNY Foundation

Grants Paid

Administrative Fees (450.43)

Balance 12/31/2024 \$62412.46

Harold Youker Athletic Award

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2023) \$28720.00

Investments Gains/Losses 2640.03

Distribution from CNY Foundation

Grants Paid

Administrative Fees (224.70)

Balance 12/31/2024 \$31135.33

Pulaski Alumni Association Scholarship

Balance on 12/31/2023 \$66893.70

Investment Gains/Losses 6149.08

Grants Paid

Administrative fees paid to CNCF (523.37)

Balance 12/31/2024 \$72519.41

General Fund Investment

Balance Brought Forward (12/31/2023) \$3687.29

Investment Gains/Losses 338.94

Grants Paid

Administrative Fees (28.85)

Balance on 12/31/2024 \$3997.38

NEW JBS Scholarship Fund

Starting Balance (12/31/2023) \$44816.80

Investment Gains/Losses 3997.40

Grants Paid Out (1900.00)

Administrative fees (453.62)

Balance on 12/31/2024 \$46460.58

TOTAL OF ALL CNY COMMUNITY FUNDS \$216,525.16

Summary of ALL Monies as of December 31, 2024

Lura Sharp Scholarship Fund -CNY \$62412.46

Harold Youker Scholarship Fund - CNY \$31135.33

Pulaski Alumni Scholarship Fund – CNY \$72519.41

General Fund \$3997.38

JBS Scholarship Fund - CNY \$46460.58

Community Bank, General Fund : \$10886.85

Community Bank Scholarship Funds \$27074.71

YEAR END 2024 \$253,686.72

YEAR END 2023 \$232,722.28

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the Call.....

To the 2025 Annual Meeting

135th Annual meeting of the Pulaski Alumni Association and Dinner has been set for **FRIDAY JUNE 27, 2025**, at the Pulaski Jr.-Sr. High School old gym, Salina St. Pulaski . The social gathering will begin at 5pm, dinner will be served at 6pm followed by a Meeting at 7pm. Pulaski School staff will prepare a buffet meal of Italian chicken, stuffed shells, garlic red mashed potatoes, Prince Edward blend vegetables (carrots, wax & green beans) rolls, butter and dessert all for a cost of \$20, per person.

We will honor the Classes of 1950, 1975 and 2000 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 1, 2025. ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED; ALL CHECKS MUST BE PAID TO PACS ALUMNI NOT YOUR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE.*