

The Alumni Association of the Fonda-Fultonville Central School

-----An IRS-Certified Public Charity Dedicated to the support of FFCS graduates-----

2009 Reunion Banquet

The date is set and, as always, it is the 2nd Saturday in August, specifically, August 8 with dinner and the program beginning at 7pm. The class of 1984 is celebrating their 25th reunion. Other classes celebrating milestone reunions are '54, '64, '69, '74, '79, '89, '94 and '99. It is held at the Holiday Inn.

Alumni Update

The following are based on information taken from recent membership applications :

Lois Janetsky Gruner ' 58

Retired after 25 years at GE and has been active in history research and volunteering.

Bonnie Belfance ' 62

Is currently employed at Northeast Health as a nationally certified cancer registrar and she is working on her 3rd publication about growing up in Fonda-Fultonville. She has 6 grandchildren and is a NYS Fire Instructor at the NYS Academy of Fire Science.

Tara Hime Norman ' 63

Tara is working on a master's degree in Pastoral Theology in Miami while her husband works in the Florida state legislature.

Harold James Flint ' 67

Harold lives in Gloversville.

Merry Beth Grindahl ' 67 lives in San Bernardino, CA where she is a state-certified elementary teacher.

Eileen Etkorn Monuszko ' 72 is a physician living in Vero Beach, FL and hopes to make it to a reunion "one of these years".

Linda Pavlus Vanauskus '72 lives in Gloversville.

Jim Roome ' 74 is a pharmacist living in Boca Raton, Florida.

Nancy Telfer Minch ' 79 has 3 daughters who are all FFCS grads and she is a R.N. Employed by the NYS Dept. of Health.

Jim DiCaprio ' 82 Jim is employed by the DEA and has Been stationed in 6 different locations in the past 20 years. He and his wife, Denyce, have 2 daughters.

Bryan Jay Minch ' 82 currently works at GE while he and his wife, Sherri, live in Saratoga Springs.

Jill Jones Perry ' 82 worked in the education field for 9 years and currently is building a log cabin house with her husband, Gene, in Fonda.

Norma Eckler Sheldon ' 82 is a registered nurse at Nathan Littauer Hospital and has 6 sons, three of which are triplets born on 5/26/07.

2009 3rd Annual FFAA Golf Tournament

This popular event is held on the 1st Sunday in October and is open to all FFCS alumni and their guests.

So get your foursome together, contact chairperson, Anne Cassidy, via the form in this mailing and mark your calendars for October 3rd. Rolling Hills CC at the Antlers has been reserved for that date, rain or shine.

Scholarships

Five thousand dollars in grants were awarded in 2008.

This year Six thousand – Five hundred will be available for seniors at graduation. This is due to the positive trend in the FFAA financial condition, thanks to all of you and your participation in either or both the Banquet and Golf events or donating to the fund. The 2008 Event Financial Summary can be seen in alumni section of the school website ffcfsd.org. Past recipients of these awards are also listed in ffcfsd.org. This is the primary fund-raising objective of the FFAA.

Alumni Memorials

Last year we have begun placing memorials in the ffcfsd.org website. Any reasonable request (less than 400 words) will be honored and there is no minimum limit on donations. The first memorial was written by Robert Carlson in remembrance of his deceased brother, Arthur.

Guest Speaker at the 2009 Banquet will be Mike Mongin, currently retired from his High School Principal position. We are sure he has some interesting stories to tell.

NYS Tax-exempt Status

The FFAA now has the final certificates identifying it as tax exempt replacing the temporary forms the Attorney General sent last year. Our only requirement now is that we report our gross proceeds to the state annually. Our thanks to Dan Leavenworth ' 80 for all his efforts in making it happen.

Recently Deceased Alumni

The following are deceased alumni since June of last year. Our disclaimer is that our list is unfortunately not 100% due the size of our news service. Since the effort is believed to be worthwhile we will continue.

Charles Gray ' 55 EJ Sammons ' 79

Jeff Carpenter ' 94

Additional Alumni Updates

Mary Raym Lang ' 64 is now retired from GE and is office mgr. at her son's landscaping business in Jacksonville, FL.

Shirley Blowers Weiermiller ' 54 has been teaching business at Shaker-Colonie and Elmira since graduating at Albany State in ' 58. She has seven grandchildren and is also a 2-time golf champion at Elmira CC. (Sign her up for the golf event!)

Betsy Faber Paton ' 54 lives in Tribes Hill with husband, Ed, and she is a retired bookkeeper "fighting off old age".....

FFAA OFFICERS

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