

Fall/Winter 2018 WCS Alumni Newsletter

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The mission of the Willsboro Alumni Association is to create, maintain, enhance and promote Willsboro Central School and its students; and to unite, inform and involve alumni and friends in fellowship and support of education.

The Willsboro Alumni Association recognizes ALL who have, at any time, attended Willsboro Central School or its District Schools and anyone who has been a teacher at WCS, ***as a member of the Willsboro Alumni Association.***

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The Banquet Committee Sez...

The Banquet Committee Sez..... Again this year.....“Great!” “Best Ever!” “Super!” And....“We think we are in the tropics!” These were the reactions to the 2018 Annual Alumni Banquet, “Blue Hawaii,” held on June 30, 2018, at Harmony Golf Club in Port Kent, New York.

One hundred sixty persons, including WCS Alumni and their guests, enjoyed the 2nd year the Banquet has been held at Harmony. The Class of 1958, celebrating their 60th WCS Reunion was at the Banquet in record numbers and certainly held the title for having the most attendees from one Class. The Class of 1968 enjoyed celebrating “Blue Hawaii” once again after 50 years! Margaret White Parkinson, Class of 1948, celebrated her 70th Year graduation from WCS by having a scholarship presented in her honor to Rylee Pierson, a deserving 2018 WCS Graduate.

During the Social Hours, Alumni had a chance to “catch up” with classmates and friends whom they may not have seen in Fifty Years!!! Also during the Social Hours, Joe Ferris, (‘2008) on the banjo, and Bradley Ball, (2008) on the drums, entertained the group with some lively tunes! Richard Whitcomb, Photographer, manned the Photo Booth and took some great photos of Alumni!

Before and after the excellent meal, Doug Ferris, Class of 1976 and the 2017-2108 President of the WAA, was an excellent MC and kept the Banquet activities organized and upbeat! Of course, his grass skirt and coconut bra added to the festivities! To thank Doug for his involvement in the WAA, Dick Blanchard, WAA Board Member, presented Doug with the Key to Reber!

Our guest speaker, Sophie Clarke, Class of 2007, was the star of the Banquet! From growing up in Willsboro with bare feet to the million dollars she received as winner of the television show, “Survivor,” Sophie kept us entertained with her wit and ability to draw us all back to our childhood. She related her days at WCS to her successes at Middlebury College and then on to Medical School and to becoming a doctor. She made us believe that just because our roots are in a very small town and school in upstate New York, anything is possible! Just get out there and believe you can do it! Thank you, Sophie!

The 2018 Alumni Banquet was a success because of YOU who attended! The Willsboro Alumni Association Board sincerely thanks all who attended this year and look forward to seeing you all next year! We also look forward to seeing lots of NEW faces! The 2019 Alumni Banquet will be held at Harmony Golf Club, Port Kent, NY on Saturday, June 29, 2019. SAVE THE DATE!!!! PLAN TO BE THERE!!!!

The Willsboro Alumni Association Board would like to thank Doug Ferris for his leadership, his new ideas and the incredible effort that he has put forth in the years he has served as President of the WAA. Doug will continue to serve the WAA as a member of the Board and the Immediate Past President.

Mr. Gardner Sez... (Willsboro Central School’s new superintendent)

Alumni Newsletter Fall Update I would first like to thank the alumni association for their continued commitment to the school and our students. I hope I have the opportunity to meet many of you at some point this year and please feel free to stop into the school and say hello if you’d like. I would be happy to meet with you at any time. I am grateful to have been selected as the new Superintendent of the Willsboro Central School District and appreciate the warm welcome that I have received from students, staff, and the community. I would also like to thank Mr. Broadwell for his continued help and support in ensuring a smooth transition. His hard work and dedication to the school will be missed.

The 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start! Our students were welcomed back on the first day with all of our staff waiting for them on the sidewalk cheering them on as they stepped off the bus and into the building that morning. Our buildings and grounds staff did an excellent job touching things up around the district and our classrooms and hallways were shiny and clean as teachers and students arrived this fall.

There are several other changes that have occurred this year that have had a positive impact on our school so far this year. One of these changes is the kickoff of a recently approved energy performance project. This project, which was approved last year, will provide the district with facility improvements and energy savings through innovative and sustainable energy solutions, and is funded through a combination of future energy savings from the improvements and state building aid. Some of the highlights of the project include a new high efficiency propane boiler, a new hot water heater, and the conversion of all lights to LED.

There are other big changes occurring at school within our cafeteria. We have a new cook manager, Vanessa Hathaway, and a new senior cook, Jill Magurk. Vanessa and Jill have brought both positive attitudes and amazing talents to our cafeteria. They have developed a fresh new menu that includes daily homemade breakfast and lunch options for our students and staff. They have also added a fresh salad bar option which has been a huge hit so far this year. Student and staff participation during breakfast and lunch have increased this year and the feedback on the changes has been overwhelmingly positive.

I look forward to sharing future updates later this year and am excited to work with the students, staff, parents, alumni, and community members of the Willsboro Central School District!

The Prez Sez...(Sue Collins Thompson)

With such an outstanding Board to work with, the Alumni Association President's seat has already been a pleasure to fill! We are very excited gearing up for our Winter and Spring activities. To be on a Board that started with just a few people and a once a year dinner, that is now an association with fun filled activities throughout the year, is an absolute pleasure.

I, as President of the 2018-19 WAA, am asking a favor of all of YOU—PLEASE REACH OUT TO THREE PEOPLE THIS YEAR AND GET THEM TO JOIN THE WILLSBORO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD. (Remember, ANYONE who has ever attended or been a teacher @ WCS can be a member!) It's a fun, very rewarding experience and our way of doing a something positive for our community, school and future alumni. I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Banquet on June 29, 2019.

Upcoming activities you don't want to miss!!

-2nd Annual Ralph Marcotte Basketball Tournament- date is TBD (hoping for a date in March). This is a 3 vs 3 basketball tournament; you can have a maximum of 5 people on a team and are guaranteed at least 2 games, a t-shirt and a small buffet at Johnny's afterwards! Can't get a team together? No problem, come and cheer on the players, it is a fun event for everyone! We will also have a number of Chinese Auction items to be raffled off.

-Bowling Tournament- date is TBD. This is a 9 pin bowling tournament that is \$15 per person or \$60 a team, for 3 games! The winning team gets a cash prize!

-Skating/Sliding Party- date is TBD and depends on the weather. We provide hot dogs and hot cocoa to all of the skaters, sliders and their families. It's an enjoyable family event for everyone!

-Annual Banquet is **June 29th** at Harmony Golf Course! We will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Rebirth of the Willsboro Alumni Association!

The above activities plus the other great things the WAA support, like the Pizza Bucks Reading Program, the Junior Prom, the Yearbook and other student related projects, ALL NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

The Willsboro Alumni Association charges NO membership fee and relies on donations from its members to carry out its mission and to help to support the annual Alumni Banquet. You can make a DONATION by sending a check to:

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Alumni at the 2018 Banquet

