

SPRING 2020 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 or staff at WCS, as a member of the Willsboro Alumni Association.

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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. Please make a donation by sending a check to:

*Willsboro Alumni Association
C/O Valerie Daniels, Treasurer
27 Carver Lane
Keeseville, NY, 12944*

*(Or by using PayPal or your Credit Card on our website: www.willsboroalumni.org
Just click on "Donations")*

THE PREZ SEZ.....

In the Fall, the WAA Committee got off to a great start with great plans! We planned for a Sliding/Ice Skating Party, the Share the Warmth Project, the 3rd Annual Ralph Marcotte Basketball Tournament, the Reading Award Program, a contribution to the Junior Prom, a contribution to the Senior Trip and finally the Annual Banquet.

As you all know.....In March, all plans were put on "NY Pause!" And, two months later, most of us are still on "NY Pause." School is not in session and in many areas school has been suspended for the rest of the school year.

So, as they say..."best laid plans....". We were able to provide warm clothes to WCS kids when needed. The February Skating/Sliding Party, in conjunction with the Key Club did not happen because of lack of snow. We did provide funding for the Reading Reward Program, but, unfortunately that too could not happen.

As there will be no Senior trip, the WAA has purchased Congratulations signs that will be displayed on the lawn of the WCS Senior kids.

We were well into the planning of the Ralph Marcotte Basketball Tourney when all of our plans came to an abrupt halt! The Tourney was cancelled. School closed.

Our meetings ended. And finally, we had to make the tough decision to cancel the Banquet.

Because this is a WAA election year, there would be a vote at the Annual Banquet for Officers and Board Members of the WAA.

The current Officers and Board Members as listed on Page 1, are willing to continue for the 2020-2021 year. We are very excited to have Sandy Gardner DeLong join us! Since there will be no Banquet, there is a ballot at the end of this Newsletter that you may return via the post office.

(If you are reading this Newsletter online, please copy the ballot and mail via the post office.)

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE WAA COMMITTEE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME.

We will be back in the Fall!

Stay well, stay safe, wear a mask and wash your hands!

My best to you all.....

Sue

SHARE THE WARMTH

The WAA has created and supports the "Share the Warmth" Project at Willsboro Central School. This project provides kids who need them with winter hats, mittens, scarves, snow pants, jackets and boots. The hand made hats, mittens and scarves have been donated by Alumni and others. The gently used snow pants, jackets, and boots have been donated by members of the community or purchased by the WAA. We will be sure that every child at WCS is warm and cozy during the long winter months!

For more info, contact Kyli Swires.

ANNUAL BANQUET

Unfortunately, the 2020 Alumni Banquet has been cancelled. Because of Covid 19, we are living in uncertain times. Today, April 30, 2020, many of us are quarantined. Many of us are unwilling or unable to travel or are allowed to be in a group setting.

The Alumni Committee felt it necessary to make this decision for the safety of all WCS Alumni and their families. We are sure you all understand and are probably relieved that the decision has been made for you.

Here's some of the information that would have been in the 2020 Banquet Program:

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT US

"When someone you know becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure."

Shirley McLean Sayward '62

Dixie Halen Gifford '58

Kathryn Leerkes 2003

George Betters '70

Judy Frenier Sloper '51

Howard P. Smith '53

Stephen Law '81

Gertrude Hayward Schmitt '43

Arnold Stoker

Michael MacDougal '71

Roger Doty '65

Sandra Bowen Christian '65

Beth Moore (Faculty)

Tammy Brown Christian '83

Daryn Goff '77

Marilena Williams '74

Dianne MacDougal Garvey '58

Donald Doran '62

Donna Blaise Olsen '64

George Cross '88

Kevin Jacques

Joe Barnaby '52

Violet Ahrent Garrow

Paul Corbiere '59

Madeline Mason Blanchard '54

Wesley Gay 2013

Walter (Bud) Doyle '54

Winfred Hathaway '87

SPEAKER

Norman L. Miller, Class of 1958, is a former bobsled athlete who was certified as an International Olympic Bobsled coach. He was a member of the coaching staff at the Olympic Trials in Winterberg, Germany and at the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary, in 1988. He has written two novels, "Ice Spy" and "Inside the Cold War." These books take the reader from Lake Placid, NY to the Soviet Union.

Norman retired from the U.S. Air Force after more than 30 years of service.

Norman now lives in upstate New York.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Ramelie Reithel is a proud and loving wife and mother of two. Ramelie loves to help the community in any way she can and also enjoys being a part time photographer. She likes to embrace her Philippine culture through her cooking. Ramelie also enjoys helping her husband, Drew, who owns the Willsboro Diner.

ENTERTAINMENT

Joe Ferris, Class of 2018, is a man of many talents. The WAA knows Joe best as our entertainment for the past few years at our Annual Banquet. He has provided us with music on his banjo and most impressively has drawn some amazing caricatures of Alumni and their guests. Joe shares his talents with the whole community, including at birthday parties, at family gatherings and at his job at Meadowbrook in Plattsburgh. He enjoys visiting assisted living facilities and sharing his love of music, art, and humor.

We will miss coming together this year, but please plan to join us in 2021 for a fun, fabulous "Celebration of the 50's".

You now have a whole year to find your poodle skirt, your leather jacket and your 45 records!

Jane and Dick

Alumni Banquet Committee

LET'S CELEBRATE THE 2020 WCS SENIOR CLASS

Please help the Willsboro Alumni Association make graduation for the WCS Class of 2020 a time they will not forget! Even though we must practice social distancing, we can make this a great, fun time for these graduates!

Please ADOPT a senior from this year's Willsboro Central School graduating class and

HONOR THEM WITH A CARD OR MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK (WillsboroAlumniFriends) to let them know "We are all in this together!"

Send a card to your "adopted" Senior to:

Kyli Swires, PO Box 808, Peru, NY, 12972. She will deliver the mail to them!

<i>Jared Ball</i>	<i>Kira Crowningshield</i>
<i>Jacob Cumm</i>	<i>Margaret Frechette</i>
<i>Adam Gay</i>	<i>Samantha Harrison</i>
<i>Caleb King</i>	<i>Lilly Nolette</i>
<i>Kelsey Reynolds</i>	<i>John Potroanchenu</i>
<i>Bryant Rowe</i>	<i>Madisen Russell</i>
<i>Alexis Stoker</i>	<i>Angelina Vazquez</i>
<i>Erinn Walker</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Wilkins</i>
<i>Ashley Whalen</i>	<i>Logan Loveless</i>

In early May, the WAA will deliver lawn signs to each Senior's lawn that will acknowledge their 2020 graduation! We are planning a parade, so stay tuned on our FB.....WillsboroAlumniFriends for details!

While graduating seniors everywhere are not getting the senior year they imagined, they will have memories they'll never forget. We can help create some great memories.

TO ALL NEAR AND FAR.....

As always, the Willsboro Alumni Association Board THANKS you for your continued support which enables this organization to keep serving Willsboro Central and the Willsboro community. Without your donations, we can not provide for the kids and staff at Willsboro Central School!

PLEASE HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!
WAA Committee

VOTING BALLOT

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VOTE

Approve Slate of Officers

I'm In Favor _____

I'm Opposed _____ (If you're opposed, please add your name to the Committee...)

I would like to make a donation!

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