



2008 Ellsworth High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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2008-2009 Annual Raffle

Our raffle kicked off August 9th. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. They may be purchased from any Board member or at the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce. Drawings will be held the third Wednesday of each month. **Get yours today!** Please see our website for all rules and details!

September—5 yards of loam from RF Jordan

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim Stanley of Waltham – he's our first winner!

October—Mechanic's Grab Bag—gift certificates from NAPA, East Coast Performance and Main St. Citgo

November—Great Downtown Shopping Spree—gift certificates from Cadillac Mtn Sports, Pyramid Studios, Rooster Brother, The Grand Auditorium, Cleonice, The Grasshopper Shop, and HC Austin

December—Seaglass Infusion Pendant from Seaglass Infusion

January—Recliner from Merrill Furniture

February—Pamper Yourself Day—gift certificates from Rumor Had it, Hilights, and Sassy Nails

March—Dine Around Town—gift certificates from Union River Lobster Pot, China Hill, Pat's Pizza, Sylvia's, and Jasper's

April—EHS Alumni May Baskets of Goodies— May Baskets made by Roberta Keep (Class of 1965), Autographed CD's from Jude Johnstone (Class of 1978) value \$60, and EHS Alumni Merchandise

May—2 round trip Delta Airline tickets to anywhere in the continental US

New Website is the place to be!

We are redesigning our website. We want this site to be the place where all alums go to stay in touch. We'll have new features such as: more photo galleries, message boards, calendars and bulletin boards— (**send us your news and events**); ability to send emails to fellow alumni; a "*where are they now*" section (**send us your story**); and one of the most exciting new features will be that you will be able to receive the annual newsletter and other information via email. Once you register you'll be able to access the database. The information that you formerly had to pay \$30 or \$40 to access is now free. Individuals can make their information as public, or as private as they choose. You'll also be able to order EHSAA merchandise and apparel, pay dues and make donations. Visit often and keep in touch with all your fellow alumni!! **Please visit the site today and register** - www.ellsworthalumni.org

If your business would like to advertise on our new website contact us for details

Letter from the President

As I sit here remembering the past year and the many activities and improvements going on in our community, I reflect upon my formative years at the "old" Ellsworth High School. Many of you are aware of the renovations currently taking place at what we now call the Ellsworth Middle School. It is exciting to watch the process as the old gym floor comes up; A-wing comes down and walls go back up in different places.

Your alumni board has been busy, too: we have just launched our new and improved website www.ellsworthalumni.org; conducted our 9th annual meeting in May awarding \$14,000 in scholarships; held our annual golf tournament in July raising \$8,000 for the Endowment Fund; held our first street dance in August; and in October the 5th annual Walkin' to School 5 mile walk fundraiser will take place. We are also beginning to plan the 2010 Reunion!!

We know these are not easy times with the high cost of heating oil and gas, a struggling economy, and inevitable higher tuition costs facing our graduates. Your Board continues to closely monitor its endowment fund, currently at \$336,000, to ensure we maximize our investments and sustainability in awarding future scholarships.

We cannot do it, however, without your support. Thank you for standing by your Alumni Association. Please encourage your classmates to become involved, as well. We are here to serve you.

Best,

Lynda C. Hamblen
President



2008—2009 Board of Directors

President, Lynda C. Hamblen, '72
Vice President, Lisa M. Gordon, '87
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Matthew Foster, '87
Stacey Stevens Doe, '89
Ashley E. Johnson, '02

Recent and Upcoming Events

- ♦ **July 2008** – *Annual Golf Tournament*
- ♦ **August 2008**– *1st annual alumni dance*
- ♦ **9/28/08**– *Walkin' to School Autumn Gold Weekend.*
- ♦ **8/2008 to May 2009** – *EHSAA Raffle – drawings held monthly*
- ♦ **5/19/09**—*Annual Meeting*

DECEASED ALUMNI SINCE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER

Sadly missed and fondly remembered:

Alice Adams Anderson 1927
James Edgerly, Sr. 1932
Alice Jones Tilden 1932
Alice Cushman Woodbury 1933
Kenneth N. Clark 1935
Althea Kane Whitmore 1935
Charlotte Harris 1936
G. Richard Adams 1937
Marilyn Farrar 1937
George R. Partridge 1937
Edward Brown 1939
Kenneth C. Jordan 1939
Alice Maney McFarland 1940
Charles K. Foster, Jr 1941
L. Whitney Hodgkins 1941
Franklin Conary 1942
James Faulkner 1942
Hildred Ingalls Pelletier 1942
Robert Cottle 1944
Nanette Parcher Emery 1944
John Mathes 1944
Earl Collier 1945
Barbara Stratton 1945
Casper Sargent, Jr. 1946
Corinne V. Carter 1948
Bill Griffin 1949
Joanne McMillan Holler 1949
Robert Tilden, Sr. 1949
Robert Falvey 1950
Vincent Williams 1954
Marion Coughlin Swaim 1958
Joann Abram Fitch 1965
Virgil Leighton 1965
Edward Povich 1966
John Dorr 1967
Albert Atherton 1968
Donald Coffin, Jr. 1969
Bruce Guptill 1969
Robert Hogan 1972
Suzanne McDevitt 1976
Delores Moore 1976
David Field 1982
Brenda Bishop 1989

Annual Meeting Minutes

The Ellsworth High School Alumni Association held its annual meeting May 21, 2008. Approximately 210 alumni, family and friends attended. The EHS Auditorium was full as the crowd applauded scholarship recipients and enjoyed a performance of The Lion King by the State Champion Ellsworth High School Show Choir. The meeting featured the installation of three new members of the Board of Directors: Matthew Foster ('87) for a one-year term and David Burks ('75) and Stacey Sinford ('92), for three-year terms. Re-elected for three-year terms were Leah Allen ('52), Joyce Johnston ('48), Michael Povich ('61) and Ernest Tracy ('54). They join Board members Lynda Hamblen ('72), Stacey Doe ('89), Lisa Gordon ('87), J. Kim Higgins ('73), Jeri Barnes ('81), Paul Firlotte ('52), Paul Davis ('61), Ashley Ehrlenbach ('02), George Ray ('50) and Corinna Domagala ('84). Lois DeRaps ('61) was presented with a certificate of Director Emerita in recognition of her 11 years on the Board.

2008 Scholarship Winners

This year, at our annual meeting, we were able to award \$14,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors and EHS Alumni.

2008 Ellsworth High School Graduates: Leif Jacobsen, \$3000, will be attending Cedarville University; Chelsea Bull, \$2000, will be attending Mount Holyoke College; Sarah Ahern, \$1000, will be attending Case Western Reserve University; Kelsey Crowley, \$1000, will be attending University of Vermont; Sarah Homich, \$1000, will be attending University of New England; Logan Will, \$1000, will be attending Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Past Ellsworth High School Graduates: Jessica Putnam, \$2000, currently attending Boston University; Kathleen Kelley, \$1000, currently attending University of Maine at Farmington; Kristopher Tracy, \$1000, currently attending University of Notre Dame.

With continued financial support from Ellsworth High School Alumni/ae and the community, we can reach our goal of a \$1,000,000 endowment. If you have not yet made a commitment to this program, please consider doing so. No gift is too small or too large. If you are not in a position to make a gift at this time, you might consider providing for the Ellsworth High School Alumni Endowment through a bequest. If you wish additional information on how to accomplish the latter, please contact Paul Firlotte, 12 O'Kane Way, Ellsworth, ME 04605. Gifts and pledges may be sent directly to: EHSAA PO Box 11 Ellsworth, ME 04605

*Donate \$25,000 and have an annual scholarship named for you, your family, your business or your graduating class.



Cast of EHS "Lion King"



2008 Scholarship Awardees

Marketing Committee

The newly formed Marketing Committee has been busy working to obtain alumni apparel and merchandise. Any of these items may be bought through the new web site or by contacting EHSAA Marketing Committee, P.O. Box 11, Ellsworth, ME 04605. There are maroon and gray fleece vests, maroon golf shirts, hats, shopping totes, sling bags, bracelets, key chains, and coffee mugs. Get yours today!

REUNION 2010 - We are going to do it again in 2010! Come to the All-class Reunion of EHS!

Your help and ideas are gladly accepted. Meet up with old friends and the newly graduated Alums in 2010! A great time to be had by all! For more information please call: 667-2286 or e-mail us at info@ellsworthalumni.org. Tell us what you would like to do at the 2010 reunion!

Dues: If you haven't already sent your \$10.00 dues for 2008 please do so as soon as possible. The money received from your dues is what keeps the Alumni Association afloat. Without those funds, we wouldn't be able to cover our operating expenses, which include everything from postage to insurance, nor would we be able to promote the fund-raising projects that support our scholarship program. So please, send in your dues and remain a member in good standing through June 2009.

Newsletters: Any alumni couples that receive separate newsletters please let us know so that we can combine and save on postage. Thank you! If you wish to receive newsletters via email please let us know!

Shaw's Receipts: Shaw's will donate 1% of any Shaw's receipt we return to them. Spend \$100 and they'll give EHSAA \$1. Please mail receipts to EHSAA Attn: Ernie PO Box 11 Ellsworth, ME 04605

REUNION NEWS

The **EHS Class of 1946** held its 62nd reunion in Surry at the home of Ann and Osmond Bonsey. Members present were Richard Trundy, Thomas Warren, Osmond Bonsey, Joy May Griffin Mayo, Ruth Sullivan Foster, Thelma Lord Dombkowski, Frances Litchfield Silsby, Glenice Blaisdell Carpenter, Gertrude Herrick Linscott and Patricia Curtis Jordan. They voted to hold another reunion in 3 years. Submitted by Osmond Bonsey

On July 6, 2008 the **EHS Class of 1953** celebrated its 55th year reunion at Tidal Falls in Hancock. 17 members of the class and nine guests were present. It was a beautiful day, which added to the enjoyment of all. The class members moved around from group to group snapping pictures and sharing old stories and new facts of interest. A good time was had by all. Submitted by Peg Dunn.

EHS Class of 1958 held its 50th reunion at the Holiday Inn on September 13, 2008. Thomas Power was the Master of Ceremonies. There was dinner and listening to music of the 50s. A candlelight ceremony was held for our departed classmates, officiated by Jill Kelley Banks. A special thank you to Tom, Jill and our reunion committee for a very entertaining evening. It was decided to hold another reunion in 5 years in the month of September. Submitted by Joan S. Broussard

EHS Class of 1968 held its 40th class reunion over the weekend of August 18 and 19, 2008. Sixteen class members and 9 spouses gathered at China Hill on Friday evening to catch up, share a meal and memories. The reunion reconvened on Saturday afternoon at the camp of Roger and Julie (EHS 69) Grindle on Flanders Pond with two more classmates joining. A potluck barbecue meal, boat rides, games of beach golf, more reconnecting conversations and visits from friends and relatives from neighboring camps kept all entertained. Enjoying their 40th reunion were: Beverly Abram Musson, Joel Ackerman, Margie Beal Nichols, Skye Bragdon Lavoie, Susan Carroll Pastorello, Lewis Fletcher, Tom Folsom, Larry Garrity, Roger Grindle, Fred Hodgdon, Wesley Linscott, Bob Lippert, Gina Luchini Fuller, Clyde Mann, Linda Mayo Alley, Nicky Pierson, Gerry Poulin and Elizabeth Ray Ehrlenbach. Submitted by Elizabeth Ehrlenbach

EHS Class of 1988 held its 20th reunion on August 9, 2008. There was a small turn out for the family picnic lunch at Lamoine Beach, but the evening festivities were well attended. We had a beach party at Kona's restaurant with a buffet dinner and drinks as well as dancing to 80's music. Special thanks to Shanon Leyendecker Card, Jen Wadman Myers, Jennifer Shea Giffin, Jennifer Ober Patton and Amy Connors Boyle for planning and decorating. Also thanks to a couple of alumni who sent a donation because they could not make the trip home...Jason Cave and Darlene Moore. A good time was had by all who attended and we plan to do it again real soon. Submitted by Jennifer Patton

The **EHS Class of 1998** had its 10-year reunion on July 26. It was held at White Birches with 25 classmates, 50 participants all together. It was a fun evening of eating, dancing and socializing. The graduation video was played in the background and the DJ played a variety of songs from the 90's, especially 1998. It was wonderful for classmates to connect with each other and we all look forward to our next reunion. Submitted by Morgan Leso

Are you planning a reunion? Your Alumni Association will provide a set of labels to help get you started! Contact us at 667-2286 or email at info@ellsworthalumni.org

Attention Class of 1989 - please contact Stacey Stevens Doe at smils4u@verizon.net regarding organizing your 20th class reunion.