



ALUMNI WARWHOOOP

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TWENTY-FIVE LOOKING TOWARDS ONE HUNDRED! *PRESERVING OUR PROUD HISTORY, OUR HERITAGE*

June, 2004 marks the 25th anniversary of the closing of Jamesburg High School, September, 2006 marks the centennial of the opening of Jamesburg High School, two momentous events in our school's history that must be observed and the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association has plans to so in grand fashion. In **June, 2004**, the Association will place a commemorative plaque in the Forsgate Commons Building, the former Jamesburg High School, **On April 30, 2005**, as part of the Third All-Class Reunion, the Association will dedicate the Jamesburg High School Room in *Lakeview*, the historic Buckelew Mansion. The Reunion will also mark the beginning Association's Centennial Celebration (the Jamesburg Board of Education voted to establish Jamesburg High School in 1905). In **September, 2006**, the Centennial of the School's opening will be observed by the placing of a commemorative plaque in the Grace M. Breckewdel School, the original site of the first two Jamesburg High School buildings. The Centennial Celebration will come to a festive end on **April 28, 2007**, the Fourth All-Class Reunion.

The Association has already made contact with the owners of Forsgate Commons and received their permission to place a plaque in the building. It will hopefully be placed in the elevator lobby on the first floor (where the gym used to be located).

As for the renovation of the JHS Room, the Association is working with the Jamesburg Historical Association and the Borough of Jamesburg (the owners of the building) to determine what needs to be done. The timing for this project comes at a good time since the Historical Association has received some grant money to begin renovations, and additional grants are expected. In addition to making repairs to the room, the Association plans to purchase cabinets and cases to display yearbooks and JHS memorabilia.

To accomplish all this, Association announces the opening of a fund-raising campaign entitled "TWENTY-FIVE LOOKING TOWARDS ONE HUNDRED!" and has set a minimum goal of \$5,000.00. It is hoped that all JHS Alumni will support this fund-raising effort.

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A recent photograph of the JHS Room at Lakeview. The room also contains articles not directly related to the history of Jamesburg High School. Through its fund raising efforts the Association hopes to refurbish the room for the exclusive display of JHS-related items.

ALUMNI PROJECT COMPLETED

From its inception in September, 2000, one of the goals of the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association was to develop a comprehensive listing of the names of all the students who attended Jamesburg High School from its beginning in September, 1906 through its closing in June, 1979. That goal was accomplished this past August when Ron Becker '63, after many hours of research, developed this list. Ron had access to the high school's permanent record cards and used them and high school graduation programs as his primary sources. Yearbooks and personal recollections and newspaper articles also came into play.

The major obstacle Ron faced was the lack of original cards for years 1906-1931. The names of the members of the Class of 1910 (the first graduating class) were obtained from a newspaper article written on the occasion of the 1960 graduation. Original graduation programs (purchased on e-Bay) confirmed the names of the Classes

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THIRD ALL-CLASS REUNION—SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005—PLAN TO ATTEND!

Fund raising, continued

The Jamesburg High School Alumni Association undertook this fund-raising project only after careful consideration and reflection. Since the Association's stated purpose is to preserve the proud history of Jamesburg High School, what better way to commemorate the 25th anniversary of its closing and the Centennial of its opening than by undertaking projects that will ensure that its memory is proclaimed and preserved. Because of the increase in population and the passage of time, very few people outside of the Borough of Jamesburg know about Jamesburg High School. There is an urgency to preserving its memory.

The items in the Jamesburg High School Room aren't set up for display. The room is currently nothing more than a storeroom for JHS memorabilia and other items. Some items are damaged, and most are still in boxes scattered around the building. The Association will be inventorying both *Lakeview's* items and those which the Association has collected over the past few years. Once the room is renovated and cabinets and cases installed, these items will be safe, preserved and secure. Several treasures of the room are an album containing all the graduation programs from 1932-1979 (all originals except for two), pictures of the construction of the high school library and the only known copy of the JHS fight song "Dear Old Jamesburg High."

The Association is not asking for a huge amount from Alumni. If every Alumnus(a) on our mailing list contributed at least \$15.00, the Association would be able to accomplish all that is planned. Exceeding the goal will allow the Association to do more in the room and to provide funds for the continued upkeep of the Room. Alumni wishing to participate in this fund-raising project will find a contribution form on page 7. The names of all contributors will be entered into a book that will become a part of the JHS Room. In addition, the names of contributors to the gold, silver and bronze levels will be placed on a plaque that will hang in the Room.

In addition to seeking funds, the Association is looking for in-kind donations from Alumni in the building trades to assist in the renovation of the room. If you are interested in contributing your services, please contact the Association.

Please consider supporting your Association's efforts to preserve the proud history of our beloved JHS!

IN MEMORIAM

Elizabeth Schach Arendt — Class of 1945

Lynn Oglue — Class of 1959

Robert Alsheimer — Class of 1953

Carol Ann Baker Brown — Class of 1963

Bruce Bacchetti — Class of 1968

Daniel R. Bonamici — Faculty Member 1955-1963

Our condolences to their families

If you learn of the death of one of your classmates or a JHS alumnus/a, please notify the JHSAA at AlumniWarhoop@aol.com.

IS YOUR CLASS HAVING A REUNION?

If your class is planning a reunion, please remember to notify the JHSAA. We are willing to help you in any way, from providing you with a list of your classmates' current addresses (if we have them) to publicizing your reunion in the *Alumni Warhoop* and the *Alumni Warhoop Update*. Contact us at AlumniWarhoop@aol.com.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1954

What will you be doing on October 15 and 16, 2004? We know! You will be enjoying your 50th class reunion week-end activities. The committee is busy planning, but we need your help. Can you help us locate the following classmates?

John Treu	Harold Vogel
Ailie Jorgensen	Roland Walker
George Kautsky	Edwin Walters
Edmond John Sawicki	Leon Walters
Jack Shafman	Willie Washington
Joyce Elaine (Dawson) McGarry	

Letters were mailed to classmates in October with reunion plans. If you have not received one or if you can provide an address or phone number for the above named classmates, contact Barbara (Kuehne) Ohmott at 856-769-1466 or email ohmott1@comcast.net.

IS YOUR ADDRESS CORRECT?



Is your name and address on the back cover correct? If not, please send us the correct information. Also, please notify us of any change of name, mailing address or e-mail address. This will help us keep our database up-to-date and make sure that you receive both Association and class reunion committee mailings.

ATTEND AN ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Jamesburg High School Alumni Association meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Lakeview, right across from Dunkin' Donuts (the former Perrine Pontiac building). All Alumni are welcome to join us and get involved in Association activities.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Jamesburg High School Alumni,

Over three years ago, on September 14, 2000, the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association was started. We are organized as a non-profit association. Meetings for the Association are held at the Buckelew House in Jamesburg on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All who attended JHS are considered Association members. The governing Board invites anyone who is interested to attend these meetings. There are more people needed for the management of the Association. We would like to see a "Class Trustee" member from each class on the Board. The job of a Class Trustee is to help keep track of classmates. We are working hard to make the JHSAA a success and would appreciate your support.

One of the projects that we continue for the JHSAA is to build a database of JHS Alumni and to collect all of the classes, from 1911 to 1979, the last graduating class of JHS, and to account for all classmates from those years with addresses or if they are deceased. We are nearly complete and have over 6000 names of attendees and over 4000 names of graduates with the class listings that we have. However, slightly less than 1/3 of the classmates are accounted for with the other 2/3 having no information on their whereabouts to date. This is why your Class Trustee is important to you and the Association.

The JHSAA has two primary missions as stated in its By-laws. First, the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association works to promote and support the history of Jamesburg High School. Second, the Alumni Association maintains a relationship with alumni to provide them with a voice and a means of fellowship.

We only have about a dozen of our alumni that attend meetings on a regular basis. With the addresses of about 1800 alumni, if we could only get one percent to come to the meetings or about 18 classmates, that would still be a fifty percent increase in participation. Being an active classmate is an easy job. There is no 'heavy lifting' so to speak. Get involved with the Association; we sure could use your help.

Thomas W. Dey, '68

President
Jamesburg High School Alumni Association

ASSOCIATION ADDRESS POLICY

It is the policy of the Jamesburg High Alumni Association not to release the mailing or e-mail addresses of Alumni to any person except authorized class reunion committee members. If you wish to contact an alumnus(a), check with the Association to ascertain that we have the address. If we do, you may send the Association a sealed envelope (no stamp) and it will be forwarded by the Association to the person you wish to contact. The decision to respond is the individual's decision. Please enclose \$1.00 to cover costs. Reunion committees must provide the Association with confirmed reunion information before addresses will be provided.

Alumni, continued,

of 1916 and 1917 that were obtained from the permanent record cards. There are no student records for the years 1906-1911. Cards for the years 1912-1931 were prepared during the summer of 1939 by Mr. Kenneth C. Coulter, the then-Principal of Jamesburg High School. The records for the years 1932-1979, are, for the most part, complete. There are five persons for whom we cannot locate information:

Janice Ralston

Robert Cornish

Christiana Lee Lee

Lorraine Titus Rose

Susan Wilson Wilson

If you can provide information on any of these individuals, please contact the Association.

Some interesting statistics came out of Ron's research: 6,143 students attended Jamesburg High School between 1912-1979 (plus the 8 members of the Class of 1910). Of these, 4,083 graduated; the rest either transferred to other schools or did not complete their education, and 55% of the total population during this period were females.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE JHSAA FORUM?

Do you have news you'd like to share with your schoolmates or classmates? Are you looking to get in touch with a classmate or find out how one is doing? Would you like to comment on what the JHSAA is doing or share JHS memories? You can do that and more by visiting the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association Forum. To get to the Forum, go to www.Jamesburg.net, click on the JHSAA link and scroll down the homepage to the Forum link. You can join one of the already posted discussions or start one of your own.

WE GET AROUND



For the past two years the JHSAA has participated in several local events (Jamesburg Street Fair, Buckelew Day and Monroe Country Fair to name a few) in an attempt to reach out to area Alumni. Our efforts have been very successful. Our wind-blown booth, shown here at the Monroe Country Fair, proclaims the proud history of JHS for all to see. Thanks to Gerry Schnur '65 for building the center display support. Look for us at Jamesburg-area events in 2004!

HELP US PRESERVE OUR HISTORY

The JHSAA would like to extend its thanks to "Spud" Dobenski '57, John Solook '61 and Lou Swartz '53 for JHS-related items they recently donated. These items will eventually be placed in the JHS Room in *Lakeview*. Spud donated an Honor Guard arm band and parents' handbook. He also included an unknown item (see below). John donated a baseball uniform shirt, spats, pendants and an Honor Guard arm band. Lou donated the baseball mitt he used during his JHS baseball career. Why not look up in your attic, down in your basement or in your closet. You might find something from your JHS days. Items may be dropped off at Auto King Parts, 67 East Railroad Avenue, Jamesburg or mailed to us at the same address. We'll accept anything you want to donate!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?



This was among the items that Spud Dobenski recently donated to the JHSAA. It's made of maroon felt with gold letters. No one seems to know what it was used for. If you know, let us know.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE ALUMNI SHOPPE?

The Jamesburg High School Alumni Association Alumni Shoppe sales are going strong. We've got all kinds of JHS memorabilia available, including Alumni Association pins, Coach Matteo pictures, JHSAA tee shirts, a pictorial history of Jamesburg High School, the Alumni Choir Memorial album and copies of this year's Second All-Class Reunion Souvenir Journal. See the Alumni Shoppe listings on page 5 (order form on page 6).

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Want to keep up with all that's happening with the Jamesburg High School Alumni Association? Subscribe to the *Alumni Warhoop*.

The *Alumni Warhoop* is published in January, April, July and October. The October issue is mailed to all Alumni on our mailing list; the remaining three issues are distributed throughout the greater Jamesburg area. First Class mail subscriptions for these issues are available for \$3.00/year. Please use the Alumni Shoppe Order Form on page 6.

The Association also issues a monthly e-mail update, the *Alumni Warhoop Update*. Free subscriptions are available by e-mailing your name, class and e-mail address to Alumni-Warhoop@aol.com. A printed copy subscription is available for \$4.00/year. Use the Alumni Shoppe Order Form on page 6 to order your subscription.

DID YOU KNOW THAT. . .

the first edition of the *Tomahawk* was published by the Class of 1938. Leonard Intravartolo Travis '42 submitted the winning name. The book was dedicated to Miss Elizabeth Casey, who also served as Yearbook Advisor.

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