



# ReEchoes

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## Thoughts from Our Alumni President...

I can't believe that it has been almost one year since I became President of the Alumni Association. Wow! When I was elected, I immediately started on working toward the four main goals I proposed at the Annual Association Meeting, Alumni Weekend: to increase Alumni involvement, to increase communication over all social media, to have our Association's finances clearly spelled out and to be transparent because it is important for the Association Members to be knowledgeable about its finances, and finally to start and hold chapter meetings on college campuses around the country and at the New York Conference Camp Meeting.

I am happy to say that we, the officers and members of the Association, have completed all that I hoped for and more. I would like to express my thanks to everyone for all their efforts. There has been much more Alumni involvement through our website as it is being built up. Chapter meetings were held at the NY Conference Camp Meeting and Andrews University. The finances have been sorted out and now we know, for the first time in years, what monies we have and what areas are in dire need of funding.

I would be remiss if I didn't introduce and welcome the new officers and volunteers who are actively involved and tirelessly giving of their time and talents. Laurie Wesson-Longo '75 is the Interim Treasurer, Carolyn Fox-McClellan '67 is the Social Secretary, Karen Weber-Reynolds '75 is the new Communications Director, Amy Foote '96, has agreed to be ReEchoes Layout Editor, Rachel Laird has volunteered to be the ReEchoes Editor, Evan Martin '76 is the Web Site Manager, and Linda Carney-Kincaid '91 is the Facebook Manager. There are still more positions available. Please see the list below and contact us if you can perform any of these duties. Your help will be appreciated!

In conclusion, I hope each Association Member will seek an opportunity to get involved and support their Alumni Association. To that end, I look forward to seeing what else we, the members and the officers, will do in the coming year for our USA!  
-Netta Smith-Blakes '82

### Come Get Involved!

Though most of the volunteer positions are filled, there remain a few vacant spots. If you are able and willing to assist in any of these areas, please contact any of the alumni officers.

- ◆ Distribution Manager (for ReEchoes and other communications)
- ◆ Assistant Treasurer
- ◆ Fundraiser (for the Alumni Association only, not for the Academy)

## Maranatha Volunteers Assist USA with Renovation Project

Eighty-five volunteers from around the world and the United States made the trip with Maranatha Volunteers International to help renovate the dormitories at Union Springs Academy (USA). They joined volunteers from across the Atlantic Union, including many USA alumni, New York Conference church members and pastors, and kind hearted people from the local community.

David Woods, Maranatha director of North American projects, led the volunteers as they renovated more than 40 dorm rooms. Old carpet and tile floors were replaced with vinyl flooring, old furniture that has been in dorm rooms since the 1940s has been refinished, the walls and ceilings were repainted, outlets and light switch covers were changed, and new light fixtures were hung. The Union Springs church roof was also replaced and the landscape was updated.

Maranatha Volunteers International is a mission organization that works with the Seventh-day Adventist Church building schools, churches, and water wells around the world. More than half of the volunteers had never worked on a Maranatha mission trip before. Jere Clayburn, USA principal, said that he has never been part of a mission project, and working with Maranatha has been a learning experience for him. According to Woods, the Union Springs Academy project is unique because, usually, not many volunteers come from other countries to the United States to do mission work.

More than \$80,000 was raised to purchase the materials used by the dedicated volunteers for countless hours of labor. This was made possible by a matching gift of \$25,000 from the Ray Halbritter Charity Classic which inspired many other generous donors to give.

Volunteers for the USA renovation project came from Brazil, Trinidad and Tobago, Canada, and other parts of the U.S. to help. It was the first time ever on a mission trip for some volunteers.

In an article printed by THE CITIZEN, the local Auburn newspaper, Woods told the reporter that "Having the [international]

volunteers here has really been a great experience. Many of our North American volunteers have never had the experience of people from another country coming to help us. A lot of Americans are used to going to other places to assist where needs are."

Lifelong friendships were made during the two-week event with all the volunteers and the local Union Springs Academy faculty, staff, and community. Everyone became a family with a common mission and cause - to make USA better for students this fall and the future.

We want to thank project volunteer coordinators, John Cardinell, the founder of USA campus renovation weeks, and Bill Boyd, Jr. both alumni of USA, for their vision, time, and talents.

Union Springs Academy administrators, faculty, and staff look forward to this summer's 5th Campus Renovation Weeks from July 15-29, 2018. Maranatha Volunteers International is partnering with USA again. To register on the volunteer team visit [www.maranatha.org](http://www.maranatha.org).

-Janica Caster, Development Director

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## Alumni Volunteers at Maranatha

- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rick Nudd, '64         | Bill Boyd Jr., '80      |
| Marie Putman, '64      | Netta Smith-Blakes, '82 |
| Richard Wright, '64    | Malcolm Proctor, '82    |
| Randy Close, '67       | Joe Foote, '92          |
| Jeff Hunt, '68         | Jeff Leubner, '92       |
| Sheri Galutia, '73     | Michael Cardinell, '95  |
| Jenni Austin-Carr, '78 | Joya Weber-Garlock, '95 |
| John Cardinell, '78    | Rich Runnals, '96       |
| Mitch Strong, '78      | Logan Sweet, 2018       |
| Miguel Crespo, '87     | Bob Rosa, '51           |

- Bonnie Dickerman-Crespo, '88  
 Marilyn Schacksneider-Rosa, '52  
 Karen Weber-Reynolds, '75  
 Tom Reynolds, '75 - Honorary  
 Darrin Caster, '89  
 Janica Kaltsas-Caster, '90

Below: At the Shortcake Feed, Janica and Netta listen to David Woods, Maranatha Director of North American Projects.



## Student Visit

A group of USA students immensely enjoyed a visit recently with Ed ('46) and Susie Roche. They sang songs for them, including the School Song to which Ed heartily sang along. Ed shared that his classmate wrote the school song! Stories of his Academy days were shared much to the enjoyment of the students. It was as much a blessing to the students as it was to the Roches. The students left saying, "That was really fun!"

L to R: Melanie Llanto '18,  
Susie Roche, Dan Livergood '19,  
Zoe Durant '20, Ed Roche '46,  
Adrianna Townsend '20,  
Alaina Burghardt '19, Lah  
Moo '20 Omame Brown '19



## Union Springs Academy Joyfully Announces the Rededication Ceremony of **NEWMYER HALL**



**Saturday, May 12, 2018 3:00 PM**

*Administration Building  
Union Springs, New York*

*For more information visit [unionspringsacademy.org](http://unionspringsacademy.org)*

## Soccer Fun

Kyle Raymond '12 and Ben Laird '11, village alumni and USA soccer legends, are currently in the process of waiting for documentation to be complete so they can start their new jobs. Kyle will be working for Newbold in England for their recruiting department once his visa is in place. Ben will be joining the Metro Police Department in Washington, DC where he hopes to use his Portuguese/English translation/interpretation degree while serving the large Brazilian population there. While they wait they've been enjoying spending time with current students playing indoor soccer together whenever they can!



Front: Joseph Htoo '21 Middle: Kyle Raymond '12,  
Hsar Law Hsar '18, Eh Doh '20  
Back: Ben Laird '11, Jussy Poe '18

**Come Join us**  
For the 5th Annual  
Renovation Weeks  
at Union Springs Academy

// Operation USA 2018

# Missions in Action

// July 15 - 29 2018

To Register Visit:  
[www.Maranatha.org](http://www.Maranatha.org)

MARANATHA  
VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL

## Rebuilding Effort Complete

We are pleased to announce that the rebuilding of our Academy is complete. All classrooms, offices, hallways, restrooms, and the gymnasium are being utilized once more. Praise the Lord!

Miguel Crespo '87, New York Conference President, insisted our academy be environmentally safe and secure for staff and students. The rest of the USA Rebuilding Team, (Jere Clayburn - USA Principal, Bill Boyd, Jr. '80 - General Contractor, and John Cardinell, Jr. '78 - General Contractor and USA Rebuild-ing Project Manager), all agreed and the re-sults are shown in the below list of changes and upgrades made to the administration building.

### Mechanicals:

- 100% asbestos free!
- 100% LED lighting fixtures throughout, including the gym
- Approximately 40% of plumbing pipes replaced
- Approximately 80% of electrical replaced
- 100% network cabling replaced for internet, Wi-Fi, and computer network
- Installed top of the line fire detection system, including call monitoring notifications, text messaging, and remote call in to the local fire department
- Installed access system: all doors locked and secure at all times, visitors allowed access utilizing remote camera system
- Installed mag-lock security system enabling lock in or lock out of intruders
- Installed security cameras monitoring hallways, public areas, gymnasium, outside perimeter, and other areas as needed

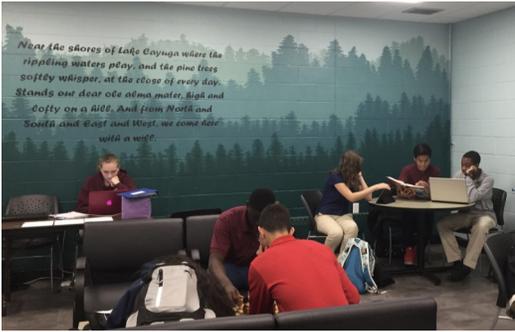
### Cosmetics:

- New flooring throughout the academic and administrative areas: luxury vinyl tile (LVT) in hallways, ceramic tile in restrooms, carpet tiles in all other areas
- New paint schemes throughout
- New vertical vinyl blinds in all classrooms
- New 60" LED HDTV smart televisions in all classrooms for instruction, access to internet, routine schedule postings, special announcements, etc.
- New ceiling tiles and grid system

- Modestly remodeled restrooms maintaining handicap accessibility
- New drinking fountains with dual levels for better accommodation
- New bell system for announcing class changes, lunch, end of day

### Layout and Design:

- Chapel now located in old library allowing for larger groups and various gatherings
- Glass enclosed computer lab constructed in old chapel allowing for 24-30 students with three levels for monitoring all computer screens
- Enlarged music practice rooms and three additional offices created by utilizing space from old book closet
- New development office (one of the new spaces mentioned above) located across from old home economics rooms
- Chaplain's office now located next to the new chapel in previous dark room/audio-visual room/library storage closet space
- Old chaplain's and development offices joined and reconstructed to create new student lounge/guest area
- Old home economics area renovated and now accommodates the Music Department
- Old music room by the gymnasium will become new concession/kitchen area
- New storage area directly behind concession/kitchen for tables, chairs, etc.
- Library moved to old Spanish room with Union Springs Academy seal embossed on glass door, visible to guests entering building.
- Art room now located in old computer/typing room near boy's dorm entrance.
- Science, Bible/History, Math, and English rooms has new paint, ceiling tiles, and lights.
- New 5/12 pitch metal roof supported by 80-foot-long 2x6 trusses, including commercial grade gutters connected to underground waste lines to handle the extensive water load.
- Old music office will become new alumni office.
- New doorway installed between gym, concession area, restrooms and lower level allowing for classroom/administration area security during community events.
- New wheel chair lift on stairs near gym providing full access when both areas are open



Sincere thanks are owed to the entire USA Rebuilding Team. The character of these men truly shined as they always led by example, and consistently have USA's best interest at the forefront of every decision. It has truly been my personal honor to serve with this group. Their personal sacrifices will never be fully known to the general public, but rest assured they never went unnoticed by those closest to this project. Sacrifice is usually followed by blessings and this group is without exception a blessing bestowed upon me. I remain thankful

and indebted for their continued and unwavering devotion to our Union Springs Academy.

Special thanks to Steve Fraker (Retired USA Maintenance Director) who came back for weeks from his home in Pennsylvania to assist us in completing this project.

Special thanks also to Sherry Franke '80 for all her devotion to the unique murals and paint designs throughout the building. In the computer lab she added a large map of the world on one wall and in the student lounge/guest area the primary wall is adorned with pine trees and the first verse of our school song - both distinctive and exceptional works of art.



The December 3, 2016 fire, while initially tragic, has spawned new relationships, tested the mettle of our administrators, and ultimately strengthened our faith in God and His control over our Academy's future. From the beginning, this team handed the project over to Jesus Christ, our Leader and Guide, and as we near the end of this ordeal, it is clearer than ever that He never disappoints. Praise to our Lord for delivering us out of this fire's clutches into calmer waters and a future that is bright as the morning sunrise. We hope to see you at the Rededication on May 12th.

-John Cardinell, Jr. '78

## NY Conference Women's Retreat in Painted Post, NY

Attendees at the October 2017 New York Conference Women's Retreat included numerous USA alumni. Themed "First Aid for the Fearfully & Wonderfully Made", Dr. Nathan Hamm, another one of our esteemed alumnus, presented "Optimal Health & Wellness" to the group. A refreshing time was had by all!



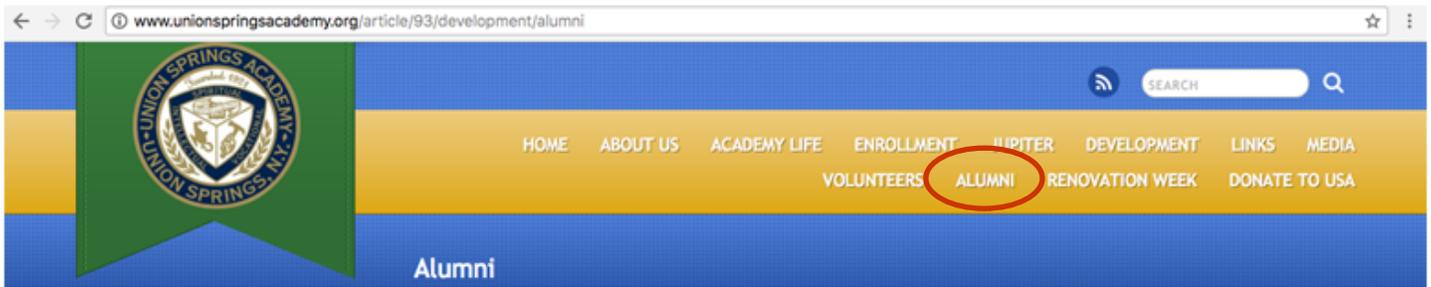
Front Row: Alene Suriner-Walter '92, Penny Gebhard-Adams '92, Janica Kaltsas-Caster '90, Debbie Shepler-Erpenbeck '90, Millie Smith-Shepler '61, Ruth-Ann Rizzo-Ford '79, Netta Smith-Blakes '82, Gail Carr-Mason '70, Carol Foote-Blay '65

Middle Row: Becky Allen-Runnals '96, Joya Weber-Garlock '95, Kristy Kline-Burt '97, Lynee Stevens-Hamm '73, Martha Tessier-Olsen '74

Back Row: Crystal Lake '75, Suzanne Mitchell-Washburn '71, Rosemary Allen-DuFour '68, Kelsey Hamm-Hayes '01, Tina Conable-Shorey '86, Phyllis Orsburn-Foote '68, Nathan Hamm '96

## Stay Informed and Connected

Since the opening of our school, over 5000 alumni and faculty have walked through the halls of USA. We're blessed to have approximately 3000 of them to keep up with! As exciting as that is, it means that communicating to everyone can be a challenge. Every effort is made to contact as many as possible, but it's expensive to send full mailings out each time information needs to be shared. An important effort has been to set up a secure "mass" emailing system to communicate regularly. We thank you for your patience as this is taking some time to develop. You can help stay informed by either our Official Facebook page "Union Springs Academy Alumni" or by visiting the Alumni section of the USA website! Just go to [www.unionspringsacademy.org](http://www.unionspringsacademy.org) and click on the "Alumni" link in the yellow banner. There you'll find details about upcoming events, schedules, donations needs, and more!



## New Alumni Weekend Dates!

The Alumni Association Executive Committee has listened to the voices, polls and opinions of the members and weighed the pros and cons carefully. As a result, the Alumni Weekend will be held the last weekend of September as noted below for the next three years.



# ALUMNI WEEKEND

**September 28-30, 2018**

## Honor Classes & Groups:

VIP's - All Classes 1921-1967	1978 - 40 Year Class
ALL FORMER FACULTY	1983 - 35 Year Class
1943 - 75 Year Class	1988 - 30 Year Class
1948 - 70 Year Class	1993 - 25 Year Class
1953 - 65 Year Class	1998 - 20 Year Class
1958 - 60 Year Class	2003 - 15 Year Class
1963 - 55 Year Class	2008 - 10 Year Class
1968 - 50 Year Class	2013 - 5 Year Class
1973 - 45 Year Class	Focus Era: 1955-1959

**Alumni Weekend Dates for following two years:**  
**Sept. 27-29, 2019 & Sept. 25-27, 2020**



Alumni Budget: March-September 2018			
Funds	Current Balance	Expected Cost	Funds Needed
General Expenses	\$400	\$750	\$350
Alumni Weekend	-\$950	\$1,000	\$1,950
Communications	\$800	\$400	
Scholarships			
General Alumni	\$1,350	TBD	
Class of '55	\$675	TBD	
Class of '61	\$500	TBD	
Total Needed By September 2018			\$2,300

*Note: With the exception of the General Expenses account, money donated to specific funds will not be moved to any other fund. The General Expenses account may be used to round up scholarships or to assist in other funds as approved by Executive Committee vote. For more information, check out our alumni page on Unions Springs Academy website: [unionspringsacademy.org](http://unionspringsacademy.org)*

## Andrews University Alumni Gathering

The weekend of February 10, 2018, presented an excellent opportunity to connect with alumni in Michigan. The USA Eagles were participating in the Newmyer Classic Championship, a basketball tournament held at Andrews University for Adventist academies. An Andrews area meeting has been scheduled.

Students and staff braved snowstorms with a desire to attend. They were well received by about forty local alumni, together with spouses and family members. All gathered on Sabbath afternoon to enjoy the camaraderie.

After a welcome by Netta Blakes ('82) and prayer by Brian Strayer ('69), an introduction of alumni officers was followed by a roll call led by Debi Everhart ('90). Alumni and former staff were represented through the decades as far back as the 1940s. Soon the school song "Our U.S.A." was echoing through the corridors of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary where the group was meeting. Current students and recent alumni presented additional music.

Janica Caster ('90), USA's Director of Development & Academy Alumni Liaison, presented an update on the academy, including interactions with students. The meeting's agenda next addressed such items as starting up an alumni chapter at Andrews, the "Re-Echoes" newsletter, and the Brick Campaign. Attendees were also invited to the September 2018 alumni weekend.

After Ralph Trecartin ('80) had a prayer of blessing on the academy and its alumni. A mix-and-mingle time was accompanied by abundant, delicious refreshments with spontaneous music offered in the background by students and recent alumni. The two-hour gathering was enjoyed by all and came to a close much too quickly. Alumni bid farewell to old classmates and new friends with hopes that a local chapter will soon be established which will allow for continued relations among those who have both Union Springs Academy and Andrews University in common.

-Debi Everhart '90



Some of our collegiate Andrews alumni:  
Alyssa Walter '16, Carrie Baker '14,  
Jonathan "Jonnie" Baker '16, Josh Bailey '15



Some of the attendees: Front to back, left to right: Alton Palmer '90, Ralph Trecartin '80, Virginia Bourne-Trecartin '79, Arne Swanson '45, William Dudgeon '50, Galen and Rita Pusey '72-'73 (Former Faculty), Barry Marden '73, Amy Foote '96, Rebecca Allen-Runnals '96, Conrad Demsky '55, and USA students in the far back.



Mix and Mingle: Margaret Gibbs-Whidden '61, Linda Pratt-Everhart '68, Mrs. Harold Marsh '43, Mr. Jim Everhart, Debi Everhart '90, Mr. Woodrow Whidden, Netta Blakes '82, Barry Maiden '73.

## Circle of Friends Brick Campaign

### Buy a Brick!

#### Remember Our Circle of Friends Walkway!

Looking for a unique way to support the USA Alumni Association? Do you have a special memory, class, or individual you'd like to honor? You can do both with one brick purchase! For just \$75 you can have a brick engraved and added to our Circle of Friends walkway.

Your \$75 will be used to help fund several areas: \$18.75 (25%) for Alumni Expenses (ie Re-Echoes and Alumni Weekend), \$15.00 (20%) for the Alumni Scholarship fund, \$24.00 (32%) for Special Projects, and \$17.25 (23%) for Campus Beautification. Please consider supporting each of these important funds with one simple purchase.

Ordering and additional details are available by calling the Development Office at USA (315-889-7314) or via the alumni tab on the school website (UnionSpringsAcademy.org).

## Meet Our New Officers

### Treasurer

Laurel (Laurie) Wesson-Longo '75, attended USA for two years following her older sister, Sally Wesson-Hafner '73. Their father, Roy Wesson, spent many years helping in the USA business office after his retirement. She then attended both Atlantic Union College and Pacific Union College to earn her business degree.



Laurie has five children and two grandchildren. Two of her daughters and their pastor husbands live in Michigan so she makes several trips a year to visit them.

Living in Auburn, CA, Laurie keeps busy assisting her parents, who now live with her, and volunteering as Cradle Roll Sabbath School leader at her local church. She tries to walk or hike every chance she gets. She and her

husband, Kevin, enjoy hiking to the top of mountain peaks in the area. Their biggest accomplishment was to complete the 211 mile John Muir Trail from Mt. Whitney to Yosemite two summers ago.

As our interim treasurer until the September 2018 elections, Laurie is trying to work with the USA business manager to accurately report financial figures in an understandable way that reflect the donations and expenses of our Alumni.

### Communications Director

Karen Weber Burch Reynolds spent four years at USA, graduating in 1975. She spent two years at Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) before earning her nursing degree from Dalton Vocational School of Health Education.



She and her husband, Tom, dated in high school and were even engaged back then, but when he joined the Navy and she headed off to college, plans changed. Karen married Dan Burch, had two daughters and a happy 22 year marriage. Tom remained a close family friend - "Uncle Tom" to the girls. Sadly, Dan developed mesothelioma.

After Dan passed away, Karen and Tom grew closer and have now been married for three and a half years. They live in Jefferson, Texas, where Karen volunteers as Primary leader and Women's Ministries Leader at their church and in her free time, she loves sewing, and quilting. Together they enjoy fixing up old houses. Her girls, Danielle and Emily live in Utah where Danielle works in Salt Lake City and Emily is a pre-med student at the University of Utah.

Special Note: Tom always wanted to go to USA but never had the chance. Over the years he's always attached himself to the Class of 75. As a result, he was officially made an honorary member of the class!

## 2018 Honor Years' Representatives

In preparation for our 2018 Alumni Weekend, September 28-30, 2018 Class Representatives have been listed below. Please contact Linda Nord-Ulrich at [JoenLindaU@yahoo.com](mailto:JoenLindaU@yahoo.com) with any updates, and include your class year.

Honor Years	* Primary CR
5 Year · 2013	Sarah Rodrigues-Crespo
10 Year · 2008	Aaron Boyd
15 Year · 2003	Jason Obamsawin
20 Year · 1998	Larry Hayes
25 Year · 1993	
30 Year · 1988	Nikki Delafield-Bromme
40 Year · 1978	Jenni Carr*, Mark Cady, and John Cardinell
45 Year · 1973	Debbie Lloyd-Foote
50 Year · 1968	Fred Parker* and Norma Lawrence-Castine
<b>Focus Era · 1955-1959</b>	
· 1955	Helen Scott-Houghtaling
· 1956	Vonnie Cox-Edison
· 1957	Margie Weber-Howes
60 Year · 1958	Dan Kelly
· 1959	Keith Attle
<b>VIPs</b>	
· 1967	Carolyn Fox-McClellan
· 1966	Herb Cox
· 1965	Judy Bentz-Eells* and Marie Rupracht-Putman
· 1964	Ted Peckham
55 Year · 1963	Helen Hotoughling
· 1962	Lynell Dickerman
· 1961	Terry Greene-Dickerman
· 1960	Esther Day-Voto
· 1954	Jackie Fuller-Caster and Janica Kaltsas-Caster
65 Year · 1953	Larry Hayes (Officer Mentor)
· 1952	Verna Howard-Murpy
· 1951	Joyce Clarke-Cady* and Leroy Kirk
· 1950	Charlotte Caster-Prest* and Leatha Beman-Hardy
1921-1949	Linda Nord-Ulrich
70 Year · 1948	75 Year · 1943
80 Year · 1938	

## New Annual Alumni Gathering

June, visiting under trees on the hill, catching up with classmates... Camp Meeting! The Alumni Association wanted something special for USA Alumni at camp meeting. So, now is born... strawberries, whipped cream, and short cake in our USA cafeteria! On July 1, 2017, over 100 alumni plus spouses and family filtered into the cafeteria for the first Alumni Strawberry Shortcake Feed.



We registered alumni as they came in the door to personally welcome you and get a count. It was wonderful to see and reunite with so many we haven't seen in years. A pleasant buzz filled the cafeteria as classmates caught up with each other on the happenings of life. Alumni also had the opportunity to vote a preference for keeping Alumni Weekend in May or move it to a fall date.

Many compliments of a good time, approval, and the desire to do it again next year were expressed. The relaxed informal gathering complimented the excitement of the Alumni get together beautifully and we look forward to seeing many more again next summer! A BIG *THANK YOU* to the Baldwinsville Church for donating the strawberries. -Jenni "Chicky" Austin Carr '78



### Upcoming Events:

- \* Newmyer Hall Rededication—May 12, 3:00 pm
- \* Seniors Induction—June 8, at vespers
- \* USA Graduation—June 10, 10:00 am
- \* Alumni Strawberry Feed—June 23, 4:30 pm
- \* USA Eagle Run 5K—June 24, 8:00 am
- \* 5th Annual Renovations Weeks—July 15-29
- \* Alumni Weekend—September 28-30

## We Remember in Loving Memory

<u>Class</u>	<u>Alumnus</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
1934	Kathryn Osterblom-Eusey	October 3, 2016	Leominster, MA
1936	Roberta Rice-Gravatt	December 6, 2017	Reading, PA
1938	Eusebia Mary Byers-Messenger	April 7, 2016	Delmar, NY
1938	Leona Pratt-Reed	July 13, 2016	Visalia, CA
1939	Lillian Hopkins-Crevelling	December 21, 2016	Penn Yan, NY
1941	Glenda Rolfe-Hanna	April 6, 2015	Hendersonville, NC
1941	Alma Burnette-Duford	January 7, 2016	Ogdensburg, NY
1942	Ruth Wagner-Hamberger	May 2, 2015	Berrien Springs, MI
1943	Pauline Jenkins-Darmody	March 24, 2015	Avon, MA
1943	Don Gerald	July 15, 2016	Chesterton, MD
1944	Robert Gleason	September 10, 2016	Bryant Pond, ME
1944	Joel Williams	August 19, 2017	Kennewick, WA
1945	Millie Jamieson-Swanson	November 28, 2017	Berrien Springs, MI
1946	Norman Carl Krueger	November 17, 2015	Gentry, AR
1947	Elwood Raymond	May 18, 2015	Union Springs, NY
1947	Shirley Brietsman-Powley	January 9, 2018	Lockport, NY
1948	Barbara Gifford-Boynton	August 5, 2015	Norridgewock, ME
1949	Earl Prest	February 23, 2015	Orlando, FL
1950	Charlotte Caster-Prest	March 22, 2018	Orlando, FL
1953	Nancy Peete-Dowser	September 14, 2015	Hemet, CA
1953	Don Johnson	May 5, 2016	Cumberland Center, ME
1955	Nelson Evans	January 1, 2018	Riverside, CA (Principal, 9/1970 - 8/1973)
1956	Alice Lastine-Soderblom	September 12, 2016	Yucaipa, CA
1959	Lawrence Peck	June 5, 2015	Oswego, NY
1963	Ernest Burton	September 15, 2017	Dade City, FL
1969	David King	January 25, 2016	Saluda, NC
1971	Kim Peckham	April 27, 2016	Palm Springs, CA
1973	Harold "Harky" Gibbs	May 25, 2017	Cortland, NY
1974	Theresa Rempher-Calvillo	August 29, 2017	McDonald, TN
1975	Mark Tessier	November 24, 2016	College Place, WA
1978	Karen Mullins-Rayborne	January 19, 2017	Marysville, OH
1982	Craig Rice	November 16, 2015	Niagara Falls, NY
1993	Rachelle Grimes	February 13, 2018	Queensbury, NY

<u>Years</u>	<u>Former Faculty</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
1955-1966	Avid Hodge, Farm Manager	January 11, 2017	Berrien Springs, MI
1990-1991	Maurice Vincent, Maintenance	February 22, 2017	
1958-1960	Robert LeBard, Music Teacher	September 28, 2016	Burlington, IA
1961-1963	Flora Smith, English Teacher	March 16, 2017	

## Roberta Rice-Gravatt, Class of 1936

Anna Roberta (Rice) Gravatt, 100, of Cayuga, passed away December 6, 2017 in Reading, Pennsylvania. Born in Wooster, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Mina (Payne) Rice.

The family moved to Union Springs, New York by way of Shunk, Pennsylvania, located in the endless mountain region of the state. In 1936 she graduated from Union Springs Academy and went on to nursing school.

Over her career she was employed for 35 years in Adventist Health System hospitals as a nurse director for emergency room, central service, and pharmacy departments. She served at Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, California, Castle Memorial Hospital in Kauila, Hawaii, Feather River Adventist Hospital in Paradise, California, and retired from Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, California.

Roberta, as she was known to her classmates, was one of the oldest living alumni of Union Springs Academy before she went to sleep in Jesus. We look forward to being reunited with her and many others at His soon return!



(L) 8th Grade (R) USA Graduation



Front: Ben Laird '11, Eh Doh '20, Kenneth Fraker '16, Riniel DeLeon '19, Jonathan Baker '16, Isaac Murwanashyaka '18, Kyle Raymond '12, Jussy Poe '18, Too Say '17, Hsar Lah Hsar '18  
Back: Qaadir Singletary '18, Larry Hayes '98, Omame Brown '19, Nathan Hamm '96, Manny Joy '20, Clark Sargent '96, Abel Parker '94, Dan Livergood '19, Josh Bailey '15

## Alumni Vs. Students

A night of fun competition between Eagles of yesterday and Eagles of today! On Saturday night, March 10, 31 alumni came out to the academy gym for some basketball. The girls played first, with the students winning, 21-19. Later the alumni won the guys game, 40-32. When all was said and done, everyone enjoyed two great games, visiting and cheering together! Cheering Alumni: Jodi Baker '09, Alexandria Bickham '09, Netta Smith Blakes '82, Kristy Kline Burt '97, Darrin Caster '89, Janica Kaltsas Caster '90, Jacob Fraker '97, Lindsay Frank '17, Joya Weber Garlock '95, Rilla Garlock '16, William "Max" Main '12, Becky Allen Runnals '96, Rich Runnals '96, Samantha Runnals '16, Harry Taylor '78, and Sue Taylor Walter '73



Front: Zoe Durant '20, Snay Ma '19, Tha Dah '17, Melanie Llanto '18 Back: Sage Parker (Daughter of Abel '94), Mary Htoo '19, Hannah Runnals (Daughter of Rich & Becky '96), Kim Runnals '19, Amy Foote '96, Brooke Garlock '18, Angelique Muhoza '19, Kelsey Hamm-Hayes '01, Sarah Coleman '20, Natalie Walter '21, Beth Cady-Burghardt '79, Alaina Burghardt '19, Carolyn Baker '14, Moriah Coleman '21  
Not pictured: Arcelia Cabrera '21

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**Sunday, June 24th**



Terry Schermerhorn '62 being served by Jeff '68 and Emma Hunt, members of the Baldwinsville SDA Church, were among those who donated to and volunteered at our Strawberry Shortcake Feed.

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