



CONNECTIONS

TE/Conestoga Alumni Association Newsletter

December 2017

Bev Bruns, Ed pro tem

Class of 1957 Reunion

The Conestoga Class of 1957 held their 60th year reunion on Saturday, June 17, 2017. It was a beautiful day for a picnic which was held at the East Goshen Township Park on Paoli Pike, West Chester, PA.

Class members and guests enjoyed the relaxed, casual atmosphere and great conversations along with the delicious buffet. A brief thunder storm passed through the area but did not put a damper on the festivities.

Everyone had a great time and all are looking forward to the 65th!

Chuck Frank

The 2017 Gathering

It was a cloudy breezy Fall day but the alumni gathering inside Conestoga on September 30th were animated as they met and chatted with old friends and classmates. Alumni Board officers were busy meeting and greeting everyone and checking to be sure that all was in good order for the day.

This year the Gathering was scheduled for the 11AM-2PM lunch time. This gave participants an hour to visit, check out the silent auction items, and get their raffle tickets before lunch. Once again, the food catered by The Outback was delicious. Those who bid on the silent auction went away with some fabulous bargains, and the raffle generated a lot of fun, as usual.



TE/CHS Alumni Board Officers. L-R: Joan Kimes Beltz, Secretary; Lou Piombino, President; Linda Marlowe Carbo, Vice President. Treasurer Chuck Frank not shown.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, AND BEST WISHES
FOR A JOYOUS NEW YEAR!**

Class of 1967 50th Reunion: A Night to Remember

In 1967 President Johnson was escalating the war in a tiny country called Vietnam; we played music on large vinyl discs called 33's and 45's; wrote compositions on typewriters, our phones were attached to the wall with long electric cords and stores were closed on Sundays.

So what is it that brought surgeons, judges, airline pilots, attorneys, ministers, college professors and a world class ballerina back to the Embassy Suites Hotel in Chesterbrook (Devon), Pennsylvania on September 9th for the 50th Reunion of the Conestoga Class of 1967? Why did classmates fly in from California, Oregon, Colorado, Utah, Texas, Arkansas, Georgia and Tennessee? Or make the long drive from North Carolina, upstate New York, Virginia, Ohio, Vermont and Connecticut?

Maybe for a feeling of being home if only for a few days. We lived on the same streets, rode bikes and sledded down hills together; we attended the same churches; we went to Camp Tweedale and Camp Horseshoe; we saw each other at the A. & P., Woolworths, and the new King of Prussia Mall; we roller skated at the Berwyn Rink and learned to dance at Mrs. Hills; Our parents were best friends; their moms were our moms.

Snippets of conversations that weekend were: "I drove past our old house", "People talked to me tonight who wouldn't have given me the time of day at Conestoga", "All the cheerleaders are sitting together", "I was lost at Conestoga", "It was important for me to come to this reunion".



Class of 1967 Reunion Committee: I-r: Sally Denk Hoey, Dan Bullock, Charlene Gibbons Wilson, Debby Raum Tait, Craig Conover, Loretta DiFerdinando, Rev. Marcia Ricketts

No one reaches their 50th high school reunion without experiencing some kind of trauma, betrayal or devastating loss, be it a spouse, a child, a dream job, health or financial security. Not the football star, student council president, cutest boy, most popular girl, cheerleader or valedictorian.

The Class of 1967 had been educated by life. We were survivors united by one high school. Still laughing, still loving and still going strong. And the weekend was much too short.

Sally Denk Hoey

In Brief

Sally Denk Hoey (Class of '67) is curator of the violin collection at the *Sanderson Museum in Chadds Ford*. Check the web site for visiting times.
www.sandersonmuseum.org.

Beverly Bruns (Class of '64) is the January 2018 featured artist at the Chester County Art Association Exton Square Gallery.



www.chestercountyarts.org/exton-square-studio-gallery.html

Class of 62 55th: Trial Run!

The Conestoga Class of 1962 put its 55th reunion on hold for 2017. Instead, there are plans to reschedule the reunion as a more informal event, earlier in the day. Tentative plans are being made for Saturday, April 21, 2018, at McKenzie's Brew House in Malvern, PA, as a happy hour buffet.

Because some people still had the September 16th date on their calendar, about 21 classmates and guests got together for dinner on the back patio at McKenzie's. The food was delicious and the weather was perfect for the outdoor event.

Everyone is still looking forward to next April when more people will be able to attend.

Classmates who attended were John Beatty, Jim Calvin, Sandee Quay Danson, Kathy Walsh Nachman, Dave and Nancy Abernethy Greer, Linda Marlowe Carbo, Leslie Ferriman Stott, Sally Brenner Hammerman, Suzanne Vanderbeck Beninscasa, Prue Brown Ronneberg, and Sherry Byassee Collins.



Linda Carbo



Special thanks to the following local businesses and individuals who donated products and services to the 2017 Gathering raffle and silent auction

Acme Markets	Longwood Gardens	Alfredo's Italian Cuisine
Anthony's Pizza	Main Line Gardens	Antoinette Day Spa
American Helicopter Museum	The Office Bar & Grille	Chanticleer Garden
The Bagel Factory	Our Deli	Elegance Café
Cedar Hollow Inn	People's Light & Theatre	Kimberton Golf Club
Clay's Bakery	The Phillies	McKenzie Brew House
The Desmond	Trattoria San Nicola	Paoli Hardware
Fellini's Cafe	Weso's Bar & Restaurant	Seven Stars Inn
The General Warren Inn	YMCA of Greater Brandywine	

Individual Contributors

Dave DeRafelo

Beverly Bruns

Marcia Gasser

Alumni Memorial Sponsors

Special thanks and recognition to the following alumni who have made new and ongoing donations to the Alumni Association in memory of fellow classmates and family members who graduated from TE/Conestoga

Sue (Mrs. Chick) McDonnell in memory of Chick McDonnell '59.

Barbara A. Bird Ristine ('54) in memory of Jean Bird McBride '59

Anne Mayo Rabenold '58 in memory of Paul T. Mayo '58 & Pete Piombino '58.

Florence Scarcella '49 in memory of Bernard Scarcella '47.

Mary T. Piombino '44 in Memory of Natale L. Piombino '45.

Francis M. Allen '49 in memory of Margaret Allen '51.

Evelyn Reinhart Eubank '41 in Memory of Grace Reinhart Reynolds '45 & Charlotte Reinhart De-Rico Sciubba '47.

Robert Rushton in memory of Janet McFarland '53..

In Memoriam

William E. Davis, Class of 1962: William passed away on October 1, 2017. He was a US Army veteran and an avid Philadelphia sports fan. He was employed by Met-Pro Corp for over 40 years and lived in Frazer, PA. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Vera "Cookie" DiMartini Davis, his three children and four grandchildren.

Raymond A. Hughes, Class of 1962: Raymond passed away on May 7, 2017. He worked for Hank's Speed Shop in Berwyn before opening his own shop, Ray's Automotive in Paoli. After retirement he moved to Long Neck, DE and worked for Baywood Greens. Ray was an avid golfer and an active member of the Paoli Fire Company. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, JoAnne; his two children, and five grandchildren.

Barbara Grubb Kirtland, Class of 1964: Barbara passed away on July 26th 2017 after a long and valiant battle with cancer. She graduated from Cornell School of Nursing and was instrumental in the foundation of the Kirtland Cancer Foundation in Franklin, PA to ensure that those afflicted by cancer in the community got the help they needed. Barb owned and operated an antique shop, and enjoyed spending time at her cottage by the river. Her husband of 49 years, Dr. Howard Kirtland, preceded her in death on July 17, 2017. She is survived by her four children and her four grandchildren. She is fondly remembered and will be missed by her friends and classmates from the class of '64.

John T. Tunnell, Class of 1960: John passed away on September 30th 2017. He attended the University of California of Pennsylvania and worked for SMS. He was a member of Mt. Zion AME Church of Devon where he served as Chairman of the Trustee Board. He was also a member of the TE Old Timers and Robinson Wellburn Lodge #794. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his son and two grandchildren.

Emilie S. Windle ("Winnie"), TE Class of 1942: Emily "Winnie" Windle passed away on July 7, 2017 after a short illness. She attended Willistown Elementary and graduated from TE High School. She lived in Coatesville and was a lifelong member of Downingtown Baptist Church and currently, Windsor Baptist Church. Emily served as an observer for the US Army Aircraft Warning Service during WW II. She is preceded in death by her husband, Spencer; her brother and sister, Herbert and Eleanor; and her daughter Suellen. She is survived by her daughter, her sister, and her niece.