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of note

board elections

Congratulations to Sue Wright Schroeder '82, Debbie Leal '76, and Fran Emerson '72 on their re-election to the ECAA, Inc., board of directors this past July. All were elected to three-year terms.

We're grateful for their dedicated service to the alumni association! (Many thanks, too, to all of you out there who voted, keeping our democratic principles alive and well.)

you won't find this on netflix

Jim Troisi is making available DVDs of the 1983 Eisenhower College commencement ("the last act") for those who are interested.

Just send a check for \$20 (to cover reproduction costs plus postage and handling) to: James L Troisi, 11 Anthony Dr., Seneca Falls, NY 13148. Be sure to include the address where you want the package mailed.

looking for a transcript?

Go to: www.rit.edu/~605www/records.html

linking up

Donna Poyner '76 has created a group on the LinkedIn website for Eisenhower alumni.

Join the group at:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=998977>

Chair reflects on Eisenhower experience

As I began these musings, I was awaiting the last "holdouts" for Sunday morning brunch at the conclusion of Homecoming '08. It was another incredible weekend in Seneca Falls, connecting with old and new friends alike. As always, it left me reflective and reluctant to be physically parted from this inspiring and affirming group of people who continue to touch my life in countless, meaningful ways.

As I noted in my after-dinner remarks, "Would that I had a time turner like Hermione Granger or a TARDIS like Dr. Who that would allow me to revisit this point in time or, better yet, return to more 'carefree days' dominated by 8:00 a.m. lectures, frigid breezes across the tundra, b-ball games in the 'tin gym,' Frisbee at 1:00 a.m. on the roadways, Comm Arts and a real Peddlers' Fair, the Red Barn, and runs to the Super Duper for supplies! Alas, there is no such possibility."

Every so often, I find myself reflecting on missed opportunities. I am forever grateful that Eisenhower was not one of those, although it easily could have been. Consider that, as a prospective incoming freshman for the fall of 1974, I was advised by the college administration to place a deposit elsewhere—just in case we weren't open! Would that my courage to enroll at EC had sustained me when contemplating study abroad and enrolling in classes with those faculty members whose brilliance terrified me. I regret that I wasn't nearly "liberal" enough in defining the

particulars of my own liberal arts experience, and yet I still came away with so much gained.

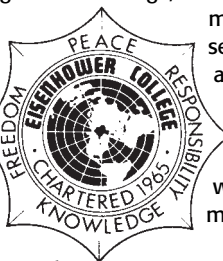
Most important is the twist of fate that allowed my path to cross and then remain connected to a remarkable group of people whose accomplishments, knowledge, and broader understanding continue to awe me. Your brilliance and understated sense of self make me restless, leave me almost aching with a longing to be more, do more, try more. And, in spite of our sometimes diverging interests and achievements, you make me feel at home—something I was certain I would be from the moment I made my first Eisenhower connection.

The chord that resonated, yet again, during Homecoming '08 was one of deepest gratitude for the unique experience we shared. From the casual conversations to the honorees' remarks, it was the essence that permeated the weekend. The legacy of our Eisenhower education remains at the heart of who we are. No matter the paths we trod over our time along Cayuga's shores, it is abundantly evident that each of us has had "defining moments" that were inextricably linked to the time we spent immersed in this unique community.

I hope that you will always celebrate that community, in your own corner of the world and through the connections afforded you by ECAA.

Go global!

Pam Romeo Havens '78, ECAA Chair



ECAA Chair Pam Romeo Havens '78 is flanked by current NYCC President Dr. Frank Nicchi (left) and Dr. Ken Padgett, NYCC president retired (right).

Homecoming 2008: Memories of a splendid weekend

The ECAA Board of Directors certainly proved its mettle during this very important reunion for Eisenhower people.

We started with the re-orientation party at the Deerhead Inn on Lower Lake Road. Believe me when I say that the only things left of the old Deerhead are the plaques above and to the left of the bar presented by the classes of '72 and '73. Since Jim Gustafson took over as owner and manager, the place has been magnificently transformed. The old front porch and the rickety steps leading to the entryway are gone, replaced with a beautiful dining room wherein a full menu of delicious food is served.

On the way to it, from the very nice rear entrance from the expanded and carefully paved parking lot, one passes a salad bar that seems to lack nothing. When seated in the dining room, one now enjoys an unobstructed view of the lake clear to the village of Cayuga on its eastern shore. Jim bought the house across the road and removed it from the scene. In its place, he put ramps up from boat docking facilities on the lake and is in the process of landscaping it.

Well, Friday night is very busy in this heavily patronized restaurant and bar. Therefore, about half of us found refuge across the road at six picnic tables arranged in the road-level parking area. I was delighted that Margaret McMillion '73 and her husband, Peter, had joined us from Bangkok, Thailand. Furthermore, I was most especially pleased to host at Troisi Park for the weekend Austin and Sachiko Moore from Kyoto, Japan. Our conversation was vibrant and stimulating in the backdrop of a crystal clear summer evening with hardly a breeze and mild temperatures. It would be a very good place for future warm-up gatherings.

On Saturday morning, while some folks tried their luck on the golf course, others engaged in a guided tour across campus led by NYCC folks. The Peddlers' Fair and silent auction opened at 11:30 a.m. as we assembled in the East Dining Hall for our Homecoming picnic. Pam Havens, ECAA chair, artfully introduced the recipients and presented this year's ECAA scholarship awards.

At 2:00 p.m., we assembled for the Artist and Lecture Series Panel Discussion in the Lecture Hall of Academic III, NYCC. I was pleased to be given first presentation option on the subject "The Doors Are Open! Recalling the First Day of Classes." My colleagues on the panel, Frank Annunziata, Dan Petrizzi, and Fran Emerson '72, filled in the blanks I left in my presentation. There was a cordial exchange between the presenters and the audience. As a consequence, we overshot our allotted time window by a quarter of an hour. All present seemed to be satisfied when we finally adjourned.

Taking up a tradition established during our early days by Mrs. Margaret Rosenkrans, Mrs. Carol Nicchi and Mrs. Maryann Padget extended the very warm hospitality of NYCC to the



Friday night's re-orientation party at the Deerhead Inn.

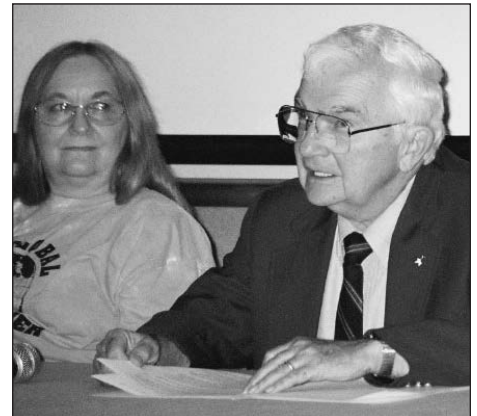


Austin ('84) and Sachiko Moore.

Eisenhower attendees at an afternoon tea in the Atrium, overlooking the campus ponds and the willow trees and the now weed-free rolling landscape south of what we knew as Mamie Doud Eisenhower Hall. Then, Dr. Frank Nicchi, president of NYCC, took interested parties on a personally guided tour of NYCC's new facilities and explained their purposes.

After the cocktail party in the East Dining Hall celebrating the classes of '72, '73, '78, and '83, along with retired faculty and staff, we settled down to the "Age of Aquarius" Homecoming dinner. You should know that Austin and Sachiko Moore brightened the occasion by dressing for dinner in traditional Japanese clothing. Once again, Pam presided in her eloquent fashion, as she presented the 2008 Distinguished Alumna Award to Caroline E. Simmons '78 and the 2008 Founders Award to John V. Moen and Daniel J. Petrizzi.

(Read the full text of Pam's remarks on our website—eisenhowercollege.org.)



Fran Emerson '72 and Jim Troisi.

Unlike the beautiful evening before this one, we were transfixed by the awesome passage of a violent thunderstorm—viewable through the large windows of the dining hall—that brought a couple inches of rain and constant lightning. The wind blew so hard that the rain performed a horizontal white out. Phew! Mercifully, it all ceased before we adjourned.

The capstone on the reunion weekend was Homecoming Brunch with Pam at the Magee Country Diner—just a delightful way to close things out. You should know that our long-distance travelers, Margaret and Peter and Austin and Sachiko, stuck to it through this final act.

If you were unable to join in this reunion 40 years since the opening of Eisenhower College and 25 years since its closing, you should plan in the future to share in the annual round of reminiscences and celebrations among Eisenhower people. They are indeed a special breed.

James L. Troisi

How many times did you dally on the bridge?

The Eisenhower College Alumni Association has committed itself to assisting New York Chiropractic College with preserving the bridge over the fish ponds on the south side of campus.

We see this as a chance to expand our fruitful relationship with NYCC—"building a bridge" is an apt metaphor here. It also gives us an opportunity to preserve the "Monet Bridge" look that fit so well with our World Studies education

and was such a pretty part of our campus. NYCC is looking for donations of expertise, materials, or money to further this project.

We will be working with Dick Worden of NYCC's facilities department, but please contact Stephen Van Arsdale '81 of the ECAA board if you are interested in supporting this project. Steve can be reached at steve.vanarsdale@wegmans.com. We will need to hear from you by January 15.



ECAA congratulates its 2008 scholarship recipients

Fran Emerson '72 continues her long tenure as chair of the ECAA scholarship committee. This year, she was assisted in her efforts to secure and review submissions by Tina (Conte) Brien '81, Deb Leal '76, and Janice DeLucia-Waack '83.

Fourteen applications were received for 2008, including one PowerPoint presentation. This year's applicants were asked to focus on one of two topics: their "signature global issue" if they were to find themselves elected to the highest office in the land or the moral and ethical dilemmas facing our country and how those might be addressed by the incoming administration.

After careful review and thoughtful deliberation, the scholarship committee identified four scholarship recipients for 2008. They are:

Tara Feuerstein of Buffalo, New York. She is the daughter of Karen and Steve Feuerstein. A graduate of Kenmore East High School, Tara's activities that mirror the best of a liberal arts student include: Regional Model U.N.; Mock Trial; Junior State of America; Regional Science Olympiad; National Honor Society; Tri-M Music Honor Society; and junior varsity and varsity soccer. She served as captain of her junior varsity squad and as a volunteer at the Buffalo Museum of Science and at Franklin Middle School, where she taught French to elementary students.

Tara is at the University of Binghamton, where she plans to study bioengineering. Among her post-collegiate aspirations are a desire to help solve the many social problems facing our world today and to help find a way for everyone to get along better with one another and live a more abundant life. Tara noted in her scholarship application that her experience as a Model U.N. member provided insight into the world's problems, inspiring her to make a difference in any way she can.

Helen Hunsinger of Moravia, New York. She is the daughter of Jan and Laura Hunsinger. Helen attended Moravia High School, where she was an active participant in the chorus, the Chordaires, band, marching band, jazz band, cross country, indoor and outdoor track and tennis.

Inducted into the National Honor Society, this true Renaissance 20 young woman is pursuing liberal arts studies at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, focusing on French, sociology, and art history, although she has yet to settle on a major.

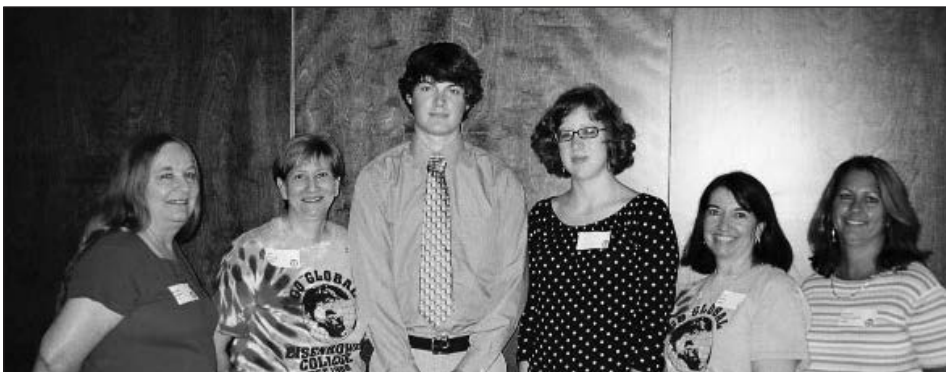
Jillian O'Connor of Tonawanda, New York. She is the daughter of Sherry and Brian O'Connor. A graduate of Tonawanda High School, Jillian was elected to the National Honor Society and participated in Student Council, the Battle of the Bands, Senior Citizens' Prom, and freshman orientation,

as well as such community programs as Christmas for Kids, the Community Fair, Kids Escaping Drugs, and Tonawanda's Walk-a-Thon '08.

She is pursuing pre-med studies at SUNY Buffalo. Following her undergraduate work, she plans to attend medical school, also in Buffalo, and someday travel to Europe and Africa to study medical research; her hobbies include studying European history and architecture—and African diseases, such as malaria and tuberculosis, for which she would like to help find a cure.

Cameron Remington of East Bethany, New York. He is the son of Maud Charpin '82 and Darwin Remington. A graduate of Alexander High School, Cameron was a member of the art club, foreign language club, science club, and ski and snowboard club. He also participated in the Scholastic Bowl and on the varsity golf and indoor track teams. In addition, he volunteered as a sound technician for the drama club and as an aide for the Girl Scout Cook Kickoff 2007 and the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Gardeners' Fall Gala. Cameron is attending the University of Rochester, where he plans to major in bioengineering.

It is gratifying to be able to recognize four outstanding young people with the 2008 Eisenhower College Alumni Association Scholarship. We wish them well in their future endeavors. To read their submissions, please visit www.eisenhowercollege.org and follow the link to the scholarship program. You'll need to log in to access the submissions.



2008 ECAA Scholarship recipients Cameron Remington (third from left) and Helen Hunsinger (fourth from left) are surrounded by ECAA board members: (left to right) Fran Emerson '72; Pam Romeo Havens '78; Tina Conte Brien '81; and Janice DeLucia-Waack '83.

Havens wins professional award

At the Association of Donor Relations Professionals (ADRP) annual international conference, held recently in St. Louis, **Pam Romeo Havens '78** was presented with the ADRP's Founders Award. Recognizing individuals who, though a lifetime of work, have had a significant and inspiring impact on donor relations, this award is the highest honor bestowed by the ADRP. Pam is only the second such honoree. Congratulations, Pam.

our alumni send their news¬es

Warren D. Hamilton '72 writes, "Only three courses to go and my dissertation for my doctorate in management at the University of Maryland University College! (MBA '83 Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island)." Write to Warren at P.O. Box 406, Bath, NY 14810. E-mail him at whamilton@hws.edu.

Jon R. O'Connor '72 reports, "I recently heard from **Dr. Charles Ertle**, who had some bypass surgery done and is fine—back to sailing the Caribbean with his friend M.J. E-mail: certle20@hotmail.com. I am semi-employed with *National Building News* and *Architectural Building News*, where I continue as editor in chief. Otherwise, I'm on my farm in Wendell, North Carolina, and do miss New Hampshire and Vermont. May move back next summer." Keep in touch with Jon at The Reedy Branch Farm, 6097 Applewhite Rd., Wendell, NC 27591; roconnor@dublin.com.

"In 2006, I was awarded a \$179,000 grant for research related to a model program at Montclair State University, where I work," writes **Brenda (Lebowitz) Marshall '73**. "As research director, I engaged students in active investigation related to a social norms campaign that exists on campus. At the same time, I am also a student again—completing my advanced practice degree at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in adult psychiatric nursing. I am greatly saddened by the news of Shecky's (Bob Shulman '73) passing and would suggest a kind of memorial/celebration for the lives of EC grads at the reunions we have." Keep in touch with Brenda at 305 Terhune Dr., Wayne, NY 07470.

"Eclectic. Eisenhower certainly gave us the meaning of this word and encouraged many of us to use it to color our lives," writes **Conrad I. Hinckley '75**. "After graduation, I ran headlong into the world of education, working at schools and universities in Japan, New York, West Virginia, Florida, and, currently, China. Always World Studies rears its head...language and culture are *not* mutually exclusive. Looking for something different along the way, I found myself involved in everything from a higher education consulting firm to Caribbean resorts (built a villa for Clapton) to international insurance (surplus and excess lines) and skippering inter-island sailing charters on a delightful ketch based out of English Harbour, Antigua. Along the way, I added newspaper columnist and ALS rescue work to the list. Currently, I am teaching and serving as an administrator for

Beijing Liwen Middle School, a private high school in Beijing, China. I think of Eisenhower often, remembering a demanding yet gentle place to begin growing up. One day, I might achieve that. Meanwhile, I would love to hear from those who have been saving up memories for 30-plus years." Write to Conrad at irvinghobart@yahoo.com.

Martin Lavengood '76 reports a new address of 211 Falls Ct., Medford, NJ 08055. E-mail him at frmbale@aol.com.

"After saying 'never again,' I got remarried three years ago to a man I have known since I was 8 years old," announces **Melinda L. Wilkins '76**. "We have four girls between us, with the youngest two in college—one junior and one senior. We are almost out, and we are hoping to retire soon!" E-mail Melinda at minnow@mags.net. Send her postal mail at 5 Mountain Laurel Ln., Danbury, CT 06811.

Linda (Tiernan) Kepner '78 writes, "This year, my husband, Terry, my 12-year-old daughter, Quinn, and I fulfilled a dream and went to Yokohama for Nippon 2007, the world science fiction convention. After a week in Tucson, Arizona, visiting my husband's family, we spent a busy week in Tokyo, touring and shopping, and a week in Yokohama attending the convention. For a 12-year-old, this was heaven—as much as it was for the parents. Also, I have been in touch with Sterling College, formerly the Rural Resources Study Center, where I spent my senior JIST. Seven of us were there with **Professor Corinne Guntzel** in January 1978. For anyone interested in how far they've come, their website is www.sterlingcollege.edu." Write to Linda at 162 Onset Rd., Bennington, NH 03442; ltk01@aol.com.

"Hello, Ikesters! We've moved again. This time, south of the Mason-Dixon line," writes **Debra (Pethybridge) Goodwin '81** (623 Newington Pl. NE, Leesburg, VA 20176; ddkinpa@hotmail.com). "**David '81** and I are calling Leesburg, Virginia, home—a move prompted by a new job for him with Sprint. I should be starting a new position with a small internal medicine office. Son Kenny is a junior at Susquehanna University. We've got lots of room if you want to soak up some of the history."

In her sixth year as a dean of an urban community college, **Kathryn Birmingham '82** writes, "I continue to be inspired by my faculty,

students, and administrative team. Jacksonville is a growing global port city and the economic, immigration, medical, technical and societal trends make it a great place to develop new educational approaches and public/private partnerships addressing technical, and social issues. Eisenhower College gave me the foundation to take on educational and social challenges in the arts and sciences. My husband, Jerry Horton, and I enjoy sharing our American folk art collection with museums and schools. Jerry will be retiring from the University of Florida's business school in May. That will give him more time to devote to our social science research firm and visiting our children in Boston, Atlanta, Milwaukee, Dallas, and Rochester." Write to Kathryn at kbirming@fccj.edu.

R. Byron Reese '83 writes, "Moved to New Hampshire from Ithaca (sob!) at the end of July 2007. My wife, Yuliya Komska, started teaching in German studies at Dartmouth. I was hired as a trainer in the Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity; will become acting associate director of education and training in May. Our son, Lev, is 2. (Sure, ask me about becoming a first-time father in my mid-40s)." Write to Byron at 1 Daniels Rd., Plainfield, NH 03781; rbreese2006@yahoo.com.

"I was looking at my ECAA profile online and realized it was quite out of date," writes **Martha L. Salzman '84**. "I made a career change in 2006—left the practice of law to teach business law at SUNY Buffalo School of Management. Absolutely no regrets. I really enjoy the students, and you can't beat having the summer off! Hi to all in the last class of 1984!" Keep in touch with Martha at 134 Norwood Ave., Hamburg, NY 14075. E-mail her at murph62@roadrunner.com.

Professor Frederick G. Gregory writes, "Just a note to say that my *Natural Science in Western History* was recently published by Houghton-Mifflin." To find out more, write to Fred at 5816 NW 54th Way, Gainesville, FL 32653; fgregory@ufl.edu.

deceased

We regret to announce the death
of the following alumna:

Nancy Rizzieri '72
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