

world studies XI

of note

make plans for 2010 Homecoming

July 23-25, 2010

- * Re-Orientation Party at the Deerhead Inn
- * Informal Golf Outing
- * Monet Bridge Rededication
- * Picnic Lunch
- * Cayuga Lake Wine Trail Tour
- * "Rites of Spring" Retrospective Party at Sue Sauvageau's
- * Sunday Brunch at Connie's (formerly Chick's Diner)

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linking up

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

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coming soon:

ECAA on Facebook!

A hard look at Ike reunions...

*You're gonna miss this
You're gonna want this back.
You're gonna wish these days
Hadh't gone by so fast.
These are some good times
So take a good look around
You may not know it now
But you're gonna miss this.*

These lyrics, from Trace Adkins' hit single, "You're Gonna Miss This," blasted forth from my iPod as I drove east from Seneca Falls on a Sunday in late July. Homecoming 2009 had just concluded and these words suddenly took on new meaning for me. As usual, some "good times," reminiscent of other, further-removed "good times," had been abundant. And, as in the near and distant past, the time together had "gone by so fast."

As it is for many others, it remains highly emotional for me to return to that picturesque setting along Route 89. There are memories around every corner. Yet, while the physical space is not entirely as

we remember it, the Eisenhower community *is* as it always has been—close-knit, enduring. The spirit that was uniquely ours lives on, touching others and allowing us to continue to reach out to and connect with each other.

This is why we have chosen to gather annually. Year after year, the ECAA board has worked tirelessly on a high-quality Homecoming program. This summer was no exception. While a good time seemed to be had by all, attendance was rather dismal, and board members almost outnumbered other alumni. This "trend," which has been developing over the last several years, has proven not only disheartening but of increasing concern. And while a "core group" of faculty continues to join us, we have never reached the "critical mass" longed for with those folks either.

It is increasingly clear that some level of change is warranted. Your ongoing, incredibly generous financial commitment to ECAA has made so much possible and seems to indicate clearly your wish for the perpetuation of ECAA. However, while this

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Nestled amongst the weeping willows, the little red span across the ponds had weathered and aged into a state of disrepair. As they have with so many other aspects of the campus they "inherited," New York Chiropractic College administrators sought to preserve this iconic fixture. Reflective of our World Studies heritage, the Monet bridge on the campus' south side has also come to symbolize a coming-together of the communities that are NYCC and ECAA. We were pleased to be able to provide funding to support the bridge's restoration this past summer and hope you will join us for a special bridge rededication ceremony during Homecoming in 2010.

True confessions of a Homecoming attendee

We'll get to the elephant in the room shortly, but first, I should say that Linda Chisholm was the high point of this summer's reunion. She told stories of life as a Slater head resident—including how Ike students taught her children to streak—and read excerpts from her late husband Scott's book, *Following the Wrong God Home: Footloose in an American Dream*.

Many of you will remember Prof. Scott Chisholm, who taught creative writing for four years beginning in 1970. During those years, Linda taught grade-school children with learning disabilities part-time while earning a master's degree in learning disorders at the University of Rochester. Linda described those years as "an adventure in a magical world with built-in friends, built-in kids—bunches of college students without having to pay their tuition (!)—a slew of willing babysitters, free World Studies lectures and a mansion to live in during breaks and the summer. It was highly stimulating with a strong sense of security all at the same time. It felt like we lived in an enormous family."

Scott Chisholm's book relates his story of walking the 1,100 mile route the Mormons had taken to their new promised land in America's West as part of his own personal journey as a displaced Canadian who felt ill at ease with the American Dream. Scott wrote in the prologue, "Like the rings on a raccoon's tail, my lot in life had grown ornamental—an insinuation of acquisitiveness and consumption. Something had gone badly wrong. My kids were walking billboards for Nike, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, or whatever rock band was the rage of the week—metamorphosing into a near mindless conformity."

Linda hadn't even been on our program originally. She had contacted us after finding our website and juggled her travel schedule to be able to join us. She asked if she could do a few readings from her late husband's book and, suddenly, when our other program ideas fell apart just before the event, she became our Artists and Lecture Series speaker for Saturday afternoon. (We board members would have looked *brilliant* if we'd planned the weekend that way...)

Another high point of the weekend for me was a single conversation I had with Karen (Munze) Baker '84 over a picnic lunch. She was describing her work as a union organizer and her dealings with overzealous security folks at her company. They were requiring extensive information from each employee so they could set up a system to make using their parking garage more restrictive. She told everyone in her building to just not answer the e-mail. Her building is the only one now without the parking "security" system and the only one where the employees don't have trouble getting into and out of their garage. She also described her reaction to requests to search her bag—she po-



Dr. Nicchi, president of NYCC, makes a presentation about restoring the Monet bridge.



*Linda Chisholm talks on Saturday afternoon about *Following the Wrong God Home*.*



Tim Jones '84, Janice DeLucia-Waack '83, and Karen (Munze) Baker '84 at the Deerhead Inn on Friday.

lately refuses and asks, "Is there a threat?" (Somehow there never seems to be...) After seeing a number of silly security overreactions in my own workplace over the years, talking with Karen about her gutsy and thoughtful approach to dealing with it was a real breath of fresh air.

We visited the Women's Hall of Fame Saturday afternoon. I'm embarrassed to say that it was my first trip there, but I really enjoyed it. A couple of my favorites were among the many women honored there—Julia Child, OSS agent in WWII who went on to other stuff later, and Grace Hopper, the female admiral and computer pioneer who coined the cyber term "bug."

The day ended perfectly because our afternoon speaker at Saturday's banquet was Christine Moulton, executive director of the National Women's Hall of Fame. We had invited her as part of this year's focus on Eisenhower College as part of the "extraordinary community" of Seneca Falls and the college's role in continuing that community's involvement in the women's rights movement. Christine told us about the WHF's history and its biennial awards honoring extraordinary women of the past and present.

Some of us were surprised and delighted to hear that anyone can nominate a woman to the WHF and that there is a program for honoring extraordinary "ordinary" women (like our mothers and sisters) who do not make the headlines. This is the WHF's *Book of Lives and Legacies*, and you can learn about it at the WHF's website, www.greatwomen.org.

OK, that elephant: We almost had more board members than others at this reunion. Clearly, something we're doing isn't working out, and it led to much soul-searching among those alumni who attended and at the board meeting a month later. We've concluded that part of this is simply demographics and that just fiddling with the program won't bring alumni to annual reunions in droves. In other words, as a percentage of total membership, we already get higher-than-normal participation in reunions—but that high percentage still doesn't translate into many people because there are so few of us. On the other hand, it is encouraging that so many support the association with generous and frequent donations. But the letters and e-mails are even
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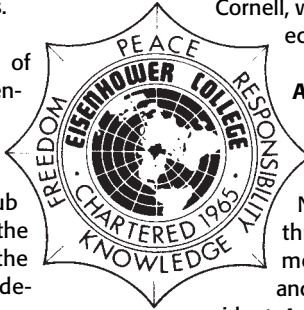
ECAA congratulates its 2009 scholarship recipients

This year's scholarship essay topics ranged from "Dear Mrs. Obama" to advice for Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to discussing who should be nominated to the international Woman's Hall of Fame. I would like to acknowledge and thank our scholarship committee, chaired by Fran Emerson '72 and assisted again this year by Tina Brien '81 and Janice DeLucia-Waack '83, who did an amazing job in identifying five worthy recipients.

Mollie Greenwood, daughter of Barbara Wallace and Glenn Greenwood '83, graduated from Exeter High School in Kensington, New Hampshire. She was a member of the Kiwanis Key Club and Model U.N., as well as the drama club, serving behind the scenes as set and costume designer, props mistress, and stage manager. She helped organize a school-wide Thanksgiving food drive and was in charge of fundraising for the Relay for Life. Since ninth grade, she has been a member of the Kensington Junior Auxiliary, participating in town parades, collecting donations, and fundraising for the local Legion Hall. Mollie is attending Gettysburg College, where she plans to major in globalization, focusing on studying the Middle East conflict and Arabic. Eventually, she hopes to enter law school as preparation for a political career.

Meaghan McSorley, daughter of Dan and Lori McSorley of Hilton, New York, graduated from Hilton High School. She was involved in National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions, international club, art club, and varsity indoor track and field hockey.

Meaghan also participated in the New York State School Music Association's solofest competition, served as student representative for her school's post-secondary committee, as a counselor at Camp Invention, as an assistant at a girl's field hockey camp, as an assistant coach for a modified field hockey team, and has volunteered for the Rotary Sunshine Camp Carnival and with a local youth group. She is attending Cornell, where she plans a double major in economics and linguistics.



Aaron Pulver, son of Gretchen and Douglas Pulver of Naples, New York, graduated from Naples High School. A member of the National Honor Society, he was a three-year Academic All-Star as a member of the varsity tennis team and served as the robotics team's first

president. A Sunday School teacher, Aaron has also been an integral part of the Crosswinds Wesleyan Church tech team since seventh grade. He is attending the RIT, where he plans to major in electrical engineering with a minor in computer engineering. He hopes eventually to earn an MBA and become an electrical or computer engineer.

Beatrice Walton, daughter of Linus and Kathy Walton of Skaneateles, New York, graduated from Skaneateles High School. She was involved in the Latin Junior Classical League, Model U.N., environmental club, student leadership committee, P.R.I.D.E. Committee (as a Meachem Elementary Literacy Initiative organizer), interact club, student government, varsity cross country, and indoor and outdoor track. She served as National Honor Society

secretary, was class president for a year, participated in the Special Friends Elementary Mentoring program, and served as a middle school student tutor. She worked as a journalist for both the school and local newspapers, interned at Senator Charles Schumer's Syracuse regional office, and has been involved with several political campaigns as an intern or volunteer. She is currently studying abroad as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Niepolomica, Poland. Following her year abroad, she will attend Harvard, where she plans to major in government. After graduate study or law school, she hopes to "run for office to help make a difference in shaping the future of central New York."

Hannah Wood, daughter of John and Joanne Wood of Seneca Falls, graduated from Myn-ders Academy. A member of the National Honor Society, she was involved in Student Council, Kiwanis, concert, jazz and marching bands, Interact Rotary club, yearbook, and varsity soccer, basketball, lacrosse, and track and field. She served as treasurer and president of the Block M Varsity Club and was named to the New York State Scholar-Athlete Team in five separate years. Her community service included coaching for the Seneca Falls Rec Center's Little Dribblers Pee Wee program, serving as Seneca Falls band pageant site chairperson, and assisting with the Red Cross blood drive and the Seneca Falls Community Christmas Project. Hannah is attending Quinnipiac University, where she plans to study physical therapy in the honors program, eventually earning her doctorate in physical therapy. In the future, she hopes to put her skills to use helping children in Africa.

A hard look at Ike reunions

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better—so many people are clearly happy to talk to us about Ike, even if the message is that they can't make the reunion this year.

So ultimately, we decided we need to look into more informal events—more Deerheads and fewer banquets. We also talked about not meeting every year in Seneca Falls and having more local events in places like Washington and New York instead. But we need your input! (Aren't we all hankering to be asked our opinions?) Please fill out and return the enclosed survey, or fill it out online. Help us brainstorm different approaches to bring you back "home" to Seneca Falls! Watch your mailbox and our website as we work to develop different approaches to our get-togethers.

Steve Suddaby '76
ECAA Board

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support continues to be greatly appreciated and needed, dollars alone do not make for a vibrant community.

What we want to determine is how to secure your engagement on a deeper, more personal level—through event attendance, service on an Association committee, writing for the newsletter, etc. Thus, we are seeking your feedback and guidance through an online survey accessible at www.eisenhowercollege.org (log in and click the survey link from the member home page). We ask you to take a few moments (or longer!) to let us know how we can ensure that, going forward, our extended community truly becomes the sum of its various "parts." We hope you will tell us how you would like to be involved, as well as how often and what types of activities and events would be most meaningful to you. This is *your organization*,

and the board wants to ensure we reflect your vision in our planning.

ECAA remains extremely important to me, not only in my role as chair but also as an Eisenhower alumna. Over time, I have come to realize that when the Eisenhower campus was my second home, I didn't take enough of "a good look around" to appreciate its significance. That remains one of my biggest regrets. Thus I cherish every chance to reconnect and be re-energized by this remarkable group of people who share a common experience, a common heritage.

We are too few in number, and our shared history is too important, to allow for a single member to stand on the fringe. *"These are some good times, so take a good look around. You may not know it now, but you're gonna miss this."*

Pam Romeo Havens '78
ECAA Chair

our alumni send their news¬es

"First, the website is terrific!" writes **David M. Catherman '72** (1050 Ralston Ave., #24, Belmont, CA 94002; dcatherman@aol.com). "Thank you for the creativity and time you invest! Thought that somewhere you might want to alert interested Eisenhower folks that Joe Coffee, former president/chancellor, who gave so many years of his working life to building the college, turned 90 last December. He's alert as ever, and I know it would mean so much to hear from friends. His contact info is: Joseph D. Coffee Jr., 505 East 79th St., #3D, New York, NY 110021."

Brenda (Lebowitz) Marshall '73 reports that she has completed her training and internship and has passed her certifying exams for advanced psychiatric nurse practitioner. "I have a private practice in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, specializing in families with gifted/exceptional children developing social/emotional intelligence. I have a book coming out in spring 2009 called, *Becoming You—An Owner's Manual for Creating Personal Happiness*. Look for it in stores and on Amazon.com and support your EC writer!" Send congratulations to Brenda at 305 Terhune Dr., Wayne, NJ 07470; learn2choose@aol.com.

"Beginning on January 12, 2009, I became the coordinator for the master of arts in international affairs program at Webster University's Thailand campus," announces **Margaret K. McMillion '73**. Find out how she's enjoying her new position at 191 Surawongse Rd., Bangkok 10500 THAILAND; mkmcmillion@gmail.com.

"I have been living in St. Augustine, Florida, for the past 31 years with my husband, Jack Merwin," writes **Karen Selig-Merwin '73**, "and we have one daughter, Alyssa, who is 30. She is a manager at the Corporate Executive Board in D.C. Jack and I run a large psychological practice and a second business of managing all of misdemeanor probation for the entire county. We work and play hard and love our life here. I keep in touch with **Cathy Croucher '73**. Would love to hear from others from our class." Get in touch with Karen at 6501 Nassau St., St. Augustine, FL 32080; karen-jack@comcast.net.

"My book of short poems, *The Unworn Necklace*, was named Finalist, William Carlos Williams Award by Poetry Society of America in 2008," announces **Roberta M. Beary '74**. Send best wishes to her at 1718 Connecticut Ave. NW, #201, Washington, D.C. 20009; roberta.beary@gmail.com.

"It is with great sadness and grief that I share this news," reports **Edward D. Hersh '74**. "My wife of nearly 25 years, Shellie Hersh, passed away after fighting an evil cancer for nearly a year. Shellie passed away on February 6, 2009, leaving her legacy of three sons, Jonathan, Craig, and Robbie." Condolences should be sent to Ed at 1603 Dixie Hill Ct., Pearland, TX 77581.

Dean A. Little '74 writes, "Hello to all fellow lkesters! I retired from federal service on June 27, 2008. I returned to college locally for courses in art (drawing), digital photography, and general/digital computer science. With two children in college, it looks like I will be working on a fee basis with our war veterans this next year. For the first time, I hope to return for Homecoming 2009." Find out more by contacting him at 530 Huntinggreen Dr., Asheville, NC 28804; deanalittle@gmail.com.

"At a colleague's urging, I took the plunge earlier this year and began a blog called 'Leading by Design,'" reports **Anne Ackerson '75**. "It focuses on non-profit leadership and it draws on my 30-plus years in the museum business and my more recent consulting practice. Please take a look at <http://leadingbydesign.blogspot.com>. Your suggestions are welcome!" Anne can also be reached at 1914 Burdett Ave., Troy, NY 12180; or by e-mail at anne@awackerson.com.

Timothy Bostic '76 writes, "In 1974, I went on a JIST project with **Doug 'Doc Roc' Miller '75**, **Eric McClean '75**, and **Rick O'Connor '72** to Brazil. It was a great trip, so 35 years later, I decided to revisit that beautiful country. My wife and I spent a few days in Rio, then flew to Manaus and took a boat up the Amazon to a jungle eco-lodge and monkey rescue project. It was fantastic. Hiked in the jungle, fished in the Rio Negro (caught three piranha), and totally lost track of what day it was. With the kids grown and gone, we've been traveling a lot. Europe, Costa Rica, Brazil. Next on the list is Africa. Still working as an emergency room/trauma RN at a big hospital here in the great Northwest. All in all, life is good. Best wishes to everyone." Drop a note to Tim by snail mail at 811 S. 301st Pl., Federal Way, WA 98003; or by e-mail at bezore@live.com.

Karen L. Fleming '77, who resides at 1048 Smethwyck Pl., Bensalem, PA 19020, reports that she is associate general counsel at GE Corporate. Reach her by e-mail at karen.fleming@ge.com.

"My new e-mail address is sjgriggs@myfairpoint.net," says **Jean (McBride) Griggs '81**. Catch her at home at 37 High St., Greenville, NH 03048.

Professor Rosemary Agonito, who taught philosophy at Eisenhower College, received the prestigious 2006 Western Heritage Award for the Outstanding Western Novel, a national award, for her most recent book, *Buffalo Calf Road Woman: The Story of a Warrior of the Little Bighorn*, based on a true story. The award was given to her and her husband, Joseph, who researched it. Visit Rosemary's website at www.buffalocalfwoman.com or e-mail her at agonito@aol.com.

Professor Donald S. Allen writes, "I'm still going strong at 97. My daughters, Patricia (New Jersey) and Barbara (near Boston) visit me frequently at Ferris Hills, a very superior retirement center. Kay and I set up at the New York Chiropractic College a 'Don & Kay International Scholarship Fund.' Recipients have been from Malaysia, Korea, and Canada." Say hello to Don at 214 Ferris Hills, Canandaigua, NY 14424; dsallen@flare.net.

Jennie and **Professor Dan Petrizzi** report a new e-mail address: jdpetrizzi@rochester.rr.com. "Hope all is well. We are 'holding our own.'"

deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Roger W. Jonsson '72

Nancy C. Klotz,
wife of Professor Richard Klotz
October 18, 2008

Professor John V. Moen
August 17, 2009

Robert "Red" VonBergen,
owner of Red's Place
November 22, 2007

Clifford E. Velte,
Director, Facilities & Construction
October 21, 2009

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