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UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

Jeopardy!-Watching Party

Monday, March 26, 2018
Gaf West, 401 W. 48th St.
Hell's Kitchen, NYC

Cheer on alum Vicki Jean "VJ" Cole '76 during her *Jeopardy!* debut. The Gaf West is home to bartender/*Jeopardy!* champ Austin Rogers, so we could have one *Jeopardy!* champion hosting another! This promises to be a raucous good time. RSVP if you can, so we have a head count for space/food, to fromerwilson@gmail.com. Watch the EC Facebook page for updates.

RECENT EVENTS

Potluck Supper

February 3, 2018
Middletown, CT

Happy Hour

November 20, 2017
Alexandria, VA

If you want to have an alumni gathering or other event in your area, please get in touch with us. We'll help you plan and promote! Contact Nancy Fromer Wilson '78 at fromerwilson@gmail.com.

Tribute of a Grateful Chair ...

As I write this, I realize I am grateful for so many people and opportunities, many with an Eisenhower connection. Educational choices that were unique and life-changing; faculty who inspired and mentored, then and now; lessons learned, and skills honed, that help me find and carve my own path; and friends, then and now, who have enriched my life, countless times, in countless ways.

The Eisenhower that I, and many others, experienced was never perfect, and at times it was downright messy. But we each came and stayed—for however long—for a reason. And the fact that we continue to connect and engage with one another, I think, speaks volumes about the strength of our community and the enduring nature of our experience.

Dave Dresser wrote the history of our college, but we *lived* that history. Our individual and collective stories constitute an even richer, more deeply personal narrative—one that reveals other struggles for survival, seriousness of purpose, silliness, success, devotion, desperation, and, yes, loss. In retrospect, I ponder how I almost walked away from all that—not once, but twice—and how different my life would have been had I not chosen "the road less traveled."

I encourage you to reflect on and celebrate your own Eisenhower story. And, if you are so inclined, please share that with us—either in writing or via an "oral history" recording. As we look to the future and how we can preserve our legacy, much will and can live on through the broader sharing of personal recollections.

Your board is also engaged in discussion about how we can ensure the long-term perpetuation of the Eisenhower College Alumni Association Scholarship. We know this is important to the vast majority of you, but we also know that such an endeavor will take both time and

significant financial resources. To learn more about that, please see page 2.

Please accept my thanks for the privilege of serving as ECAA chair—for the second time. It has been a deeply rewarding and humbling experience. After more than a dozen consecutive years, however, the time has come for someone else to take a turn at the wheel. As a board member emeritus, I plan to stay active with ECAA for as long as possible, just in a more behind-the-scenes way.

What has been accomplished since this organization's founding in 1982 could never have happened without your loyal and continuous support. You are at the heart of ECAA's success and longevity. I truly hope you will remain engaged as we move forward to write the next chapter.

In closing, let me say that "I've had the time of my life—and I owe it all to you!"

With deep affection,

Pam Romeo Havens

Pam Romeo Havens '78



Photo by Pam Romeo Havens '78



Save the Date!

Homecoming 2018:

July 20–22, Seneca Falls, NY

Please help us celebrate!

The class of 1978, holding the dubious distinction of being the smallest EC class ever, is celebrating its 40th reunion this year. We will be joined in our revelry by the classes of 1973 (45 years) and 1983 (30 years). To help us pull off the biggest, most entertaining, most full-of-fun-and-good-vibes Homecoming yet, *all you have to do is show up!*

Athletics at Eisenhower: Calling all players, coaches, and "General" enthusiasts! This year we're focused on bringing together former teams and coaches. The Red Barn event will be filled with memorabilia, and special presentations will round out the fun!

Here's what's in store this year

Friday

- ★ Golf at Country Club
- ★ Lunch at Red's
- ★ Local wines and craft beers in the Garden on Campus
- ★ Cabaret in Jacobs Lounge (open mic)
- ★ Candlelight Memorial
- ★ Nightcap at the Deerhead

Saturday

- ★ Morning golf, walk, run, bike
- ★ Faculty Roundtable in The Delavan
- ★ Lunch at The Deerhead
- ★ Cayuga Lake/Canal Cruise
- ★ Red Barn Party & Athletics Tribute

Sunday

- ★ Brunch at Country Club
- ★ Afternoon on the deck at Buttonwood Grove Winery

NOTE: July 20–22 is Convention Days in Seneca Falls. Book hotels early! Call The Microtel, The Gould, or Del Lago Casino and ask for Eisenhower room block.

Creating an Enduring Legacy: The \$125,000+ Question

For as long as most of us can remember, ECAA has made at least one annual scholarship award to a high school senior intending to pursue a collegiate program of study in the liberal arts. In the scholarship program's early days, the award amount was \$500; more recently, the amount has held steady at \$1,000: roughly enough to cover the cost of the recipient's books for one year.

Our existing scholarship application process requires submission of a World Studies-style work: reliant on detailed research, meticulous analysis and presentation of facts and rationale, and near-flawless presentation. Our scholarship committee, chaired by Fran Emerson '72, does a phenomenal job crafting thought-provoking prompts and evaluating submissions to ensure that we make awards to students who do our legacy proud.

College costs today are much different than they were in our time. One thing is constant: the impact of those costs on students and their families. According to collegescholarships.org, the current average student loan debt for a student graduating from a four-year college is nearly \$27,000. That only reflects what the *student* borrows, not what his or her parents borrow or what others may be contributing to help finance their education. As tuition, fees, books, room,

board, etc., continue to escalate, many students are seeking additional resources to ease an increasing financial burden.

When members of this community were polled a few years ago, there was broad support for building our scholarship program so it would yield a more significant and enduring impact. Short-term, this would involve increasing our annual award; long-term, it would involve securing the resources to work with a CNY-based foundation to build, and have that foundation administer on our behalf, an endowed scholarship fund. Permanently endowing the ECAA Scholarship program would help pass on our legacy to successive generations while ensuring that Eisenhower College outlives us in a meaningful way.

If 350 members committed \$75 a year for the next five years to this effort, we would have adequate resources to fully fund an endowment, as well as to provide for individual \$5,000 awards for the intervening five years. In the sixth year, we should be poised to have the endowment support, in perpetuity, an annual award of at least \$5,000.

The \$125,000 question is: Who stands ready to help us make this happen? Let us hear from you at alumnirecords@eisenhowercollege.org.



Photo provided by Pam Romeo Havens '78

WE'RE ONLINE! Find contact info for fellow Ikesters, browse photo galleries, read past issues of WSXI, and more! We're online at eisenhowercollege.org. If you don't have (or don't remember) your login credentials, just use our **NEW USER**, **FORGOT USERNAME**, and/or **FORGOT PASSWORD** links at the top of the page.

Executive Summaries of 2017 Meetings

Prepared by Steve Suddaby '76, Secretary

Annual Meeting July 22, 2017

Pam Havens '78, chair, discussed the necessity of raising dues from \$50 to \$75, citing increasing costs and the fact that we have not raised dues in 10 years.

Fran Emerson '72 gave a report on the 2017 scholarship award. None of the essays submitted was even adequate, and the committee decided not to make an award this year. In the ensuing discussion, the alumni were very supportive of the committee's decision and made some suggestions for how this situation might be improved next year.

Tina Brien '81 reported on the board elections. Fran Emerson '72, Deb Leal '76, Sue Passmore '82, and Nancy Wilson '78 were all re-elected.

Steve Suddaby '76 reported on his design for a plaque to be donated to NYCC that will briefly relate the history of Eisenhower College and the campus NYCC has inherited.

Pam reported that our Facebook population has grown from 393 in 2016 to 423 this year.

Regular Board Meeting September 23, 2017

Pam Havens '78, chair, started the discussion announcing that it is impossible for her to continue as chair. This is her second stint of multiple years and she badly needs a break. Pam will resign in January, and the

officers for the one-year term of 2017–2018 will be decided at that time.

★ Sue Passmore '82 sent in this treasurer's report:

Accounts as of (9/23/2017)

Checking: \$8,730.54

Scholarship Fund: \$2,214.51

Legacy Fund: \$10,030.51

★ Homecoming 2017 postmortem:

Nancy Wilson '78 reported that the Country Club reception and dinner went well and that the Saturday afternoon Comm-Arts presentation in the Delevan was wonderful. Pam reported that the campus golf course was in terrible shape and that maybe we should switch to the Country Club next year if possible.

★ **"Before NYCC" Plaque:** Steve Suddaby '76 reported on the "Before NYCC" plaque that we are developing for the inner entrance to the library. The object is to create this for present and future NYCC audiences to give them some understanding of Eisenhower College and the creation of the campus upon which they reside. The text and photos will be etched on a metal plate for permanent display. Steve met on Thursday, September 21, with NYCC's graphic designers, Amanda Van Tasse and Peggy Van Kirk. (They are providing the graphics expertise that Steve does not have.) It turned out that Peggy is the daughter-in-law of the late Howard Van Kirk, former owner of the Seneca Falls *Reveille* and 1999 recipient of the ECAA Legacy Award.

★ **Website revamp:** Steve Van Arsdale '81 reported that the new site is running in test mode. Board members are asked to test it before we "go live."

★ **Scholarship Program:** Joan Purdy '72 reported for the scholarship committee. Because we had no adequate submissions this year, the committee is going to discuss whether we should offer scholarships to first-year college students instead of or in addition to high school students and will make a recommendation to the board. Guidance counselors have pointed out that ours is a small scholarship. We decided that we needed to make a special push for the Scholarship Fund. Jeff Allstadt '81 made the point that this is likely to be our long-term legacy: the only program that could we could create and fund that could be made self-sustaining after we "turn the lights out."

★ **Archives:** Pam and Sue Passmore '82 met with Kay Irland and Fran Barbieri of the Seneca Falls Historical Society (SFHS) right after Homecoming in July. Kay and Fran have concerns that SFHS doesn't know what EC items it has, that it doesn't have space for them, and that it doesn't have adequate display facilities for these items. Pam and Sue assured them that public display of our material is of less concern—our concern is that the material is being preserved adequately. It is clear now that we need to help them decrease the volume of material. This will entail us having work parties to sort through and inventory what is there, pulling out material for disposal and/or a "fire sale" at the next Homecoming. We might be able to recruit additional workers (i.e., beyond board members) through the Facebook page.



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about Eisenhower
News & Events!**

Join the active and always-engaging private Eisenhower Facebook group.

To **join** the **group**, go to the **group** and click + **Join Group** below the cover photo. Our nearly 450 members include alumni, faculty, and a few Eisenhower friends.

★ Special Offer:

A **free lunch** at Homecoming '18 awaits the person who either adds or joins as the 450th member! (And here you thought there was no such thing.)

SPORTS MEMORABILIA NEEDED!

Do you have an Eisenhower uniform or team shirt that we can use to decorate for our Homecoming '18 Red Barn Party? You will get it back! Also looking for memorabilia, such as Generals posters or pictures of sports and of Red Barn fun.

Contact Nancy Fromer
Wilson '78 at 860-301-8721 or
fromerwilson@gmail.com.

☆☆ 2018 Officers

CHAIR

Steve VanArsdale '81

SECRETARY

Steve Suddaby '76

TREASURER

Sue Wright Passmore '82

Barb Allen '83 has been appointed to fill the remainder of Warren Hamilton's ('72) term. We thank Warren for his many years of service to the ECAA board.

Officers are elected annually in the fall.

Revisiting... Comm Arts Revisited!

Homecoming 2017

Award Recipients:

Dr. Jim Troisi, Founder's Award

Lynne Sweet Ambrosino '81 & Thomas White '76, Distinguished Alumni Award

Michael DiPietro '83 & Frances Emerson '72, Legacy Award



*All photos by
Pam Romeo Havens '78,
except those marked with ★
by Karen Munze '84.*

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Of life in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, **Rick O'Connor '72** writes, "Lake Winnepesaukee is beautiful for boating, scuba, and ice-boats." Rick has a daughter in Tampa and was hoping to visit Havana last February. He adds, "I hear from **Pook, Jim Waddell '72**, and **Ann (Douglas) Collazo '73** from time to time. Sorry to hear about **Jim Cannon '72**. Saw **Thai Paul** in Bangkok." Catch up with Rick at wufbrowicky@gmail.com or 261 Center St., Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

Although he retired in March 2016 from Boston Beer Company, **Bob Pagano '72** is still doing a little consulting work. He and Diane bought an antique saltbox in Kennebunkport, Maine, where they hope to retire. Adds Bob, "As I reflect on my Eisenhower experience, and especially given the current state of the world, **Warren Hickman's** advocacy for World Studies couldn't have been more prescient." Get in touch with him at bpag645@aol.com or PO Box 1743, Kennebunkport, ME 04046.

Ken Potavin '72 reports, "**Pat [(Mulvehill) Potavin '72]** and I are busier in retirement than while we were working. We have seven grandkids now (ages 4 months to 8½), and they live fairly close. So there are lots of activities and babysitting stints. Travel continues with scheduled trips this year to Tahiti/Bora Bora and South Africa (Namibia, Botswana, and Zimbabwe)." Pat keeps busy with golf and music (director of a church handbell choir and saxophonist in a band), while Ken spends time volunteering with Meals on Wheels, cooking, and stamp collecting. Adds Ken, "We are sorry to miss the 45th reunion (it *can't* be 45 years!), but we will be hosting a handbell choir from Estonia. I guess we'll have to wait and see everyone at the 50th" (pknivatop@yahoo.com; 3 Terrapin Lane, Mercerville, NJ 08619)

"Keeping in the World Studies tradition," writes **Brenda (Lebowitz) Marshall '73**, "I will be taking a sabbatical from my job (associate professor) to teach as a Fulbright scholar specialist in Malta and England in the fall of 2017. I am the Fulbright scholar alternate for teaching in Iceland in the spring of 2018!" Brenda loves being a professor and even had a book published in July. "I could never have achieved my goals without the foundation of World Studies. Sending my best to all my friends and alumni from EC!" Since she's outside the U.S. at the moment, reach her by email at learn2chooseinc@me.com.

Now settled in as president at the College of DuPage, **Ann Rondeau '73** can be reached by email at annrondeau74@gmail.com.

Catherine Hale '74 writes, "Life in northern New Mexico is still wonderful. We enjoy hiking in the mountains and camping/hiking in the canyons of Utah. Travel abroad has widened our perspective. **Mark Schneider '75** visited a couple of years ago, and the years melted away. I treasure my Eisenhower days and often tell others what an amazing array of professors we had. Here in Taos, I've also worked with several graduates of the NY Chiropractic College. It's a very small world." (catsleap@yahoo.com; PO Box 2264, Taos, NM 87571)

In August **Ed Hersh '74** started his fourth year as an academic tutor. "I'm now with Pasadena, Texas, ISD tutoring seventh- and eighth-grade students in reading/English and Texas history." He adds, "All three of my sons are in education! Two are high school football coaches, and there's no better place to coach football than in Texas!" Send him a note at hershesh@flash.net or 1603 Dixie Hill Court, Pearland, TX 77581.

An attorney who's been practicing in California for almost 40 years, **Bill Bakeman '75** reports that he has four kids, enjoys long-distance running and the beach, and lives in "a great home" in Oceanside. His office is in Anaheim, where he specializes in personal injury, criminal defense, and deportation defense matters. "Worked for Bernie Sanders!" he adds. Contact him at wbakeman@gmail.com or 1441 Eastview Ct., Oceanside, CA 92056.

Now living in senior housing in Weymouth, Massachusetts, **Tom Shaw Myers '75** reports that he's retired from work of a clerical nature. He writes, "I do a lot of family history online on my HP computer and at the library in Quincy. I've especially enjoyed looking up 'Shaw' in online databases. My family was from Carrick-on-Suir in County Tipperary." We're sad to report that Tom recently lost his friend of 20 years, Mary Caloia, to cancer. "She was everything to me." Tom would love to hear from fellow Iesters: 95 Broad St., #218, Weymouth, MA 02188.

Congratulations to **Kevin Rafferty '75**, who was the recipient of the Nevada Archaeological Association's Silver Trowel Award for Lifetime Achievement at its March 2017 meeting. The award recognized Kevin's long-term, significant contributions to the health, protection, and understanding of the prehistory and history of the state of Nevada. In addition, he retired on June 30 as department chairman and full-time professor at the College of Southern Nevada after 34 years of service. Kevin

adds that his future plans include spoiling grandchildren, continuing archeological research and publishing, and traveling with his wife of 41 years, Ronnie. Catch up with him at kevin.rafferty@csn.edu or 1600 Camarillo Dr., North Las Vegas, NV 89031.

"Still grateful for my Eisenhower College experience!" declares **Shirley (Sisson) Bonaparte '76**, who has moved from Southern California to southern Oregon. She writes, "My husband retired, and this is where we decided to make our new home. I'm still adjusting to not having the responsibility of a full-time job (teaching) but am now trying to adjust to the responsibilities of being self-employed as an artist." Reach her at shirannb@hotmail.com or 1158 Buck Island Dr., Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

Janet Fry '76 has been working in her own private practice as a clinical social worker since 2000. She writes, "Although widowed in 2006, I have been in a long-term relationship with my partner, Bob. We have been very active in our local Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth community. We enjoy films, dancing, attending various festivals, and reading." Janet also loves her gardening and decorating, and she was looking forward to starting a ceramics course. "Creativity is a good antidote to the type of clinical work I do, which is addictions and trauma. I've also been reading and staying informed about politics. World Studies comes in handy..." In closing, she writes, "I'm in good health, and I wish everyone well and hope to hear from a few of my fellow Iesters." Get in touch at jmfry07@comcast.net or 8517 Carolyn St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

Last year **Steve Suddaby '76** published two articles on French aviation in World War I based on his French-language research using century-old primary sources. This year both articles were given Thornton D. Hooper Awards for Excellence in Aviation History, as voted by the readership of the journal *Over the Front*. Send kudos to him at suddaby@cox.net or 8362 Glastonbury Court, Annandale, VA 22003.

"After 47+ combined years of working, 31 of them in oncology social work, I retired in 2016," announces **Sue (Swift) Sharcot '77**. "The first several months were spent recovering from my second and third cancer diagnoses and treatments. As they say, strong people seldom have an easy past. I am well, and so far as we know, disease free." She continues, "I volunteer for the radio reading service of the Niagara Frontier, which broadcasts various print materials for the visually
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impaired. Were I unable to read, I would lose my mind. I also do a lot of behind-the-scenes work at the Herschell Factory Carousel Museum, as my friend and companion runs their music department. We make paper rolls for band organs and have obtained a number of 'born in North Tonawanda' mechanical music devices and machinery, such as the perforator, which punches the holes. Think player-piano rolls. They have come home, 100 or so years later, from past travels in circuses, traveling shows, and sometimes old barns and grandma's attic. We get them playing and working, and the sound is delightful and unmistakably about fun." In closing, she adds, "I hear news about **Ed Hutton '78**, who is a professor at Niagara University, 15 miles from here, and is often on the radio. Most recently he was in the paper for his avid mountain-climbing excursions." Sue can be reached at ssharcot@msn.com or 1295 Ivygreen Ct., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120.

Linda (Tiernan) Kepner '78 reports, "I've worked at the Peterborough Town Library full-time for almost 30 years now (and part-time before that), and it's finally morphed into my 'dream job,' technical services librarian. On the side, I've also published my 10th book, all adventure stories with happy endings—what I like to read!" Her 11th, she added, was scheduled for release on Friday, October 13. Linda's husband, Terry, is retired, and daughter Quinn was starting at the Center for Cartoon Studies this fall. (162 Onset Rd., Bennington, NH 03442; ltk01@aol.com)

Based on two decades of experience as a classroom teacher and outreach program developer, **Gertrude (Buitting) Noden '78** has founded an organization called Words Into Deeds, whose taglines include "bringing local and global human rights issues to classrooms and communities" and "promoting understanding and active participation by young global citizens." Words Into Deeds brings cutting-edge methods, materials, and resources to educators seeking to promote greater student awareness of local and global human rights issues. Through individual and group workshops, teachers develop strategies and engage students in researching societal needs then designing and implementing informed action projects that address human rights issues. Key to the organization's success

is bringing into the classroom people with relevant experience and expertise, providing authentic opportunities for inquiry and discourse into the complex causes and effects of human rights abuses. The recipient of numerous awards and recognition (including by the Southern Poverty Law Center), Gertrude can be reached at gertrude.noden@gmail.com or 211 W. Remington Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

Kathleen (Brey) Rapp '78 reports that she and three other San Diego-area Ikesters get together in July every year for lunch in La Jolla: **Bill Lamison '78**, **Kitty (Jennings) Neuharth '78**, and **Leslie Bain Dufour '80**. "All are well." Kathleen is considering returning for her 40th reunion in July 2018—with as much advance notice as possible about the date. "Where does the time go?!" Contact her at kathleenrapp.lcsw@gmail.com or 1911 Country Grove Lane, Encinitas, CA 92024.

Steve Owens '81 writes, "After five years as secretary/treasurer at Vermont NEA, 10 years as local VT-NEA president, a year as a U.S. Department of Education teaching ambassador fellow, and 25 years as a National Board Certified music teacher, I kicked it all over to become the principal of a high-poverty, Title I K-8 school in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom: the Albany Community School." In his new role, Steve adds, he works with "generational poverty and birth-4 trauma each day. Some love and some political change in DC would be deeply appreciated." On a personal note, Steve became a grandfather to "two gorgeous twin girls, Fiona and Evelyn," on May 1, 2017. Drop him a note at sowens@ezcloud.com or 291 W County Rd., Calais, VT 05648.

"After many years away," writes **Andrew Baus '82**, "my wife and I are now back in New York state. We found a wonderful home in Penn Yan and are looking forward to reuniting with classmates in the area." Get back in touch at andrewbaus@yahoo.com or 342 Main St., Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Now employed by the New York State Police, **Maud V. Charpin '82** has some exciting news to share. Her daughter, Fleur Remington, was crowned Miss New York State-Sunburst in May 2016. Maud's husband, Darrin Remington, is a project engineering manager for the NASA space

launch system's program to send a person to Mars. "The satellites will explore space and deliver payloads to the space station!" she writes. Email her for more info at maud.charpin13@gmail.com. (10998 Mill Rd., East Bethany, NY 14054)

In 2016 **Mark Rozell '82** was appointed dean of the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University in Virginia. Send congratulations to him at mrozell@gmu.edu or 13501 Flowerfield Dr., Potomac, MD 20854.

Isamar Van Hilten found our website recently and sent along this note: "In 1979 I went to Eisenhower College, my first time living on the other side of the ocean. My roommate, Kathy, an American who had also lived her whole life on other continents, and I had to adjust to the small college, town, and living in the U.S. We made friends and did the JIST program in January in New York and DC. We both still have happy memories of our first college year ever. Today, 38 years later, we are still best friends! And although there are again big oceans between us, today's social media keep us close. So thank you, Eisenhower College, for giving me a memorable freshman year and a best friend forever." Isamar, who lives in the Netherlands, can be reached by email at isamar@pirgroup.com.

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We regret to announce the deaths of:

David D. Murdoch
December 26, 2016

Gale E. Alexander '83
February 7, 2017

Alexander M. Porter '75
March 22, 2017

Paul Curtis
April 2, 2017

Raymond Clapper '80
May 25, 2017

Lauren Ann Stowe '72
June 1, 2017

Michael R. Dempsey '76
June 30, 2017

Renee Schoen-Rene
August 21, 2017

Susan L. Sweetnam '72
September 11, 2017

Gabriel O. Kinney III '73
November 16, 2017

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