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Eisenhower College Alumni Association 🛪

Winter 2019-2020

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY!

Dear Alumni and Friends:

Nearly 40 years since our incorporation as an independent entity, the Eisenhower College Alumni Association is not only still in existence, but it's stronger than ever. How is this possible? It's because, even with no institution behind them, four times each year a dedicated group of board members met to keep the spirit, traditions, and goals of Eisenhower College alive. The existence of the ECAA today is possible because this small core of people didn't give up, didn't stop believing that we shouldn't let our incomparable experience die just because the college failed. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude. They kept the flame alive!

Now, all these years later, with the advent of social media to help us reconnect, and with the passage of the years when we were busy pursuing careers and raising families, there is a new resurgence of people who are re-engaging—not just by returning in bigger and bigger numbers each year to the annual Homecoming event, but also by offering their help and support.

That's exactly what happened with me. I'm a relative newbie, having re-entered the fold just eight years ago. And I'm heartened and happy that others have also expressed a desire to get involved. In some cases, board members and officers who have served for decades (!) are taking a much-deserved break from official duties. Others are remaining, but they look forward to having new ideas and input in the mix.

It is in that spirit, and because of that support, that we look to our future. Our big event is Homecoming each July in Seneca Falls. And while it is wonderful to reconnect, our most important initiative is our scholarship program, intended to help a young person who is interested in pursuing liberal arts. We are now in the process of revamping that program to streamline the process and improve and extend our reach. We hope to have a revitalized program ready to launch in late winter.

How long will this continue? And what will follow us? That is the discussion of another committee, strategic planning. A group of capable and concerned alums will work to determine what our goals should reasonably be. At the very least, we will have money in the bank that will need to be disbursed. At the most ambitious, we will somehow manage to have the Eisenhower College Scholarship live beyond us. Interesting thoughts...and I hope to have some answers to report at the next annual alumni meeting in July.

For now, it is time to reunite, reacquaint, and rededicate ourselves to the college that offered us so much and to the principles of liberal arts and global thinking that guided us. As we cherish the friendships we made then and that have flourished—along with those that are newly made each summer—we learn that the unique qualities that led us to Ike to begin with remain in each of us. These ideals bind us still.

> With kindest regards, Nancy Fromer Wilson '78

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ELITE IS AS ELITE DOES...

Among this past year's 'headline news' was the College Admissions Scandal. The identification of certain colleges/college experience as 'elite,' drew interesting reactions and recollections on our Facebook group page.

A sampling follows...

My two cents on the college admissions scandal. The concept of an "elite" university is a myth. We went to a tiny college no one ever heard of. And honestly, when I was there, no parent would have had to risk jail to get their kid in. However, we got an outstanding education, taught by real professors, not graduate assistants. And the professors didn't need seating charts in order to know your name. Many of the professors came from the "elite" to teach at Ike because they realized an education at an elite isn't all it is marketed to be. —Barry Johnston '76

Those profs had a dream, too...which is why they were teaching there. I'm glad I attended. –Linda Tiernan Kepner '78

My dream growing up was to attend Brown University—so I was crushed when I wasn't accepted. Looking back, it was the best thing that ever happened. I would have felt out of place at a big university, but thrived at the two small colleges I attended. –VJ Cole '77

My dream was to attend Kirkland College—the small, private, all-women

counterpart to Hamilton. I wasn't accepted either. Thankfully, they knew I wasn't a good fit. So I came to Ike, and then almost transferred out at the end of two years. Dave Dresser was the reason I stayed—not because of anything he said, but because he listened and empowered me to figure out for myself that I was exactly where I belonged. Best decisions ever—choosing to attend EC and then choosing to stay/see things through. I haven't once regretted it, although I wish I'd been more brave when I was there. -Pam Romeo Havens '78

Ike was as good an education as any school—small classes, great professors, academic rigor. I am the person I am today because of EC. –Kevin Rafferty '75

It was a great opportunity, and I loved every minute of that World Studies curriculum! –Joanna (Erickson) Pagano '72

I knew I wanted to attend Eisenhower College the moment I opened the college catalog in my high school library. I was quite passionate about it, in fact. And I remember the college poster that drew me to the catalog. It was a beautiful graphic of Earth in vibrant blues and greens with Eisenhower College—World Studies. I wish I had a copy or photo of that poster. I'd proudly frame and showcase it in my apartment here in Florence, Italy—after all, World

Studies was my first window onto the Italian Renaissance. –Joyce (Mulvaney) Barnett '78



It was also a place where the exchange of ideas and differing opinions could be discussed or argued on the merit of the point, without threats of physical or social retaliation. Professors provided both sides with equal vigor and were not indoctrinating students into group think. Oh, to pine for the "good ol' days" of education. –Ken Chambers '74

With one exception, every professor I had at EC had the attitude of "You can disagree with me all you want, as long as you can back it up." It certainly made me feel more willing to express my opinions. –VJ Cole '77

I think their intention was for the stimulation of one's intellectual curiosity and to support/defend their beliefs with creditable facts. Theirs were superior skills instruction versus the K thru BA single mindset bludgeoning of students of today to suppress independent and alternative thought. –Ken Chambers '74

I'll just lay it out this way: My older bro was already at Cornell. My parents wanted me to go pre-med. I didn't give a hoot about grades until 12th grade. I applied to only 3 schools after the Nassau college fair in spring '77; Cornell, Oneonta SUNY, and Ike. I was a total science/math dude. I was going to pay for college myself, with only ~\$1,000/ yr from my parents. Ike seemed like the least fit for me. So, with all that as background, I chose to go to Ike, because I wanted to know about my world, did not go to college for a job title, and Ike was going to make me experience a vigorous integrated World Studies program... But it still had 3 science majors for me, and a great brand new athletic center! So, I paid, and worked and paid and worked, and paid for about 10 years total... Never regretted it for a minute. Cornell cost only a tad more than Ike at the time, and Oneonta would have been nearly free... Ike, forever... And would take that hard road again in a heartbeat. -Jeff Allstadt '81

ECAA Officers, 2019–2020

Nancy Fromer Wilson '78 • Susan Wright Passmore '82 • Steve Suddaby '76

Chair Treasurer Secretary

Upcoming Meetings of the ECAA Board

Saturday, January 11, 2020 — 10:00 a.m. (via conference call)

Spring Meeting: TBA (on Facebook page and ECAA website)

ANNUAL MEETING: Saturday, July 25, 2020 — Time TBA (details will be included in Homecoming '20 mailing)

If you have a topic you wish to have discussed by the board, please be in touch with Secretary Steve Suddaby '76 (suddaby@cox.net) at least two weeks prior to the meeting date.

Chairs of the ECAA

Kevin Smyth '78

Up to 1982—President of the Alumni Association of Eisenhower College of RIT; Chair of ECAA 1983–1984

Jim Cannon '72 1984–1987

Steve Suddaby '76 1987–1990

Steve Van Arsdale '81 1990–1992 2018–2019

Pam Romeo Havens '78 1992–1995; 2006–2018

(Pam started in January 2006 and finished in January 2018)

Caroline Simmons '78 1995–2005

Nancy Fromer Wilson '78 Current (2019)

Scholarship Committee

Fran Emerson '72 Chair

Joan Ritter Barnard '79 Colette Bombard '77 Kathleen Heller '74 Ed Lincoln '79

Strategic Planning

Steve Van Arsdale '81 Chair

Michael DiPietro '83 Pam Romeo Havens '78 Susan Schwartz '77 Will Thurber '79

Nancy Fromer Wilson '78 Ex-Officio

HOMECOMING 2019 REFLECTION

By Ed Lincoln '79

40 years!? How is that possible? It seems like yesterday that we celebrated our graduation and said goodbye to one another and to the faculty and staff who had such an enormous impact on our lives.

40 years!? Wasn't it just a few weeks ago that we first encountered the likes of Gilgamesh, Buddha, Lao Tzu, Rousseau, Locke, Kuhn, Wagner, Mozart, Janson, and so many others?

40 years!? Can it really be that long since we first sat in Jacob's Lounge, practiced in the "tin gym," studied and napped in Slater Library, and enjoyed (?) food from SAGA?

It simply could not be 40 years since we graduated, and yet, the calendar confirmed the nearly incomprehensible count because the memories, the lessons, and the friendships remain fresh and vibrant.

It had been a while since I was on campus, and I took time to myself to drive around—past the tin gym, the "new" athletic facility, the former golf course. And I took time to walk the halls of the buildings. While they were empty, given that students were busy studying for exams, I could almost see and hear friends, classmates, faculty, and staff highly engaged in the living/learning community that was Eisenhower College.

Having spent part of my career in alumni relations, I remarked on many occasions that before Reunion, there has to be union. There has to be some sort of unifying experience that people are fond of, respect, and revere. We are fortunate that we have that kind of experience. Eisenhower College was an experience unlike most others and, as a result, Eisenhower College lives!

See more photos from Homecoming on page 5!



1. (Left to right) Holly Harpell Heiser '76, Karen Beshar Zakalik '76, Sally McCree Literski '76, Rick Zakalik '75, Mike Longyear '75, Becky Beaver Klein '76, Erica Berman '76. 2. Nancy Fromer Wilson '78, Bob Buckley '79, Pam Romeo Havens '78. 3. Patti Carey Chambers '74, Ken Chambers '74, Lisa Hodges Somerville '74. 4. Members of the Class of 1979: Ed Lincoln (president), Deirdre Schneider Bambrick-Oriani, Janice Musacchio, Will Thurber. 5. Stephen Nagle '75, Karen Munze '84, Will Thurber '79.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF 2019 ECAA BOARD MEETINGS

Treasurer's Reports

	1/26/2019	5/31/2019	11/27/2019
Checking Account	\$11,416.17	\$14,928.90	\$14,357.32
Scholarship Account	\$ 2,808.89	\$ 3,030.20	\$ 3,030.20*
Legacy Account	\$10,035.11	\$10,040.13	\$10,040.13*

* Exact figures were not immediately available but are within a few dollars of the May 31 report.

Board Meeting - May 4, 2019

- The tribute to Dr. Ed Demers (sent with this issue) was funded by two anonymous donors.
- The majority of this meeting was devoted to planning for Homecoming
- After the meeting was over, four members of the board met with Kay

Irland of the Seneca Falls Historical Society about us retrieving some 4½ boxes of EC material they did not need. We distributed this material at Homecoming. (There were some programs from the college groundbreaking, and we donated two of them to the New York Chiropractic College

because it is now part of its history also.) Our meeting was very cordial, and Kay went out of her way to assure us that SFHS wanted to continue to have a good relationship with us and that we were always welcome to retrieve any items from them for display at our reunions or otherwise.

Annual Meeting — July 27, 2019

- Steve Van Arsdale '81, chair, called the meeting to order.
- Fran Emerson '72 reported on the scholarship committee. Unlike last year, we received only two essays this year and neither of them was of sufficient quality to make an award. Fran asked for comments, and the alumni who responded indicated their support for maintaining high standards for our scholarship program.
- · Steve Suddaby '76 reported on the
- board election results. Janice DeLucia '83, Barb Allen '83, Linda Wolff Tompkins '83, and Steve Suddaby '76 were all elected or re-elected to three-year terms of board servitude.
- Our Facebook account is vibrant and now up to 482 users.
- The legacy project for a permanent scholarship has been tabled for the present due to a low response from alumni. The board will revisit this topic in the future after more consideration.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:20 so attendees could go to the library entrance for the unveiling of the "Before NYCC" plaque that we donated to the New York Chiropractic College. This was unveiled by Steve Suddaby and Dr. Todd Knudsen, NYCC VP. Todd said that it has already drawn considerable interest from the NYCC students and that he was grateful for the good relations between ECAA and NYCC. See a photo of the plaque on page 7.

Board Meeting — September 28, 2019

- Steve Van Arsdale '81, chair, called the meeting to order. The board members present expressed their appreciation to him for stepping up a second time to be chair for the past two years. Nancy Fromer Wilson '78 agreed to serve as our next chair.
- Prior to the meeting, Tina Brien '81 had tendered her resignation to the board, which we reluctantly accepted.
- Our next Homecoming will be July 24–26, 2020.
- Donna Jobe '76 has graciously agreed to assist Pam Romeo Havens '78 with the newsletter.
- Steve Van Arsdale will chair a committee to look at strategic planning.
- Nancy Fromer Wilson led a discussion on the need to have a vice chair.
 We will need to change the bylaws
- to do this, but in the meantime the board appointed Mike DiPietro '83 to fill Tina Brien's position for one year and also function as a provisional vice chair during that time.
- The next board meeting will be a conference call in January to discuss Homecoming 2020.



.. familiar places

Bombard '77, Betty Koziol; *Back Row (back to front):* Nancy Fromer Wilson '78, Jim Campbell, Mary Crimi Rodriguez, Lisa Hodges Somerville '74 **9.** (*Clockwise, left front to right*) Colette Bombard '77, Becky Beaver Klein '76, Susan Zbikowski Bielinis '76, Holly Harpell Heiser '76, Erica Berman '76

10. (Clockwise, left front to right) Donna Jobe Muldoon '76, Bill Janhonen '76,

Steve Suddaby '76, Charlie Swain '76

ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS & NOTES

An editor for National Building News and Architectural Building News,

Rick O'Connor '72

reports that he sold his Manhasset house and now has a fulltime New Hampshire residence, although he spends winters with his kids in Tampa. Rick volunteers at the local food bank, the Wright Museum, and the hospital. "Would love to hear from you all," he adds. "Check

out my new musical/comedy on the web: sadieandscamp.com."

(wufbrowicky@gmail.com; 261 Center St., Wolfeboro, NJ 03894)

Having retired from teaching at a Montessori school in New Jersey this past June, Martha Dwyer-Bergman '73 had a house built in Eliot, Maine, close to her daughter's family in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She writes, "Enjoying being minutes from my grandson rather than five hours away, but I do miss the long drives." She visited Jocelyn Clark '75 last winter at her new home in Georgia. "We are still having fun and laughing together." Write to Martha at mdwyerbergman@gmail.com. Her Maine address is 64 Village Dr., Eliot, ME 03903.



Karen Selig '73 reports, "I am semi-retired after 38 years of running my own large psychologi-

cal practice in St. Augustine, Florida. I have been married to Jack Merwin, a forensic psychologist, for 43 years. We have one daughter, Alyssa, who is a VP with LinkedIn in San Francisco, and a stepson, David, in Washington, DC. Jack and I love to travel and entertain, and we're beginning the 'downsizing' process. We love to have friends visit and are very active with home exchanges, so contact me!" (kgselig@gmail.com; 6501 Nassau St., St. Augustine, FL 32080)

"I retired in June 2014," announces Peter Zucconi '73, "after teaching 36 years at Shalom Christian Academy near Chambersburg, Massachusetts. I'm now doing research and writing for Christian Light Publications in its school textbook division on a part-time basis from home.

We have been blessed by the recent birth of our first grandchild. We were also able to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary in August 2018." Peter's contact information is pzucconi@shalomca.com; 8175 Oakdale Rd., Orrstown, PA 17244.

Parkie Jones '74 shared the sad news of the death of her husband, James Baker '71, a charter class member, in February 2018. A

published obituary read: "Although both he and Parkie attended Eisenhower and had many mutual friends, they actually never knew each other. It was after Parkie graduated that she serendipitously moved into the same apartment building where Jim was living in Boston. Parkie was his best friend, kindred spirit, and love of his life. He shared her strong sense of social justice, feminism, and helping those who needed a hand. They married in Boston in 1982 and enjoyed 38 years of marriage, creating a sense of community, fun, and love for all who crossed their threshold." A psychotherapist, Parkie can be reached at lparkerjones@aol.com or 12 Cottage Court, Newburyport, MA 01950.

"I'm in my fifth year as a paraprofessional teacher," announces **Ed Hersh** '74. "I'm sure many of my EC profs would roll over in their graves if they knew I

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SAVE THE DATE!

HOMECOMING 2020: JULY 24-26

Looking forward to celebrating with the classes of 1975 (45 years!) and 1980 (40 years!).

What to expect? Another great welcome event Friday night, all day on campus Saturday, brunch at the Deerhead (back by popular demand), and once again, the very popular pontoon boat will be back in place at the Deerhead docks, ready to cruise Friday night (sunset), Saturday morning (Montezuma), and Saturday afternoon (wine tasting).

It's a busy summer in Seneca Falls, which is celebrating 100 years since the Women's Rights Convention was held, so make your plans early!

ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS & NOTES

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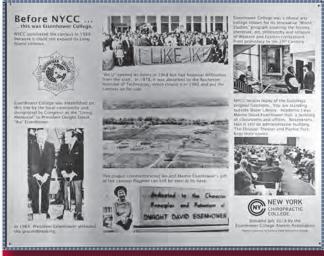
taught 7th and 8th grade reading! I also teach 7th grade Texas history. My World Studies education pays dividends in my job. Amazing what we learned then that is still applicable today!" Ed adds that his middle son, Craig, was planning to get married this year. "Finally—so this brings hope that within reasonable time I'll be a grandpa!" (hershes@flash.net; 1603 Dixie Hill Court, Pearland, TX 77581)

After many years in medical billing, Lisa (Hodges) Somerville '74 has received her CPC certification as a professional medical coder. Her specialty is cardiology, and she's working with Sentara Healthcare in Norfolk. Catch up with her at ljsomerville0823@gmail.com. Lisa lives at 4197 Ware Neck Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

Tom Shaw Myers '75 reports, "It has been more than two years since my friend of 20 years died of metastasized breast cancer. I miss her every day. Now I have no one to worry over or buy things for. I just buy things for myself, like Irish woolen sweaters or sterling silver rings. It makes me feel better." Tom adds that he is still doing genealogy work, although now he's focusing on England since he has already covered so much in Ireland. Drop him a note at 95 Broad St., Apt. 218, Weymouth, MA 02188.

David Test '75 retired at the end of June after 36 years at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He writes, "My wife and I will continue living in Charlotte for now, but we anticipate a move to Raleigh soon to live with our daughter and son-in-law and be closer to our family and (someday) grandkids." He encourages anyone traveling through North Carolina to use his permanent email address to get in touch: dwtest@uncc.edu. (2020 Greenway Ave., Charlotte, NC 28204)

When she wrote earlier this year, Susan (Zbikowski) Bielinis '76 was looking forward to attending the Homecoming reunion in July—"always a great time and lots of memories to bring home with me!" Sue adds that she enjoys the newsletter and appreciates



The plaque shown above, which traces the campus' history from its roots as Eisenhower College up to it becoming New York Chiropractic College, hangs in the Library Lobby.

It was gifted to NYCC by ECAA.

everything ECAA is doing. Get in touch at sbielinis@yahoo.com or 248 Corunna Ave., Fairlawn, OH 44333.

"If you are planning a vacation in Florida, please get in touch," writes Katherine (Alexander) Newsum '76. "We'd love to catch up with you!" When she wrote in early July, she was wishing she could make it to the reunion—"and hoping that life slows down enough to make it next year!" She adds, "Cliff and I are still working long hours—his at Advent Health, second shift in the pharmacy, and mine at the University of Central Florida (UCF) College of Medicine. This past year has included knee surgery and a heart attack for me (all is well now), construction on our house (tightening it up for our "golden years"), and inheriting a new dog. The pack is back to three with the arrival of my cousin's dog, Bella, a sweet little pit-mix who fit right in with our greyhound and dalmatian—and who is learning to cope with the cat." She and Cliff are hoping to retire in late 2021. Reach Kath at kat32809@gmail.com or 5809 Windmill Court, Belle Isle, FL 32809.

Rick Strassman '77 announces that he has semiretired to La Vergne, Tennessee. "I live in bucolic splendor on the outskirts of Nashville with my fiancée, the lovely and talented Jan Kirsten." Email him at campike1977@gmail.com. Postal mail reaches him at 693 Forest Ridge Dr., La Vergne, TN 37086.

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Pam Romeo Havens '78 Editor

Donna (Jobe) Muldoon '76 Associate Editor



Alumni News & Notes



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"After nearly 18 years as Hamilton College's director of donor relations, I retired on December 31, 2018," writes Pam (Romeo) Havens '78. "A fourmonth 'work hiatus' followed, during which time I enjoyed doing exactly what I pleased and contemplating what was next. As it turned out, what came next included part-time work beginning in May 2019 (for full details, catch up with me at Homecoming '20), along with progress on my first novel, reconnecting with friends, and day trips with my hubby—exploring old and new haunts around New York state. Spring 2020 will yield additional, significant changes in my life, as our son graduates from Hamilton in May and our mortgage will (finally!) be paid off in June. Hoping to do some additional traveling then, before giving in and having one of my hips replaced in spring 2021 (provided I can wait that long!). Life is full and good and, largely, stress-free these days." (ike78@roadrunner.com; 3652 Knight Rd., Sauquoit, NY 13456)

After spending five years in Nashville and receiving her master's degree in special education and multiple disabilities, Erica Berman '79 moved to the Albany,

New York, area, 36 years ago. She has been employed by the ARC New York (NYSARC) for the past 36 years as the director of guardianship services. NYSARC is a statewide not-for-profit organization that provides support and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Erica writes, "I am a loved and proud aunt of three nephews and one niece, as well as a great-aunt of a 14-month-old." She continues, "Within the

last 13 years I have lost my family home to a devastating fire, both parents, and my youngest sibling, beloved sister Jo. I recently moved to a new home and am still working. I enjoy being a strong advocate for people with disabilities and their families." (27 Amanda Way, Niskayuna, NY 12309; eberman08@gmail.com)

Allison Alleyne-Hibbert '83 reports, "I

am doing well with my three kids as a divorcé." Catch up with her by email

Like our new look?

It wouldn't be possible without the continued, generous support of people like you!

As 2019 comes to a close, we ask that you remember ECAA, our one-of-a-kind non-profit organization, when contemplating your year-end charitable giving. We depend exclusively on support from our small (but mighty) membership to sustain our operations. This includes publishing World Studies XI, maintaining our database and website, promoting and holding our annual Homecoming celebrations, and everything in between.

A gift reply form and postage-paid envelope are enclosed. Or go to https://www.mymembership.online/ecaa/donate to make your gift online.

> With warm wishes to you and yoursand our unwavering gratitude,

> > The ECAA Board of Directors

at agahmom@gmail.com or postal mail at 2831 Intrepid Cut, Marietta, GA 30062.

Congratulations to Sal Patricolo '84, who retired from federal service on December 31, 2018, having accumulated 33 years and two months of service. He reports that he's enjoying not working and that he's traveling, gardening, and keeping up with old friends. "Married for nine years and decided to settle permanently in Las Cruces, New Mexico. If anyone is ever in the area, give me a call: (414) 469-7408." Email Sal at salpatricolo@yahoo.com. His postal address is 4916 Alamo Mine Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

In Memoriam

We regret to inform you of the passing of the following alumni:

James Paul Baker '72 February 9, 2018

John A. Duwaldt '76 January 27, 2019

Stephanie L. Schaaf '75 November 25, 2017

Kevin Patrick Donohue '73 February 10, 2017

Edmund R. Demers February 23, 2019

Albert G. Bickford Jr. '72 July 21, 2019

ECAA is dedicated to perpetuating the legacy of the Living Memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower as proposed by unanimous decision of the 90th Congress on September 17, 1968. Watercolor by Abby Gazley