

Ranger School Alumni Association

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WINTER 2017-2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings Fellow Alumni!

I'm honored to be the new President of the Ranger School Alumni Association. I look forward to serving the RSAA over the next two years.

In my past work with the RSAA, I've witnessed many great connections between our alumni, regardless of their graduation years. Though some things have changed over time, all of us share the experience of having spent a life-changing year in Wanakena. I believe all our lives have been enriched not only by this past connection to the Ranger School, but also by a continuing relationship with both the college and fellow alumni. The RSAA exists to develop and support the community we all share.

If you have suggestions for alumni events in your area, reunion activities, ideas for improving communication, or anything else that will help us better serve you - Please let us know! This is your organization, how we can make it better for you?

It is my pleasure to congratulate the Class of 2017 on your graduation and welcome you to the RSAA! The RSAA looks forward to having a long and wonderful relationship with you all. I can't wait to hear where your education is taking you, and hope to see you at future alumni events.

I also want to extend a welcome to Christi Barber '10 and Rob Cole '04 to the Board of Directors! I look forward to working with you both!

Remember, you do not need to be a board member to be active in the Association. We are always looking for members to participate on committees, help out with reunion, come for clean-up weekends, or just stop by to say "Hi". If you are interested in volunteering in any way, we'll be more than happy to have you! Please let a board member know.

Thank you for all your support and I look forward to working with everyone as the RSAA moves into the future!

— Ariane Tanski '09

FROM THE ALUMNI NEWS:

I would like to express my sincerest apologies to those classes that were missing in the 2017 Alumni News. This was a serious oversight on my part, and I deeply regret the omission. We are working on creating an addendum and will have them out to you shortly.

We are always looking for submissions for the Alumni News. If you have any photos, stories, articles, or anything else you'd like to see in the 2018 Alumni News, please send them to the Editor Ariane at tanskiae@yahoo.com or Gail at rsaagail@esf.edu

FROM THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT:

Greetings All,

I am very happy to be your RSAA 1st Vice President; I skipped this step the last time around and am glad I'm getting the opportunity to serve again.

During our fall meeting the board gets to read feedback from the Alumni Reunion. It's almost always positive but I don't think that a lot of the Alumni realize exactly how small the group of people is that work on running and setting up the reunion. I would like to hear or see some of our general membership pitch in with ideas and possibly help set up or run some events. A fresh perspective is always welcome and we can always use the help.

The 1st. Vice President's position includes chairmanship of the finance committee. The committee met after the fall meeting and discussed scheduling our yearly audit and is working on finding an auditor. The committee will be working on filing for tax exempt status for our alumni owned properties. This exemption was discussed by the board and will help us to close gaps in our budget. The committee is having the treasurer move on purchasing a laptop (that was previously approved by the board) to use for our finances, we currently are using an online system that is restrictive to how we would like to build and set up the budget items.

I want everyone to remember that all of your board members are accessible. The best way to contact me personally is through an email and I will gladly get back to you.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

— Noah Herne 96'
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Happy Holidays!

FROM THE TREASURER: Fall is upon us and winter will soon drop its load of flaky white on Wanakena, if it hasn't already. Hope this writing finds you all in reasonably good health and hopeful spirits.

The RSAA is doing well and working through some interesting times. Financially we are OK but there are some concerns ahead. The good news is I have lots of checks in the check book. Furthermore there are funds to cover those checks thru January. The bad news is that this coverage relied heavily on money transferred from the interest accrued in the Foundation Acct. Not unplanned but still more than expected.

Recently the Foundation Acct. has been doing very well due to the stock market and their strong investment plan. This is all good but eventually there will be a pull back and income from this source will become more limited.

Our income sources are varied but tend to be small. We have income from stock dividends, purchases thru Amazon and the Amazon Smile program, merchandising thru the ESF Bookstore and the Pine Cone Trading Post, and merchandised thru the RSAA office. These are consistently growing but are relatively small and account for 10% of budget. Income from dues contributes to about 20% of our needs but this is falling as older yearly payees pass away and we move into the period of smaller class support. Your generous gifts and donations cover much of the budget. The rest is made up from the Foundation account interest. The reunion and the Alumni House and campgrounds are currently covering their incurred expenses and generating a small income. I still see a \$4k, ongoing shortfall in our yearly income.

All this being said, I would say we are doing OK. However upcoming economic circumstances, which are beyond our control, could require more effort on all our parts. The BOD is looking for more areas to cut spending and new income streams are being explored.

As I always say RSAA members are some of the most generous and caring people in the world. Keep up the good work. Keep the Ranger School and RSAA in your thoughts, as I do all of you. *"Keep in touch"*. See you all at Reunion.

Sincerely, Bruce E. Williams '76 RSAA Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIPS: We are pleased to report that we have recently reached the amount to have the Class of '61 Scholarship endowed, and expect to be able to award the first Class of 1961 Scholarship next year.

At the annual etiquette dinner in November, I was pleased to award the Legacy Scholarship, that is for a relative of a Ranger School graduate. This year the recipient, Alexander Cooley, of Oswego, NY, is a relative of two Ranger School graduates: his Grandfather and a Great uncle.

— Gail Simmons

FROM THE 2ND. VICE-PRESIDENT:

Greetings fellow alumni,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Mike Bushey, class of 1994, and your new acting Second Vice-President. On the weekend of October 14th we closed up the Alumni House and campground for the winter. A special thanks goes out to Joan Macholl '83, Scott Wilkinson '02, Tim Dinse '78, Bruce Williams '76, Ariane Tanski '09, Steve Whalen '71, Mike Rozeski '90, and John Adams '82. A very big thanks to Lee and Sue Berry '68 for donating multiple plastic storage bins to store all the cookware and silverware so they stay clean all winter.

This spring's Alumni Work Weekend will be the weekend of April 27-29th. We are always looking for volunteers who would like to help out. We need volunteers to help cut firewood, clean the house, repair porch screens, and paint. We have lots of painting to be done. We can also use extra donations to help pay for all these projects so if you could find it in your heart to donate a little extra for special projects, we would greatly appreciate it. If you do come on up for work weekend (it truly is a fun time), we ask that you bring a dish to share for Saturday's lunch. If you have any questions or suggestions for the campground or alumni house, feel free to contact me at mrbushey@yahoo.com

2018 ADIRONDACK WHITEOUT WEEKEND PLANS KICKOFF CELEBRATION IN WANAKENA

The Adirondack WhiteOut Weekend (WOW) committee is back to work planning an amazing winter festival once again. Events will take place President's Weekend, February 16-18, 2018 and begin with a Friday evening kickoff event in Wanakena. Luminaries will once again light up the historic Wanakena Footbridge (and beyond!), a Wanakena Historical Association Winter Photography contest will open at Otto's Abode with live music. A bonfire and snow croquet will be going at "Z Park" and a new snow labyrinth will unveil across the bridge. Stay all weekend for fun, food, music and more! Family-friendly event with free admission. Full schedule will post at adkwow.com. Contact adirondackwow@gmail.com to get involved, donate a raffle/auction item or sponsor an event!

— Vanessa Vaverchak



HAROLD L. SPAULDING MEMORIAL ALUMNI HOUSE

It was another successful year at the alumni house. The house was booked almost all season, especially busy from the time school is out in June through September. We thank all who help make the house so comfortable and well-maintained.

Don't forget the Spring cleanup April 28 & 29th. We have a good time and get a lot done!

If you are interested in the lottery for reservations for the 2018 season, you will find the form below.

Reservations for the Spaulding Alumni House **2018** season can be made beginning

Thursday February 1 through Monday February 26 **in writing.**

Donation Schedule: \$60.00/person/night \$80.00/family*/night

**Family is defined as immediate family only.*

**Extended families qualify as a group- groups of 4 or more get group rate*

\$250/Group rate*/night

Guidelines for Reservations

Maximum 1 Weekend per stay Additional days may be added to any weekend for a maximum of 7 night stay

Arrival time is after noon on first night of stay Departure time is 11:00 AM following last night stay

- 1) Reservations for the lottery shall be made in writing using the bottom of this page. When making reservation requests please include a self- addressed stamped envelope for notification of lottery results. No E-mail or Phone Calls for Alumni House Lottery Reservations.
- 2) Return reservation forms between February 1, 2018 and February 26, 2018. Lottery Drawing will be held on March 5, 2018. Reservation notifications will be mailed out between March 12 and March 16, 2018. You may contact the Alumni Office after March 21, 2018 for any remaining dates available.

Reservation Types:

(WK) Week Stay: check in on Friday at noon through checkout the following Friday at 11:00am

(WD) Weekend Stay: check in on Friday at noon through check out on Sunday at 11:00am

(AD) Additional day (s), if available

(HD) Holiday Weekend Stay: Check in at noon Friday through check out Tuesday at 11:00am

During the week of the Monday. July 30 - Sunday Aug. 5, 2018, the Alumni House is unavailable.

Name: _____ Class: _____ Are your 2018 dues paid? _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ EMAIL: _____

Number of people staying? _____ Which rate? Individual _____ Family _____ Group _____

1st. Choice

Reservation type: WK () WD () HD () AD ()

Dates Requested: Arrive after noon: _____ Depart 11:00am _____

2nd. Choice

Reservation type: WK () WD () HD () AD ()

Dates Requested: Arrive after noon: _____ Depart 11:00am _____

3rd. Choice

Reservation type: WK () WD () HD () AD ()

Dates Requested: Arrive after noon: _____ Depart 11:00am _____

Mail completed form before February 26, 2018 to: RSAA, PO Box 48, Wanakena, NY 13695

RANGER SCHOOL SKIDDER BRIDGE WORKSHOP

By Gregory Vaverchak ('02)



On October 19th, The Ranger School Forest Technology students participated in a skidder bridge workshop during Timber Harvesting class, here on the James F. Dubuar Memorial Forest. The instruction was put on by **John O'Donnell ('97)**, of Benchmark Forest and Land Management, LLC and ESF Adirondack Forest Properties Manager, **Bruce Breitmeyer**. The workshop consisted of classroom time as well as hands-on construction. Lecture topics included skidder bridge design, construction, use, permitting and invasive species mitigation. After moving into the field the class was divided into three teams and each group assembled one, 4'x 20' panel, using hickory timbers and provided hardware. The bridge will be available for future student logging exercises and can be assembled on site to cross wet areas up to 14 feet in width.



RS HOCKEY CLUB



Calling all hockey playing alumni: we need your help!
The students have been successful in beating the alumni two years in a row. I invite you all to come and participate in the annual alumni game which is scheduled for March 3rd from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Tenny Ice Pavilion in Syracuse. Email me if you have any questions or want to join in the friendly competition.

Gregory Vaverchak ('02),
RSHC Commissioner,
gmvaverc@esf.edu

Please take a minute to fill in your nominations and reasons for choices for both these awards on the back of the information sheet.

Philip J. Haddock Award for Excellence

“The person selected does not have to be (or have been) an officer of the RSAA or a member of the Executive Committee, but neither should such persons be excluded. The person selected should be one who has made an outstanding contribution of some kind (not monetary). This contribution may be in the nature of a single, noteworthy act or a lower-keyed, but long-term commitment to the School and/or the RSAA or for alumni in general.”

Previous P. J. HADDOCK AWARD WINNERS:

1980 Clyde Powell '16	1993 James E. Coufal '57	2006 Lawrence Hill '50
1981 Lucian Plumley '31	1994 Kermit E. Remele '43	2007 Charles Hartnett '51
1982 C. Eugene Farnsworth	1995 Gordon T. Hughes '56	2008 Lee Berry '68
1983 J. Wayne Morrow '33	1996 Richard W. Miller '53	2009 Bruce Williams '76
1984 F.B. “Dinty” Moore '32	1997 Hal Bush '27	2010 Gerald L. Kniskern '50
1985 Orrin L. Latham	1998 John Peck '43	2011 Wayne G. Allen '79
1986 Barry D. Nehr '60	1999 Lawrence Rathman '72	2012 Bob Simmons
1987 Arthur E. Kopp '31	2000 Gail Simmons	2013 Jerry Holbrook '56
1988 Michael Salato '29	2001 Thomas D. Martin '76	2014 Tom Hodges '53
1989 Daniel Castagnozzi '50	2002 Chris Westbrook '73	2015 Pete Zubal '59
1990 Mary Ann Remele '53	2003 Stephen Coulthart '53	2016 Lawrence R. Hawkins '55
1991 David G. Anderson '50	2004 Dick Thomas '54	2017 Michael R. Bridgen
1992 Francis M. LaDuc '47	2005 Ken Myers '52	

KERMIT E. REMELE AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

This award is presented by the Ranger School Alumni Association in honor of Kermit E. Remele '43. One of his greatest strengths was his ability to mobilize and motivate people to work for the betterment of the Ranger School.

The intent of this award is therefore to recognize groups of people whose combined efforts have gone beyond the norm to have a positive lasting influence on the Ranger School. Previous recipients include:

The Surveying Friends Group, The Clifton-Fine Hospital and The Star Lake Fire Department.

WILDERNESS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION CELEBRATES YEAR OF GIVING TO CLIFTON-FINE HOSPITAL



Clifton-Fine Hospital, recipient of the 2016 Kermit E. Remele Award, has been the beneficiary of several large gifts from the Wilderness HealthCare Foundation this year. Last fall, vital signs & fluid warming machines for the Clinic and ER were funded. This summer, a critical parking lot repaving project that enhances the safety of patients, staff and visitors was completed. This year’s record-breaking Charity Golf Classic netted \$20,000. The Foundation Board approved immediately turning over proceeds from the tournament to purchase a replacement phlebotomy, (blood draw), chair for the lab and ultrasound stimulation equipment for physical therapy. This investment replaced obsolete, broken and aged equipment with new, safe and upgraded versions for the comfort of all patients.

The foundation works with a dedicated and caring hospital board, auxiliary, staff and volunteers to raise funds that improve the comfort, safety and services available at Clifton-Fine Hospital. Together with generous donors, they are a real team committed to supporting patients on the road to recovery and good health through a 24-hour physician-staffed ER, Primary Care Clinic, Physical Therapy, Lab, Imaging Services, Telemedicine and more.

Support for the foundation ensures care at Clifton-Fine Hospital continues to be available for Ranger School students now and in the future. Just this October, a student was taken to the Emergency Room from an afternoon field lab (and is doing well). There is a real and constant need to have a 24-hour emergency room so close.

The foundation is looking forward to fundraising this fall to replace an upgraded EKG machine for the ER, an upgraded newborn incubator for emergency deliveries in the ER and a handicap walk-in therapy tub for use by nursing home residents. Longer term, they are targeting replacement of the Blood Chemistry Analyzer in the laboratory.

Questions? Contact Vanessa Vaverchak, Executive Director: 1014 Oswegatchie Trail, Star Lake, NY 13690

315-848-4284 or foundation@cfnis.org cliftonfinehospital.org | Donation website: <https://squareup.com/store/whcf>

RANGER SCHOOL CLOTHING AVAILABLE:

Greetings one and all,

In case you did not know, the Pine Cone Trading Post, next to the Pine Cone restaurant, is now carrying an expanded line of Ranger School Alumni clothing including camouflage clothing. There is a variety of short sleeve t-shirts, long-sleeve t-shirts, and hoodies. Very soon there will be hats, patches, and even onesies for those future Ranger School graduates. A special thanks goes out to Suzie Thaller at the Pine Cone for selling our merchandise for us. All proceeds go to helping run the Alumni Association. If you have any questions about what is available, you can contact: www.suziethaller.com/trading_post or stop by the Pine Cone Trading Post. If you have any ideas for Alumni clothing or merchandise, feel free to email me at mrbushey@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support. Sincerely,

Mike Bushey '94 Chair,
Alumni clothing committee

THE TRADING POST AT THE PINE CONE GRILL



has a little something for everyone. Ranger School Alumni apparel, local artwork & gifts, trail maps, snacks, hiking/camping/fishing gear, live bait. Open Thursday-Sunday 12-6pm. Or if closed, ring the bell to see if we are around to open up! Link for info and Trading Post Online at www.WanakenaPineCone.com.



- Jan. 16 - Class of 2018, 2nd Semester begins.
- Jan. 17 – 19 – NYSAPLS Surveying Conference & Jan 17 - 7pm Reception – Albany Room at Pearl St. Pub, 59-61 N. Pearl St., Albany, NY
- Jan 25 - NYS SAF conf. in Syracuse & Alumni reception 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Doubletree Hotel, Carrier Circle, February 16 - 18, WOW (*Whiteout Weekend.*)
- February 24th, RSAA winter meeting
- March 3 – Student vs. Alumni Hockey Tournament, 1:30-3:30 pm Tenny Ice Pavilion, Syracuse.
- March 17- 25 - Spring break
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 27 – RSAA spring meeting
- April 27-29—Cleanup weekend at the Alumni House
- April 29 - Spring Open House at the Ranger School
- May 19 - Class of 2018 Graduation
- July 15 – Aug. 10 – Summer Bridge Program
- August 3 & 4 - RSAA Reunion
- August 19 – Class of 2019 arrive

2018 ALUMNI NEWS BOOK

This is the beginning of the 2018 ALUMNI NEWS. **Please feel free to contribute articles, stories, artwork, photos, poetry, news etc.** that are informative, entertaining and interesting to other alumni. These articles may not necessarily be the views or opinions of the RSAA Board of Directors, or the editor, but this is YOUR book.

The cost of publishing the book is over \$6000. Boosters are again available. This helps defray the costs of publishing and it is a good place to advertise. Wouldn't you or your company like to be included?

If interested fill out the order form below and send it back with your donation. Attach how you would like your ad listed and enclose the check payable to: "RSAA"

The rates are:

_____ Whole page @ \$75 _____ 1/2 page @\$40 _____ 1/4 page @ \$25 _____ one line listing @ \$15

Name: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____